

There Is Only One



Where can you go to get away from God? God fills all space. God fills all time. There is no place without Him. There has been no time without Him. And there never will be. God spoke through His prophet Isaiah, saying, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour," Isaiah 43:10, 11. The God of the Bible leaves no room for any other god, either before Him or after Him. Any person or power who claims to be God is an imposter, a false and deceiving spirit. There is only one God; He has many descriptive titles but He has only one name. How could men know God? God is a spirit. A spirit does not have flesh and bones. How could such a God make His heart and life known to men? In their search for God, men have worshiped almost every form of nature; trees, animals, the sun and stars and even other men. Because some natural wonders cause fear, as thunder, lightning, volcanoes and earthquakes, many men thought God was a dreadful person whose anger had to be constantly appeased. Men have made many offerings, even to sacrificing their children, to please a God they did not know. **GOD IN CHRIST** Because God so loved this sick, confused world, He determined that men would know Him in a way they could see, hear and touch. He chose Mary, a pure, humble virgin, to be the mother of His only begotten son. The angel told her, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: . . . The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," Luke 1:30, 31, 35. This is the beautiful story of how God clothed Himself in the body of a man and lived on earth as a baby, a child and an adult. He shared the human experience and showed men the glory and power and love of their God. Have you ever caught

the rays of the sun in the lens of a magnifying glass? Perhaps you focused it upon some small bit of paper, wood or the back of your hand. You cannot catch all the sunlight of the sky on your small lens, but what you do catch, when it is focused, reveals the intense light and heat of the sun. You have, in your hand, a small but accurate expression of the nature of the sun. So it is with Jesus Christ. The natural body of Jesus Christ became the lens which brought into visible focus the love and light and power of God Himself. God's greatness could not be condensed and fully contained in a body of flesh, yet God could and did find full expression of His nature in the body of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is not another god or another person who is part of God. Jesus Christ is God Himself, made visible to men. For further study read these New Testament passages: Colossians 1:12-17, 2:8-10 and John 1:1-3, 14. There is only one God and He has only one name. "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one," Zechariah 14:9. "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. . . .Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:10, 12. Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet speaks of Him, "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, the Prince of Peace," Isaiah 9:6. We see this promised one, Jesus Christ, would be called child and son, and yet He is the mighty God and the everlasting Father. **GOD IN YOU**

The Spirit of God which lived in Christ is promised to you. "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. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Acts 2:38, 39.

This is the wonderful mystery which had been hidden from ages and from generations, but is now made known to us, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Read Colossians 1:26, 27. You are invited to know Jesus today!