

"HELLO, I'M GOD"

Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15 Acts 9:1-6

Introduction: How does one recognize God? How does one know God? Can God be known personally? God has revealed Himself in numerous ways to people through the history of man, were they special? How is it possible for a person to actually know God and to live a life of fellowship with Him?

A person must have capacity to know God first of all, and every person does have a God-given capacity to know God, it is innate, born with every human being, it is like a thirst.

- Religion is a term that defines people searching for the true God.
- Christianity is God reaching down to people.
- God chooses to reveal Himself to those searching for Him.
- God reveals Himself, personally, not just facts or some truth.
- God reveals Himself really personally through Jesus Christ.
- God reveals Himself in such a way that it is indeed possible to have a fellowship with Him.

I. JESUS CHRIST IS THE MEANS OF GOD REVEALING HIMSELF TO PEOPLE

1. Jesus was continuously aware of God's presence throughout all His life on this earth.
 - At the age of 12, Jesus remarked to His earthly parents, *"...I must be about my Father's business..."*
 - Years later from the cross Jesus said: *"...Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit..."*
2. Jesus taught much, thus revealing a lot about God that most did not know.
 - God is very real. He is good, perfect, loving, fair, interested in everyone, knows all things, is merciful but is also Judge.
3. Jesus' character and life reflected His identity with God.
 - Jesus lived everything He taught. He was the perfect example of how God wants everyone (us) to live.
 - His unselfish love for sinners, the healings, casting out of demons, reflected God's character.
 - All Jesus did reflected God, the Father.
4. Jesus made claims concerning His relationship to God.
 - Jesus said that God had sent Him into the world to bring salvation.
 - Jesus said He had a special and private knowledge of God.
 - *"...neither doth any know the Father except the Son..."*
 - *"...I know Him because I am from Him and He sent Me..."*
 - Jesus claimed to be the only one who could reveal the Father.
 - *"...I am the way, the truth, the life, no one comes to the Father except by Me..."*
 - God reveals Himself to people ONLY through Jesus Christ.
5. Jesus' work was redemptive.
 - *"...He came to seek and to save the lost..."*
 - *John 1:3, 14, 18*

II. THE BIBLE AND THE REVELATION OF GOD

1. Jesus Christ is God's revelation to people.
2. The Bible, the Word of God is the record of God's revelation.
3. The heart of the Bible is the four Gospels.
4. Acts reveals God's Church that came from the Gospel.
5. The Epistles explain what God wants of His Church.
6. The Book of Revelation describes the history from the Church beginning to the end of time.
7. The Bible is contained in Jesus Christ.
 - The Old Testament prophesied of Jesus Christ's coming.
 - The New Testament presents Jesus Christ.
8. The Bible is a record of progressive revelation.
9. The Bible is God's message given through human agents (people like us).
 - God "breathed" where people can find God.
10. The Bible is authoritative, it is the only one.
 - It finds people, searches them and then brings them to God.

CONCLUSION:

1. It is true that God can be seen and heard in nature, but to know God personally, it takes Jesus Christ to show us God.
2. Jesus Christ is the one to bring you to God as God wants you to know Him.
3. God knows all about YOU, now you can know all about God.