

# Chapter 5

## **GOD IS IDENTIFYING HIMSELF!**

***Shall we not listen to Him?***

*Who is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? What is His name?  
Who is the God of Peter, Paul, and John? What is His name?  
Who is the One True God seen in heaven and to be with His chosen in  
eternity?*

*“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have  
eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”  
John 5:39*

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### **PART 1 – A CONVERSATION WITH GOD**

Perhaps the biggest question bothering the minds of many people is the identity of God. People all over the world speak of God. They describe Him as the Creator, the Savior, the Almighty, the Most High, the Majestic Being, the All in All, etc. They give Him name as Allah, Bathala, Zeus, etc. People believing in the Bible identify Him as: Yahweh, Jehovah, I am that I am, The Almighty, Lord, Rose of Sharon, Lily of the Valley, El Shaddai, Jesus Christ, etc. Traditional Christianity describes God as: A Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable – in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

This is God's way of revealing the truth in contrast with man's taking the context of the story or verses in the Holy Bible:

*Isaiah 28:10 [KJV] “For precept must be upon precept,  
precept upon precept: line upon line, line upon line; here a  
little, and there a little.”*

Clearly, we do not have to read the whole verse after God answers our question with the "line." Moreover, since God is speaking in parables,<sup>1</sup> as Jesus Christ was prophesied to speak dark sayings of old<sup>2</sup> let alone God through His word answer questions pertaining to Him and His words.

1. Our first question: Lord, we believe there is only *One God*. Who is He?

*1 Corinthians 8:6 "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things..."*

2. Father God, how did Simon Peter recognize *Jesus*?

*Matthew 16:15 "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? <sup>16</sup>And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."*

3. Father God, why does it need your revelation just to declare, "*Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?*" As if God asks this question: "*What do you mean by Christ?*" We say: "The Anointed One, Messiah, Redeemer, or Savior."
4. As if Father God asks: "Would you believe that I, the Father God,<sup>3</sup> revealed the following to Isaiah?"

*Isaiah 43:11 "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour."*

5. We ask, "Father God how could you be the only savior when it is written *Jesus Christ* is our savior who died on the cross?"

[It is here Jesus told Simon Peter that it needs the "revelation of the Father" to recognize Him, and His identification "should never come from flesh and blood."]

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<sup>1</sup> Ezekiel 20:49 "Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?"

<sup>2</sup> Psalms 78:2 "I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old."

<sup>3</sup> Isaiah 64:8 "...O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

6. Father God, please enlighten us to this “mystery” surrounding your identity and that of our Lord Jesus Christ. Will you please give us an overview of your plan for salvation? We heard it is very simple, but there are some “dark points” that need to be clarified.
7. As if, Father God asks: “Would you believe that this covenant or testament I made with Abraham and his seeds is my plan for salvation, the fact that I made them my chosen people?”

*Genesis 17:7 “And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.”*

8. Father God, we believe that is your plan for salvation. But how could we be included in your covenant when we belong to other nationalities, not having even a drop of blood of Abraham?

*Galatians 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free...for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”*

9. As if Father God asks: “Do you belong to Christ?”

We reply, “Lord, we hear people believing in the Holy Bible all claiming to belong to Jesus Christ.”

But Jesus Christ retorts:

*Matthew 22:14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

*Matthew 7:13 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: <sup>14</sup>Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”*

10. It is written, people who saw and heard Jesus Christ had diverse identification of Him:

*Matthew 16:13 “When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? <sup>14</sup>And they said, Some*

*say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets."*

Today we realize that people professing to belong to Jesus Christ have different recognition of Him also like the people at Caesarea Philippi:

- Some people say, "Jesus is only a man and not God," and the derivative, "Jesus is only a minor or mighty God for there is a supreme or Almighty God."
- Others say, "The name of the Father and the Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ."
- Many say, "Jesus is both God and man, and He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Holy Trinity."

