

John 1:18
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**THE FACT THAT GOD SEES ME IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAN THE FACT THAT I SEE GOD**

John 1:17 Last week – review

- I. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIVING OF THE LAW = TO REVEAL SIN
 - A. THE LAW IS AN **IMPUTER OF GUILT** Rom. 3:19 Rm. 7:7-11
 - B.. THE LAW IS AN **IMPOTENT JUSTIFIER OF MANKIND** ROM. 3:20
- THE FRUIT OF THE LAW IS FUTILITY! IF YOU DOUBT IT TRY TO OBEY IT!
- II. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST = TO REVEAL GOD [v. 18 c]
 - A. GOD IS THE **IMPUTER of RIGHTEOUSNESS.**
 - B. GOD is the **OMNIPOTENT giver of Justification.**

A PAGAN IDOL WORSHIPER said to a Christian, “ Why don’t you worship our idols which you can see and handle, instead of a God whom you can neither see nor feel?”

The Christian’s answer was, “ while it is true that I cannot see the Lord, **HE SEES ME!** This your graven image cannot do. True, I cannot touch him physically. But **HE has touched ME** and given me life—which your idol cannot do.” **THE FACT THAT GOD SEES ME IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE FACT THAT I SEE GOD!!** db Feb. 10,1971

v. 18 “NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME....”

This has always presented a problem to the mind of the pagan idolaters and intellectual philosophers of the world. If there is a God then show him to us they say, and we will believe.....As if everything is a measurable, tangible commodity. [**Have them show you an ounce of love**]

THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE DESIRED TO SEE GOD EVEN MEN OF GOD SOMETIMES DESIRE TO SEE HIM TO CONFIRM HIS REALITY:

Moses at one point asked of God that he might see the Glory of God.

Exodus 33:20 “And He said, thou canst not see my face for there shall no man see me and live”

But that which it was humanly possible for man to comprehend of God and still live, that he showed to Moses. There is that aspect of God which man can know.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE HAD NO PARTICULAR DESIRE TO SEE GOD BUT TO WHOM HE HAS CHOSEN TO REVEAL HIMSELF.

SUCH WAS THE CASE OF:

Manoah, father of Samson, when the **angel of the Lord** appeared to him and his wife. “ we shall surely die , because we have seen God.”

God has always sought to reveal Himself to man so that man could fellowship with Him. God has always had to take the initiative in seeking man because sin has always separated us. When **Adam and Eve Sinned God came seeking them.**

In the case of **Abraham** and **Moses** and **Manoah** and for that matter the **apostle Paul** man was not searching for God but rather **God chose to reveal Himself to these men through whom He would CHANNEL His revelation to man.**

Through the legal system of sacrifice God sought to teach man of His holiness and that the way of approach to Him was only through obedience to His Word In the case of **Moses** and **Manoah**, **Abraham** and **Isaiah**, **Jacob** and **Joshua**, **Gideon** and **Paul** the **manifestation of God was but for a few fleeting moments of time.**

But for **John** and the **apostles** and those of their day God came and **TABERNACLED** among men. And for three years **God the Son VISIBLY REVEALED GOD THE FATHER.**

Although 3 years is but a speck of time on the clock of the universe... .. it was sufficient . For we read in the text that.... READ 1:18 John 1:18 Declared or revealed = **aorist tense. Once and for all.**

Jn. 14:9 "... He that hath seen me hath seen the father...."

" In an article in Moody Monthly, Frank M. Fairchild told of a beautiful **fresco on the ceiling** of a palace in Rome. Painted by the artist **Guido Reni in 1614**, it was one of the most impressive works of its day. But the masterpiece could not be fully appreciated because palace visitors had to crane their necks in order to see it. To solve this problem, a large mirror was placed on the floor beneath the painting. This enabled viewers to study the reflection and more fully appreciate it's beauty. Fairchild made this observation: " Jesus Christ does precisely that for us when we try to get some notion of God.... He interprets God to our dull hearts. **IN HIM GOD BECOMES VISIBLE AND INTELLIGIBLE TO US.** We cannot by any amount of searching find out God. The more we try the more we are bewildered. **Then Jesus appears. He is God stooping down to our level, and He enables our feeble thoughts to get some real hold on God Himself."**

Christ came to reveal God to us. **BUT HE IS MORE THAN SIMPLY A REFLECTION OF THE FATHER. He is God in human flesh"**

D.B. Dec. 22, 1985.

- ✓ **Heb. 1:3** "Who being the **brightness of His Glory, and the express image of His person** , and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high,..."

Nothing less than GOD coming in a Humanly comprehensible form.

BUT GOD NONE-THE-LESS! To the degree that:

I. TO DENY JESUS THE SON - IS TO DENY GOD THE FATHER

I John 2:22 " who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the FATHER and THE SON. **23**, Whosoever denieth the son, the same hath not the Father; he that confesseth the Son hath the Father also.

II Jn. 7 " For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."

Jude 4 "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, Jesus Christ"

There are those who say "***I believe in God, but not necessarily in Christ.***"

Jn. 5:23 ".... He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the father, who hath sent him."

It is important to note that the gospel exhortation is made to the Jewish nation and not to "The Church".

It is to the Jew primarily that Christ came and to them that warning is given that to reject Christ is to reject God. [But John. 1:11-12....]

II. TO BELIEVE ON JESUS THE SON - IS TO BELIEVE ON GOD THE FATHER

Jn. 12:44 " Jesus cried out and said, he that believeth on me, believeth not on me but on Him that sent me. 45 and he that seeth me seeth Him that sent me."

1 Jn. 4:15 "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God DWELLETH in him, and he in God."

Christ came to REVEAL God that men might KNOW GOD. For in the Knowledge of God there is ETERNAL LIFE. Jn. 17:3 " this is life eternal that they might KNOW thee , the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

III. TO KNOW JESUS THE SON - IS TO KNOW GOD THE FATHER

Math 11:27 "All things are delivered unto me by my Father, and no man knoweth the son but the father; neither knoweth any man the Father , except the Son, AND HE TO WHOMSOEVER THE SON WILL REVEAL HIM. 28. Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest....."

Jn. 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."

God has chosen to REVEAL Himself to man in the Person and Work of His Son.

1 Tim. 2:5 " for there is **ONE God and one mediator** between God and man, the man Jesus Christ,"

Jn. 10:30 " I and my Father are One."

IV. TO FALL INTO THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD THE FATHER IS TO FALL INTO JUDGEMENT BY JESUS THE SON

John 5:22-3 " for the Father judgeth no man but hath committed all judgement unto the Son; 23 that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father, who hath sent Him.

>>>>>Rom. 14:10-11. Knee Bow

Rom 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Rom 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

[cf. Acts 10:42]<<<<<<<<Act 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

Sign that is in the Rome locksmith shop. " Jesus will be your SAVIOR today or your JUDGE tomorrow." For of a truth, "EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS

>>>>Cf. Phil. 2:9-11<<<<

Php 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

Php 2:11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HOW WILL YOU MEET JESUS? AS YOUR SAVIOR OR JUDGE?