

“FALSE ‘CHRISTS’ WILL COME”

The Messiah, Y’shua, Jesus, warned that in the endtimes there would be false prophets, messiahs, and people who claim to be Christ.

“Y’shua answered and said to them, ‘Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My Name, saying, “I am the Messiah - the Christ,” and will mislead many ... and many false prophets will appear, and will deceive many *people* ... Then if anyone says to you, “Look! Here is the Christ, the Messiah!” or, “There He is!” do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will appear and will perform great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect (*God’s chosen ones*). Look! I have told you in advance’.” (Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 23-25)

In the 20th century, reportedly, there have been not less than 12,000 people who claimed to be Christ, God, or the Holy Spirit. Some gained a lot of popularity or notoriety, but one by one they came to ruin! The Scripture derisively says to them:

“You *are* gods, and all of you *are* sons of the Most High, but you die like men.” (Psalm 82:6-7)

Over the last couple of years, another claimant has been causing waves of excitement, and outrage, in Miami, and especially throughout the Spanish world.

A FALSE CHRIST IN MIAMI

The leader of a bizarre cult in Miami, Florida, claims he is the Man Christ Jesus, and that his church will one day rule the world.

Puerto Rican preacher, José Luis De Jesús Miranda, 60, says a wondrous thing happened to him in 1976 when he was living in Massachusetts. He claims that two heavenly beings visited him and announced the arrival of the Lord. Then an apparition of Christ “integrated” with him and began to speak inside of him. Miranda believes that he and Jesus Christ became one and the same in that instant.



In his youth, Miranda, drifted between Roman Catholics, Pentecostals and Baptists. Some years after his “integration encounter” the voice inside Miranda’s head later told him to move to Miami, where he founded, in 1986, his controversial Creciendo en Gracia (CeG) (Growing in Grace International Ministry).

In the early years after founding CeG he didn’t claim to be Christ, but he worked as a pastor and began to spread his doctrine, that under a new covenant with God, there is no sin and no Satan, and people are predestined to be saved.

In 1998, de Jesus claimed that he was the reincarnation of the Apostle Paul. In 1999 he began calling himself *El Otro* (The Other), and in 2004, at CeG's world convention in Venezuela, he announced that he is Jesus Christ. Recently, he called himself the Anti-christ and revealed a "666" tattooed on his forearm. His explanation was, that as **he** is the second coming of Christ, he rejects the continued worship of Jesus of Nazareth.

Newsweek (Feb 5, 07) has given a write-up entitled, "Meet the Minister Who Says He Is Jesus Christ."

The article described a meeting of a 10-piece band and its singing, swaying, whooping and hollering. And as Jose Luis de Jesús Miranda enters the people chant, "Lord! Lord! Lord!" A man onstage announces, "It's Jesus Christ himself! Let's welcome Jesus Christ Man!"

The lectern is emblazoned with a near replica of the U.S. presidential seal, except that it reads in Spanish, *Government of God on Earth*. In the eyes of his flock, Miranda is "the second coming of Christ."

His sprawling organization now includes more than 300 congregations in two dozen countries, from Argentina to Australia. He counts more than 100,000 followers and claims to reach millions more through a 24-hour TV channel, which reportedly reaches 2 million, as well as a radio show and several websites.

Many of his followers wear T-shirts with De Jesús' face and a bold slogan, GOD HAS COME. Their cars are adorned with license plates that say: Creciendo en Gracia: **The Government of the Kingdom of God.**

His doctrines are bizarre. He tells his followers they can live any way they want to because sin doesn't exist and the devil is dead. He also teaches that Christian churches are led by ministers of Satan, and he encourages members of his organization to stage protests at church services and Christian events.

Miranda does not hide his intentions. "My purpose is to close down every church so that the true church can begin," he told the Miami paper. "You could say I am leading the greatest reformation that has ever happened."

The official website of Growing in Grace

www.cegenglish.com announces ...

"With over 30 countries already reached more than 350 educational centres, His own TV and radio programs, an entourage of 300+ faithful Pastors, and a ministry to millions of followers is growing in numbers every day ... the nations are shaking as the man Christ Jesus is leading the biggest reform the world has ever seen." - *La prensa – El Salvador*

**"The Man Christ Jesús,
Dr Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda,
is coming to the USA.
The King of kings and Lord of lords
has arrived in America!**

He is ...

- * **Turning ignorance into wisdom by revealing the mysteries of the world.** 1 Cor 2:7
- * **Teaching the world that sin no longer exists, as we are dead unto sin.** Heb 9:26
 - * **Proving there is no Devil, as it was destroyed 2000 years ago.** Heb 2:14
 - * **Transforming the lives of millions of people worldwide.** Rom 1:5
- * **As the last manifestation of God in flesh, He has established the Government of God on earth as written in the Gospel, and NEVER does Telethons for His radio or TV programs.**
- * **He has promised that EVERY religion including Catholics, Protestants, Jewish, Mormons, etc., will end, as all their leaders are corrupt in teaching an expired doctrine.**
- * **Worldwide followers – THE CHURCH - recognized and proclaimed Him as the LORD, and revealed to all nations that He is GOD.** Rom 16:25”

BLIND LOYALTY OF FOLLOWERS

Miranda exerts total authority over the ministry. He fits the classic profile of an egotistical religious con man. He lives in a mansion, drives a BMW, wears lots of diamonds and spends \$300,000 a year on bodyguards. Meanwhile many of his staff volunteer their time and give up to 80% of their income to the CeG. Hispanics especially are falling for his deception — and lining his pockets.

Though his followers worship him, others denounce him as a charlatan.

What is most alarming about CeG is the level of blind loyalty his followers display. The group’s website proclaims: “We are going to shut the mouths of those dogs [speaking of Christian churches.] We are ready to give our lives for this!”

The apostle Paul has given us a clear warning about imposters, charlatans and false teachers in the endtimes. And there are a lot of them around the world, on TV channels, on the internet, and in the church today! Paul writes to those who are true servants of Jesus, Y’shua, the true Messiah,

“In the presence of God and the Messiah, Y’shua, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing and His kingdom, I solemnly charge you: Preach the Word! Be ready in season *and* out of season; rebuke, exhort, and encourage with great patience and *careful* instruction. For the time will come when *people* will not tolerate sound doctrine; but to suit their own desires, they will gather more and more teachers around them who will tickle their ears. *They* will turn away from hearing the truth, and will turn aside *and listen* to myths.” (2 Timothy 4:1-5)