11. Thus, the need to realize clear recognition of Jesus should come "by the revelation of the Father" and not from "flesh and blood" or human capability.

*John 8:19 " ...Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also."*

12. Now it appears in the eyes of God that it is not really easy to belong to Christ. Only a few, and not many in truth, belong to Him. After God revealed in Galatians 3:28-29<sup>4</sup> that only those *belonging to Christ* are the "seeds of Abraham and heirs according to the promise," now the more we would like *to know* who Jesus really is.

13. Father God, how do you fulfill your covenant or testament with Abraham and his seeds?

*Hebrews 9:16 "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator."*

14. Father God, as testator, how could you fulfill your testament with death when you are a *Spirit*?<sup>5</sup> As if Father God responding: "Would you believe if

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<sup>4</sup> Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free...for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

<sup>5</sup> John 4:24 "God *is* a Spirit..."

*I say nothing is impossible with me?" Our reply, Lord nothing is impossible with you, and we believe.*

*1 Timothy 3:16 [KJV] "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit..."*

15. Father God, are you referring now to our Lord Jesus Christ?

*Philippians 2:6-8 "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup>But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup>And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."*

16. As if Father God asks, "Would you believe me if I tell you?"

*Isaiah 43:11 "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour?"*

Father God continuing, "And this truth is revealed to Luke regarding the identity of Jesus?"

*Luke 1:46 "And Mary said, my soul doth magnify the Lord, <sup>47</sup>And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

Now Jesus claiming:

*John 10:30 "I and my Father are one."*

17. Father God, are you pointing out that you are Jesus Christ in the flesh? (A reminder that there is only one God.<sup>6</sup>)

*1 John 3:16 [KJV] "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us..."*

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<sup>6</sup> 1 Corinthians 8:6 "But to us *there is but one God, the Father*, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him."

*Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."*

*1 John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."*

18. Lord Jesus, what if we doubt or do not believe that you are the Father in the flesh?

*John 8:24 [KJV] "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."*

Lord Jesus, Who is the "he" you are referring to?

19. Father God, does our Lord Jesus refer to you in John 8:24?

*Isaiah 52:6 "Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I."*

Father God, are we made to understand that you have not yet revealed your name in the Old Testament?

20. Lord Jesus, will you please expound further on Simon Peter's declaration regarding your identity in the following?

*Matthew 16:16 "Thou art the Christ."*

As if Jesus is saying, "When Simon Peter saw me as the Christ, he clearly identified me as Father God as proved in the foregoing revelations. That is why you read things about me that only relate to Father God. Examples:"

- a. *I accepted worship<sup>7</sup> when this is the exclusive domain of Father God:*

1. *I was worshipped by the wise men from the east<sup>8</sup>*

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<sup>7</sup> Matthew 4:10 "Then saith Jesus...Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

<sup>8</sup> Matthew 2:11 "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him..."

2. *I was worshipped by my Apostles and the people I healed because they recognized me.*
3. *I was worshipped by my Disciples after my death and resurrection.*

b. *I accepted the honorific titles solely belonging to Father God:*

1. *I was addressed Rabbi when this means Master.<sup>9</sup>*
2. *I was addressed Teacher when only God is the Teacher.<sup>10</sup>*
3. *I was addressed Lord and this refers to God.<sup>11</sup>*

*Matthew 16:16 "Thou art...the Son of the living God."*

As if Jesus is saying, "*When Simon Peter saw me as the "Son of the living God," he clearly perceived my 2<sup>nd</sup> role of showing the way (John 14:6), by example,<sup>12</sup> as model<sup>13</sup> to the real believers. Thus,*

a. *I can on my own do nothing:*

*John 5:19 "... Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do..."*

b. *On my own, I now nothing like my "brethren":*

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<sup>9</sup> Matthew 23:8 "But be not ye called *Rabbi*: for one is your *Master*, even *Christ*; and all ye are brethren."

John 1:38 "Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, *Rabbi*, (which is to say, being interpreted, *Master*;) where dwellest thou?"

