

Who is the Messiah? (A)

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Within Christianity, there is the belief in the Second Coming of the Messiah. Who is the Messiah? The Messiah is the one whom God loves most. Which position is most loved by God? There are many people who are standing in front of God as representatives, for example, of the nation, the society, or some other organization. What kind of a person is the Messiah? The Messiah is the first person who has the same mind of love and the same direction of love as God. The Messiah is the first born son of God. Jesus was God's only son, His only child. To be an only child means to receive the parent's total love, from the beginning to the end. God is the absolute subject and the Messiah stands in God's sphere. Their relationship is the relationship of parent and child. He is the one who is born as God's first son and receives the fullness of God's love given to the individual, family, clan, society, nation, and the world. He is qualified to receive the love transcending all these spheres. This is the Messiah. He is God's beloved child.

But what can he do all by himself? The beloved must find his spouse. And where can he find her? He can't get her from the heavens. Since man has been lost as a result of the fall on the earth, he must be recreated on the earth. What does religion do? Heaven is in the plus position and the earth is in the minus position. People desire the Messiah, who knows heaven. This human world deeply desires its proper subject of love and this yearning is the Messianic yearning. The Messiah must be welcomed on the world level, beyond the individual, clan and even national levels. The entire world will be able to be united with a man of God's love, as the absolute subject. There will be no reason to oppose him; there can be only absolute attendance. Self-centeredness cannot exist anymore. To create the environment so that one exists only for the sake of the Lord was the mission of the Old Testament age and of the New Testament age. The mission of both of these ages was also to create an Eve, a spouse, for the Messiah. Once Eve absolutely follows the Messiah and that sphere of obedience is expanded, opposition to the Messiah will diminish. In this environment, the entire world will be automatically connected to the subject of love at

one point. To create such an environment on the world level was the mission of the Old Testament age and of the New Testament age. Accordingly, present day Christianity and Judaism must completely follow the Messiah.

Christians and believers of Judaism who have been keeping their faith are supposed to offer everything when the Messiah comes. Their faith teaches perfect obedience to the Messiah. Yet what is the reality of today's Christians? What about Judaism today? Instead of the spirit which God desires, they are completely opposed -- 180 degrees. If a religion desires only its own success on the earth, and disregards the returning Messiah and blocks the victorious completion of God's dispensation, it will be a total failure. Any religion with this kind of attitude will be completely broken in the Last Days, as if hit by God's heavenly hammer.

In this period of the Last Days, Christians in the world are looking for the Second Coming, but if we analyze the motivation of their desire, it is usually, "I want to be saved." There is no concern for God's victory on the world level. They may say, "I want to go to the Heavenly Kingdom, and I want my family and my country to be saved." The furthest limit is usually the country. But they must go beyond the country to the end of the world; they must enlarge their concern to the spiritual world. Yet most cannot go beyond their own self and this is a success for Satan. As long as this standard remains, God's world cannot be born.

When the Messiah comes and proclaims himself, then everybody must unite with him. But they cannot do so until he comes. Therefore, God has been prolonging His dispensation through the fallen history of hundreds of thousands of years up until now.

God exists, yet so does persecution. Why did God allow the early Christians to be persecuted for 400 years in ancient Rome? Reviewing the Principle, we know that persecution continued until the standard which was applicable throughout the world appeared. Accordingly, Christianity came to this level after 400 years. Centering upon the foundation laid by Christianity, the Unification Church appeared on the earth after World War II.

Christianity must listen to the word of the Messiah viewed from the total perspective of God's dispensation. Whether or not they will listen to him is a matter of life or death for Christians. If one believes in the Messiah's words, he can find spiritual survival; for this purpose, one must deny oneself. One must be able to deny everything: his own past history, his own family and his own past standard of faith, as well. If he can see that the Messiah is the person he had been looking for, as viewed through the eyeglasses of biblical history, there is no problem. But for many, their eyeglasses do not fit. They are looking at things through individualistic eyeglasses, therefore they do not know the Messiah when they see him. The Messiah comes on the cosmic scale; therefore one cannot measure him by one's own scale. If you only listen to or see the Messiah with your personal point of view, you cannot understand the contents of his message. The Messiah deals with things on the eternal level, discussing events perhaps 20 or 30 years ahead.

If a small point of view predominates among Christians, when the Lord of the Second Advent comes, they will oppose him. If they do oppose him, they will automatically fall within Satan's sphere. The Messiah is the one who is born as the substance of God's eternal love on this plane called earth. The one who leads the opposition to God is Satan. Anyone who takes the other subject's position, namely by opposing the Messiah, will become a part of Satan's sphere at once. Although there may be large numbers of people there, it is still Satan's sphere.

Those who were supposed to create the foundation for the acceptance of the Messiah, on the contrary turned their guns on him and are now standing at the front of Satan's army.

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Who was the enemy of Jesus when he came to this earth to save humankind? His enemy was the group of people who recognized him not as someone with absolute value but as someone with relative value. For that reason, Jesus longed to see one being emerge from among them to whom he could say, "Your heart and my heart are one and the same." If such a person had appeared, even if Jesus had died on the cross, his love and ideology would have been established on earth. However, it did not happen that way. That was the cause of Jesus' anxiety. You should understand this.