

GOD SHOWED HIMSELF IN JESUS

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6

Introduction: From the separation of Adam from God in the Garden of Eden, people have been trying to find God but they have been doing it their own way and not God's way. For a person to reach God he/she must be restored to the same original condition as God created the first man, Adam. Also every sin must be completely dealt with and the barrier between God and that person must be removed but not only for that person, but EVERYONE must have equal access and opportunity to be restored to God, if one has that opportunity, then everyone must have the same opportunity. In other words, a new person must be made in order to replace the ruined and contaminated one seeking God. Lastly, Satan must be thoroughly and completely defeated, dethroned and put away forever.

Sadly, most of the world doesn't know it but God has already accomplished what so many are still blindly and ignorantly trying to do, God has made it possible for every human being to be restored to the original condition of Adam before sin entered. God has revealed Himself, He has shown Himself to the world, He has visited the world, He has mingled among the people, He has shown His marvelous power and love for all people and He did that through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

I. JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, CAME TO REVEAL GOD

1. Nobody but God's Son, Jesus, could do what was needed, reveal God to everyone.
John 1:18; Matthew 11:27
2. There was no other way that God could show His love, worth, power, holiness, greatness, etc.
3. Through Jesus, God came down to man's level of existence and lived among people as they lived.
4. God showed everyone through Jesus what He expects of everyone.

II. IT WAS/IS THROUGH JESUS THAT GOD COULD/CAN REDEEM MANKIND

1. Jesus showed everyone just how far from God they really were and how sinful they were.
2. Jesus came to be mankind's redeemer. *Luke 19:10; Galatians 4:4; 1 John 3:5*
3. Everybody, including Adam and Eve, had/has failed to live up to God's original intentions.
 - The entire human race was/is broken down, no exceptions except Jesus Christ.
 - The whole human race needed/needs to be reocovered and rescued from its guilt, penalty, sinfulness and enslavement to self, the world, and Satan.
4. Jesus came to re-establish, to re-new the relationship that once existed between God and mankind.
Hebrews 2:14-17; Romans 8:3

5. Somebody had to do what Adam and everyone else failed to do. Somebody needed to represent the whole human race before God. Therefore God sent His own Son, Jesus to do just that.
1 Corinthians 15:47
6. Whoever stood up for the human race before God must succeed in every way where Adam and everyone else had failed and doing so under the same exact circumstances.
7. God's Son, Jesus, was qualified in every instance. He lived an ordinary human life like every other person except He did so without sin. He experienced everything everyone else did but still without sin.
8. Jesus Christ was exactly what/who God demanded of the redeemer for humanity.

III. JESUS' COMING MADE IT POSSIBLE TO COMPLETELY RECONCILE HUMANITY WITH HEAVEN

1. Both heaven and earth suffered when Adam and the human race fell into sin and away from God.
2. As God in human flesh, Jesus became the first and the last of all things and in Jesus, only, have all things become reunited once again.
3. No human works, efforts, ideas or solutions will bring God and man back together as they were in the beginning and restore God and mankind back together again. Only God's way will work and that is through His Son, Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION:

1. If left alone, mankind would/will never find God and never be restored to God as man was in the beginning.
2. It takes God to bring mankind back where mankind belongs and only God's works will work.
3. God showed Himself to humanity in living flesh and dwelt among the human race through His Son, Jesus Christ.
4. To see God, look at Jesus Christ. To hear what God says, listen to what Jesus said. To be restored to God's favor, believe and trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ. This is God's only way.