<sup>10</sup> Matthew 19:16 "And behold, one came to him and said, *Teacher*, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"

Matthew 23:8 [ASV] "But be not ye called *Rabbi*: for one is your *teacher*; and all ye are brethren."

<sup>11</sup> Psalms 95:3 "For the LORD is a great God..."

Psalms 144:15 "Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD."

<sup>12</sup> 1 Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because *Christ* also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

<sup>13</sup> Romans 8:29 "For whom he did foreknow... to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

*Matthew 24:36 "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."*

- c. *I prayed to the Father like my "brethren."*

*Matthew 26:39 "And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me..."*

- d. *I acted like my "brethren" as when I said,*

*Matthew 27:46 "...Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"*

- e. *I was subjected to temptation when the Devil tempted me in the desert. (Matthew 4:1-10)*

- f. *I was "weak" carried by my emotion like my "brethren" but I humbled myself saying, "Not my will but yours' be done."*

*Matthew 26:39 "...O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."*

- g. *Like my "brethren," I told Magdalene I also have God:*

*John 20:17 "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."*

- h. *As "Son Of God, like my brethren, I assumed similar relationship with me as Father God. Spiritually, Father God is married to His chosen.*

*Jeremiah 3:14 "Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you..."*

*Isaiah 54:5 "For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name..."*

*As Father God, I am the "husband." As Son of God, I am "wife" (woman)<sup>14</sup> as my brethren are. Is this not foolishness to the Natural Man?<sup>15</sup>*

21. Father God, we know that in a testament the maker or testator is giving an inheritance. What is the inheritance you are giving to the beneficiaries?

*Ezekiel 44:28 "And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance..."*

*Psalms 16:5 "The LORD<sup>16</sup> is the portion of mine inheritance and ..."*

22. Father God, who are the beneficiaries to your promised inheritance?

*Ezekiel 44:15 "...the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok that kept the charge of my sanctuary..."*

23. Father God, how do we receive the inheritance like the priests?

*1 Peter 2:9 "But ye are... a royal priesthood... a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."*

24. Lord Jesus, would you confirm what Peter wrote about us that your chosen are the priests?

*Revelation 1:6 "And hath made us... priests unto God... to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."*

25. Father God, if you promised yourself as inheritance to the chosen, how would they receive you when you are a frightening God?

*Exodus 20:18 "And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they*

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<sup>14</sup> Galatians 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, *made of a woman...*"

<sup>15</sup> 1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

<sup>16</sup> 1 Corinthians 8:6 "But to us *there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*"

*removed, and stood afar off. <sup>19</sup>And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die."*

26. As if Father God asks the chosen, "When I make a plan, do I not see to it that it could be done? Look! I promised myself as your inheritance. Whom did my chosen receive after I died in my human manifestation?"

*John 7:39 "But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."*

*Acts 2:1-4 "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost..."*

[Our possible reply: Father God, now we realize that you took the characteristics of a dove for you to be acceptable to the beneficiaries.]

27. Father God, we have many questions regarding your relationship with your Son Jesus Christ. In our perception you sent Him because He has been saying this many times.

*John 5:37 "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me."*

*John 8:18 "I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me."*

- a. Father God, how could you be one and the same with Jesus when He is your "begotten Son?"

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

- b. Father God, what more Jesus humbled Himself and only received power from you:

*John 5:19 "... Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."*

- c. Father God, more so when Jesus Christ told Magdalene that you are His God and Father:

*John 20:16 "Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. <sup>17</sup>Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."*

- d. Father God, Jesus Christ was even imploring your help:

*Matthew 27:46 "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"*

28. As if, Father God retorts, "*Did not Simon Peter call Jesus 'Son of the living God' with my revelation?<sup>17</sup> While Peter recognized Jesus as 'I am,' yet at the same time calling Him 'Son.'* Am I not also calling the chosen 'My sons?'<sup>18</sup> Who can show them the Way (John 14:6) if I will not 'manifest myself in the flesh?' How can they attain spiritual perfection without somebody showing them the example?"<sup>19</sup>
29. As if God is saying, "*Who among the people I created be a model to my chosen? Noah? Abraham? Moses? Virgin Mary? Peter? Paul? Have you heard Me say the following?"*

*Ecclesiastes 7:20 "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."*

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<sup>17</sup> Matthew 16:16 "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>18</sup> John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God..."

