

The Mystery of God

If you consider that God is some mysterious being that we cannot know much about, perhaps you have been ignoring two impressive pieces of evidence:

- (1) **The Creation** that we inhabit and interact with daily. It doesn't take much examination to conclude that it is the product of a wise and intelligent creator. Just to take one example; the human eye is a magical mechanism that works at a level of sophistication that scientists cannot reproduce.
- (2) **The Bible** (meaning THE BOOK), which is much more than a record of the history of the Jews, It surpasses all other books in its simple theme dramatically unfolded, its profound wisdom and its clear message. It is actually the written record of what God wants us to know about His nature and His attitudes towards people like us. After testing the Jews for many centuries, showing they were incapable of fully living up to the standard He had set for them, He sent His only Son, Jesus, to become the one perfect sacrifice for all their sins. Now He presents this same person as the One we all need to take away our many sins. This is clear evidence of His unbounded love for people, including you, and demonstrates that He is real and with our interests at heart.

To really know God, and to remove the thought of His being mysterious, you need to get to know His Son, the Lord **Jesus Christ**, Who was sent into this world to reveal so much of the heart of God – His love, His compassion, His desires for us, including wanting to have us forever in His home, called heaven. The Bible is very clear about how to make this real and possible; no longer just a fond hope.

*"There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus**." (1 Timothy 2:5)*

*"God sent not **His Son** into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:17)*

*"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the **Lord Jesus** and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)*

*"The blood of **Jesus Christ**, His (God's) Son, cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)*

"Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory." (1 Timothy 3:16)

It is only through **Jesus Christ** that we can obtain an appreciation and understanding of God, who is so beautifully displayed to us in the gift, life, words, works, death and resurrection of **Jesus**, the eternal Son of God. The key, unchanging, characteristics of God are *Lovingkindness, Judgment and Righteousness* (Jeremiah 9:24). The only way that judgment and righteousness could ever prevail among sinful men and women, is through the loving hand of God in giving His Son to die in our place.

Get to know **Jesus Christ** as your Saviour, and the mysteries evaporate.

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