Letter From a Roman Dungeon – Session 2, 2026

Session Two:

Each of us must not just look to our own interests, but to interests of others. Make your mindset that which you have in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the nature of God, did not count equity with God something to be exploited, but pored himself out into the nature of a slave, and being born in the human likeness. Then, being recognized as a man he humbly submitted himself into death, even death by means of a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that the Messiah Jesus is Lord to God the Father's glory. (Isaiah 45:23) (Philippians 2:5-11)

1. **Christian truth (doctrine) hears and bears witness to The Word of God**
    a. **The only God we know is in revelation**
        i. **All else is an idol**
        ii. **Colossians 2:6-10**
        iii. **The Word became flesh - (JOHN 1:14)**

If while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by (in) his life. (Romans 5:10)

    b. **Revelation: divine reason communicating with us**
2. **Knowledge of God occurs in the event of union**
3. **This is always "NOW" present perfect tense**
    a. **God in Christ redefines holiness**
    b. **Sacred violence gives way to peace in Christ**
4. **Jesus himself is the temple, sacrifice, kingdom, and truth**
    a. **Romans 3:21-31; Galatians 2:15-21**
    b. **Dwelling – abiding – every moment – entirely**

1. Philippians 3:7-11 – The knowledge of "My Lord"
2. Philippians 2:5-11

a. The Eternal – the I Am
b. The last Adam – original man - The new ethic
c. The name above all names – Ha Shem

3. Jesus – The *Hashem* – *Yahweh* is "Lord"– The Name!
4. John 15 -*En Ha Arbayim* – "Between the Two Evenings"

Notice what is replaced

a. **Notice the simplicity**
b. **Sanctification is the reality that all is in him – in him we are already in the kingdom the future is presence**

5. **The Jewish and Christian hermeneutic**
6. **He himself is the living God and the eternal man**
   a. **God is both elector and elected man**
   b. **He is our will and our work**
7. **God defines Christian reality in Christ**
   a. **He is the Way!**
   b. **He is Life!**
   c. **He is Reality!**

For in him the whole full being of God dwells embodied, and in him is your fulfillment, who is all primary and authority. . . (Col 2:9)

8. **We live in the Emmanuel – the incarnation**
   a. **Who is God? Where is he found?**
   b. **Jesus preached – Live in "The Now"**
   c. **Sanctification is found is the Imperative - Moment**
9. **Living the "Ha Shem" as the beginning of prayer/worship**
10. **We are to be his body – he is the only true sacrament.**
11. **Christ himself is God in his self-disclosure – Revelation.**

It is because of him that you have life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord." (1Cor 1:30-31)

Remember: it is God who works in you both to will and to act to fulfill his good purpose. (Phi 2:13)