<sup>19</sup> 1 Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:"

*Isaiah 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..."*

*Romans 3:10-12 "...There is none righteous, no, not one:  
<sup>11</sup>There is none that understand, there is none that seeketh after God. <sup>12</sup>They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

*Is it impossible for me to do two roles?* Our answer, "Lord nothing is impossible with you.

30. Father *God*, how could you be *Jesus* and the *Holy Spirit* when it is very clear to us what happened in the following? *Jesus* was in the water. The *Holy Spirit* in the form of a dove was visibly seen "lighting upon *Jesus*." In addition, you called *Jesus*, "My beloved Son."

*Matthew 3:16 "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. <sup>17</sup>And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

As if Father *God* is saying, "Did I not say when Peter recognized *Jesus*; it was with my divine revelation? Can human competence with the use of the senses comprehend all these great mysteries about Me? No wonder I make a distinction between a Natural Man and Spiritual Man:"

*1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually."*

(Not intellectually, not of the senses, not emotionally) discerned."

*1 Corinthians 2:15 "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. <sup>16</sup>For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."*

31. Father *God*, if you are *Jesus Christ* in the flesh, what is this that we are reading regarding yours and His position?

*Acts 7:56 "And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."*

*Mark 16:19 "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God."*

As if God retorts, "Don't you know that I speak in parables as Jesus was prophesied to speak dark sayings of old?"

*Ezekiel 20:49 "Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?"*

*Psalms 78:2 "I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old."*

32. Father God, then what do you mean by "your right hand?"

*Exodus 15:6 "Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy."*

*Luke 22:69 "Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God."*

33. Lord God, we glorify you through your words for now the following is made very clear to us:

*Colossians 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."*

*Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father..."*

34. Father God, we read you gave your name in the following. Is Jehovah or Yahweh your real name?

*Exodus 6:3 "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."*

*Psalms 83:18 "That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."*

35. As if Father God is saying, "Have you read that I have not yet revealed my name in the Old Testament?"

*Isaiah 52:6 "Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I."*

36. Father God, then who gave the name "*Jehovah*" to you? (Note: It is not God but men that originated the following names.)

"Jehovah"

In the Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. 7, p. 88 is this: "The reading Jehovah is a comparatively recent invention. Jehovah is generally held to have been the invention of Pope Leo the 10th's Confessor, Peter Gallatin (De Arcanis Catholic Veritates 1518, Folio XLIII), who was followed in the use of this hybrid form by Fagius Drusius. Van de Driesche, who lived between 1550 and 1616, was the first to ascribe to Peter Gallatin the use of Jehovah, and this view has been taken since his day."

"Yahweh"

The Samaritan pronunciation *Jabe* approaches the real sound of the Divine name. The other early writers transmit only abbreviations or corruptions of the sacred name. Inserting the vowels of Jabe into the original Hebrew consonant text, we obtain the form Jahveh (Yahweh), which has been generally accepted by modern scholars as the true pronunciation of the Divine name. It is not merely closely connected with the pronunciation of the ancient synagogue by means of the Samaritan tradition, but it also allows the legitimate derivation of all the abbreviations of the sacred name in the Old Testament.

(Note: The King James Version of the Holy Bible, patterned after the Bishops' Bible, and published in 1611 thus adopted the name Jehovah.)

37. Our God, if you are the *Father*, *Jesus Christ* your Son, and the *Holy Spirit*, then what is your *name*? As if Jesus Christ is asking, "Have you heard my command in the following?"

*Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."*

- a. As if Jesus Christ is saying, "You compare how Simon Peter executed my command with 'professing apostles of mine' who do not even know me."

Simon Peter:

*Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."*

- b. Professing apostles of mine:  
"(Stating the name of the imaginary convert) I baptize you in the name of the *Father*, and of the *Son* and of the *Holy Spirit*."
- c. As if Jesus Christ further says, "Look! Because they really do not know me, these 'professing apostles of mine' only repeat and do not execute my command. Also be careful with impostors professing to have recognized me like Simon Peter but it is not by divine revelation."

38. Lord Jesus, do all people professing you are the Father and the Holy Spirit truly recognize you?

- a. Apostle John wrote:

*Revelation 13:11 "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."*

- b. As if Jesus Christ is saying, "Coming up out of the earth" means recognition of me is but the fruit of human wisdom where 'earth' symbolizes man in Jeremiah 22:29. Satan, a powerful being, can make himself look like me. But I can be distinguished by my 'voice.' Satan cannot imitate my voice."
- c. As if Jesus Christ is saying, "In my fasting, the 'voice' of the Dragon is revealed!"

*Matthew 4:1 "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. <sup>2</sup>And when he had*

*fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward a hungred."*

- d. Many people following the "letter" of the word, seeing the empty stomach of our Lord, imitate our Lord by forgoing meals or not eating several days. Do they realize that this is precisely what Satan, also known as the Dragon, saw in our Lord? Satan told our Lord to turn the stones into bread for Him to satisfy His physical hunger:

*Matthew 4:3 "And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."*

[To God, the "letter" or the *literal* word only constitutes the *first witness* to the truth. That is why it is written in 2 Corinthians 3:6 "the letter killeth." It is the "spirit of the word" that gives life and this refers to the *Spiritual Meaning* as explained by our Lord by "demonstration." In His fasting, Jesus emphasized hunger for the word more than hunger for literal bread.]

*Matthew 4:4 "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."*

- e. God confirmed this in the following:

*Jeremiah 15:16 "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart..."*

- f. How many people realized the following in relation to hunger?

*Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:<sup>12</sup> And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it."*

39. How many people recognize the voice of the Lamb? Do we really hear the "spiritual message of the word" today? God further expounds on the meaning of fasting in the following:

*Isaiah 58:6 "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free (John 8:32), and that ye break every yoke? 7Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor (Matthew 5:3) that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him (Isaiah 61:10)..."*

40. The spiritual message of *Fasting* is to hunger for the *Truth* in the word. This is where we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." God is liberal enough to supply our "spiritual food" and expects us:

- a. To share it to "the oppressed or in bondage to go free."

*John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

- b. To share our "spiritual bread" to the hungry:

*Matthew 25:35 "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat."*

- c. Pity the "poor in spirit" who are not yet in the household of God:

*Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

*Ephesians 2:19 "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."*

- d. To clothe the "naked" with literal clothes, pants?

*Isaiah 61:10 "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation..."*

41. How clear is the distinct "lingo" of the Lamb that the chosen will not follow a "stranger." Jesus Christ spoke to His Disciples:

*John 10:1-5 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep..."*

*<sup>4</sup>...he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."*

42. Lord Jesus, we hear people believing in the Holy Bible all are waiting for your *Second Coming*. But we read your promise in the following:

*Matthew 28:20 "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

43. Lord Jesus, we cannot understand how you have fulfilled your commitment of being with your Disciples till the end of the word. Your Disciples saw you going up to heaven:

*Acts 1:9-11 "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; <sup>11</sup>Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."*

44. As if Jesus Christ is saying, "Truly, my words are full of contradictions if you will try to understand them with your personal perception.<sup>20</sup> Did I not say that the Natural Man<sup>21</sup> cannot understand spiritual things for they can only be spiritually, and never intellectually nor perceived by the senses? Did you not have the same predicament at my baptism? No wonder divine knowledge and wisdom is not endowed to the wise and the prudent, or the "rich in spirit," but unto the babes."

