

own village, Nazareth, tried to pitch him headlong down the hill. And what do they say of him "Is not this Joseph's son?" Luke iv-22. "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joseph, and Judas and Simon? and are we not His sisters here with us? And they were offended at him." Mark vi-3.

The Apostles always treated him as one of their own species. They never once in all their teaching or writing drop the slightest hint that they knew anything of the story told in the writings under examination. They were Jews, and shared the opinion of their countrymen, that the Messiah was to be of the Royal line of David, they held this opinion until they saw their beloved master hanged on the accursed tree. Their hopes for a time are blighted. Thwarted they think they have seen the last of their master. He whom they expected to establish the Throne and Kingdom of David is dead. Had they have known anything of the miraculous begetting of Jesus they would not have been so desponding. After His resurrection they hold the same faith, they speak of Him as the "son of David" the "heir to David's throne." Not a word about the divine begetting. How can we account for their silence upon such a stupendous subject? Only by casting aside the heathen fable and accepting the blessed truth that Jesus Christ was the "son of Joseph" according to the pedigree given by Matthew, and the "son of God" according to the spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead." He had by his holy

life, by his obedience to the will of Jehovah; by his devotion to the laws of Moses, by the surrender of his will to Deity, earned for himself eternal life. He had by his faithfulness during the whole of his probationary career "magnified the law and made it honorable." Be it ours to follow in the footsteps of this great and glorious man, recognizing in him the Christ of God. He who is appointed to be judge of the living and the dead. He is set before us as our master, let us follow Him, accepting him as our Saviour, our Master and our Lord, not confusing our minds with the jugglery of priests, or the mysteries of theologians, and though both accuse us of denying the Bible and Jesus Christ we can claim to stand in the company of that great apostle to the gentiles—the Apostle Paul. He knew Christ as man, he knew him as dependant upon God, he knew him as God's messenger, His Christ and son. He knew him as a man to be loved and followed because of his holy life and beautiful example. Let others beware of their creeds, their confession and their catechism. Enough for us, the grand old faith of Paul that the "head of every man is Christ and the head of Christ is God."

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The Blood of Jesus Christ.

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If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