*Matthew 11:25 "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."*

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<sup>20</sup> Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

<sup>21</sup> 1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."

*Isaiah 28:9 [KJV only] "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts."*

45. As if God is asking, "Would you believe Paul, my apostle whom I appointed in my physical absence, when I inspired him to write the following?"

*2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."*

- a. God, who is the only Lord?

*1 Corinthians 8:6 "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."*

*Zechariah 13:9 "...I will say, it is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God."*

*Psalms 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."*

- b. God continuing, "I gave the same revelation to Moses when he wrote:"

*Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD."*

- c. Jesus Christ gave this revelation to identify God as the "first of all the commandments" in:

*Mark 12:29 "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord."*

- d. God, who is the Spirit?

*John 7:39 "But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."*

- e. God, what do you mean by "liberty?" (Note: Just as "truth shall set free a person from spiritual bondage. Human precepts and religious

traditions, product of the intellect and feeling, are spiritually enslaving the people.)

*Psalms 119:45 "And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts."*

*Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."*

46. Lord Jesus, do you mean you are the Holy Spirit who is now dwelling in us?

*1 Corinthians 3:16 "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"*

*1 Corinthians 6:19 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"*

47. Lord Jesus, does this mean that you have already come the *Second Time*? (Note: Distinction should be made between *2<sup>nd</sup> Coming* and *2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance*.)

*John 14:6 "Jesus saith..., I am..., the truth..."*

*Hebrews 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time..."*

48. God, now it is very clear that indeed you are the Creator expressed in your three manifestations or forms, which before, we mistakenly thought to be persons or distinct entities.

- a. Lord, we believe you are the Holy Spirit:

*Genesis 1:2 "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."*

- b. Lord, we believe you are the Father God:

*Nehemiah 9:6 "Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their*

*host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all...*

*Isaiah 44:24 "Thus saith the LORD... I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself..."*

- c. Lord, we believe you are our Lord Jesus Christ:

*Colossians 1:15 "Who is the image of the invisible God...<sup>16</sup>For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth..."*

*John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...<sup>3</sup>All things were made by him..."*

49. God, now we understand that you really speak parables that to depend on our human capability, never could we comprehend the mystery of your words. When you said "let us" and "in our image" you have a purpose:

*Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."*

- a. Making true your word of hiding the "secret things" from the undeserving:

*Mark 4:11 "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:<sup>12</sup>That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them."*

- b. But You reveal them to your chosen, the spiritual babes.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> Matthew 11:25 "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

*Colossians 1:26 "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints."*

50. Lord, you have clearly revealed yourself to us and no longer are you a mystery!

*Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father..."*

*Colossians 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."*

*1 John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."*

- a. Lord, we did not know before you have been rebuking us:

*Isaiah 29:13 "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:<sup>14</sup> Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."*

- b. Lord, now we know how to praise you:

*Psalms 56:10-13 "In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.<sup>11</sup> In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.<sup>12</sup> Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.<sup>13</sup> For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?"*

51. Lord, finally, no more are we at a loss as to who the One True God we will meet in heaven and to be with in eternity. It is You in the *Physical Body* of our Lord Jesus Christ in whom all the "power and majesty"

forever be glorified. No longer will “Your right hand” confuse us now that we have fully submitted ourselves to You:

*Exodus 15:6 “Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.”*

*Luke 22:69 “Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.”*

## PART 2 – GOD’S IDENTITY AT A GLANCE

Something to think about:

- Does not *To Know* come before *Loving*?
- How easy to say, “I love God,” but who can identify and not just describe Him?
- What is His name?
- Who is the only *Lord* that many people do not recognize?

God gave us the *intellect*. Is it to understand or comprehend God’s message in His words?

*1 Corinthians 1:19-21 “...I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. <sup>20</sup>Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?<sup>21</sup>For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God...”*

*1 Corinthians 3:18 “Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.”*

Who are the “wise and the prudent?”

1. Are they in the field of human endeavors, like medicine, engineering, economics, law, politics, science and technology?
2. Is it not on matters pertaining to God and His words as our Lord saw in the Scribes, Priests, Doctors of the Law, Elders, and Pharisees?

2 Timothy 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

What can the *Intellect* and *Senses* do to clearly identify Jesus?

Matthew 16:15-17 "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? <sup>16</sup>And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Can the "wise and the prudent" clearly *Identify* God?

1 Corinthians 1:20 "Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup>For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God..."

How true is the claim of "many people" of *Knowing* Jesus?

John 8:19 "...Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also."

Who does not have the Holy Spirit?

1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." [Not with the senses and intellect]

The Natural Man is limited only to human perception dictated by the intellect and senses. Divine revelation is acquired through *Spiritual Discernment*. It is difficult for the Natural Man to accept what is written about the clear identity of God for they are contradictory to what the intellect and senses dictate. Spiritual discernment is God's revelation of His word, sans human wisdom. It is for this reason that divine knowledge and wisdom is endowed "unto babes."

God's "identification" should be distinguished from "description." The former can only be comprehended through *Spiritual Discernment*:

*1 Corinthians 2:12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. <sup>13</sup>Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."*

## THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST

- Simon Peter was able to *Identify* Jesus "by divine revelation from the Father" (Matthew 16:16-17).
- As a result, Peter *truly* recognized Jesus thereby *clearly* identifying the *Father* also (John 8:19).
- As revealed to Paul, there is only *One* God and this is the *Father* (1 Corinthians 8:6).
- This One God, the *Father* a Spirit (John 4:24), made a covenant/testament of salvation with Abraham and His seeds (Genesis 17:7).
- In the eyes of God, there is no distinction to physical forebears, "there is neither Jew nor Greek" (Galatians 3:28-29).
- A covenant or testament can only be fulfilled by the *death* of the maker or *Testator* (Hebrews 9:16).
- The Father God, the *Testator* or maker of the testament, had to *manifest himself in the flesh* in order to fulfill it. (1 Timothy 3:16 [KJV] and Bishop's Bible only).
- There can be no other entity pointing to the *Father in the Flesh* but Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:6-8, John 10:30).
- Thus, the death of *Jesus Christ* fulfilled the testament of the *Father*. Otherwise if Jesus were not the Father in the flesh, until now the *Testament of Salvation* is yet to be fulfilled. This is the reason why Jesus Christ said:

*John 8:24 [KJV] "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins; for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."*

- This truth about the *Father*, the One God in 1 Corinthians 8:6, is now confirmed in:

*1 John 3:16 [KJV] "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us..."*

- This led to the truth about *Jesus Christ* as revealed in:

*1 John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God..."*

- The foregoing is contradictory to the dictate of the intellect and senses because the Son is relating to the Father seemingly to be two separate entities (John 14:28, 20:17).
- "Unseen" by the Natural Man is the second purpose of God in manifesting Himself in the flesh that of showing the Way (John 14:6), by way of example (1 Peter 2:21), as model to the chosen (Romans 8:29).
- Clearly "unseen" by the Natural Man are the *Two Roles* Jesus Christ carried out during His lifetime on earth: As "Father God," accepting worship, and as "Son" showing the Way by refusing to be called "good" and fully depended on the "Father." "Only begotten Son" is revealed to mean "Father in the flesh" for real believers are simply "sons of God."

The verses:

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*John 8:19 "Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also."*

*1 Corinthians 8:6 "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things..."*

Genesis 17:7 "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."

Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Hebrews 9:16 "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator."

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh..."

Philippians 2:6-8 "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup>But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup>And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

John 10:30 "I and my Father are one."

John 14:28 "...I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I."

John 20:17 "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way..."

1 Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

*Romans 8:29 "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."*

#### THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

- In the Father God's testament of salvation, He promised Himself to be the inheritance (Ezekiel 44:28) to the priests (Ezekiel 44:15, 1 Peter 2:5).
- The Father God in His Spirit manifestation is a frightening God (Exodus 20:18-19).
- The Father God executes this plan making Himself acceptable to the beneficiaries by taking the characteristics of a "dove" (Mark 1:10).
- At the fulfillment of the testament (John 19:30), the Father God was then ready to give the inheritance (Acts 2:1-3).
- By "comparing spiritual things with spiritual," it is revealed that the *Holy Spirit* is the *Father* in His friendly and amiable manifestation (Ephesians 4:30).

The verses:

*Ezekiel 44:28 [Father God speaking] "And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance..."*

*Ezekiel 44:15 "But the priests... <sup>16</sup>...shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge."*

*1 Peter 2:5 "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God..."*

*Exodus 20:18 "And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. <sup>19</sup>And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die."*

*Mark 1:10 "...he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him."*

*John 19:30 "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."*

*Acts 2:1-4 "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost..."*

*Ephesians 4:30 "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."*

#### JESUS CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Jesus Christ promised to be with His disciples till the end of the world (Matthew 28:20).
- Using the senses and intellect, Jesus Christ has left His disciples (Acts 1:9-11).
- No wonder the Natural Man awaits the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 3:13, many more verses).
- Following this perception of the Natural Man, Jesus Christ has "not fulfilled" His promise of "being with His disciples till the end of the world," because He is yet to "come." (1 Thessalonians 2:19)
- But this is God's revelation of who the *Lord* and the *Spirit* is (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- There is only "one Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 8:6).
- The Disciples expected to receive the Holy Ghost when it is the Father who promised Himself to be the inheritance (John 7:39).
- With the unfolding of this mystery of the identity of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, our Lord's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming is realized. Truly He is now

with His true disciples till the end of the world (Matthew 28:20, John 14:26).

- Therefore, the Spiritual Man (1 Corinthians 2:15-16) only awaits the *2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance* of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 9:28)!
- The Natural Man (1 Corinthians 2:14) is still waiting for the *2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ* because, using the senses and relying on the words of the two angels (Acts 1:10-11), Jesus is still physically residing in heaven now. "Unseen" is Jesus was capable of showing Himself visibly or invisibly at His resurrection [John 20:19-20]. All these things has for the sole purpose of "hiding the secret things" to those on the "outside" (Mark 4:11-12).

The verses:

*Matthew 28:20 "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

*Acts 1:9-11 "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; <sup>11</sup>Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."*

*1 Thessalonians 3:13 "...your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints."*

*1 Thessalonians 2:19 "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"*

*2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."*

*1 Corinthians 8:6 "But to us there is but ...one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."*

John 7:39 "But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

1 Corinthians 2:15 "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. <sup>16</sup>For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

Matthew 28:20 "...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Hebrews 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

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John 20:19 "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. <sup>20</sup>And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord."

Mark 4:11 "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

*<sup>12</sup>That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them."*

## THE VISIBLE GOD

- The Father God is a Spirit, so is the Holy Spirit a Spirit.
- *Jesus Christ* is the visible God and in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (Colossians 2:9)
- In *Jesus Christ* is seen the totality of power of God. (Luke 22:69)
- Finally, it is revealed that the Son is really the Father in the flesh. (Isaiah 9:6, 1 John 5:20)
- The name of God is *Jesus Christ*. (Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38)

The verses:

*Colossians 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."*

*Luke 22:69 "Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God."*

*Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father..."*

*1 John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."*

*Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."*

*Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for*

*the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."*

Despite the advent of modern machines and equipment like the television, radio, satellite communication, computers, and the establishment of religious training centers, Jesus Christ seems to remain "hidden" as He was to the Jews 2000 years ago. The statement of our Lord is relived:

*Matthew 11:25 "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."*

Real Praise to God

*Psalms 56:10-13 "In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word"<sup>11</sup> In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. <sup>12</sup>Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee. <sup>13</sup>For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?"*

