Who Is This Man JESUS?

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Simply put, <u>JESUS IS GOD!</u> There is Only One God but Exists in <u>Three Persons</u>; (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). They are all equal in nature and power. Not long after man's creation; man rebelled (sinned) against God and lost fellowship and spiritual position with God. Sin cannot exist in the presence of God and it looked like man was forever going to be forsaken by God. But, God's Great Love and Mercy made a plan to rescue (redeem) mankind. This plan was set in motion before the Earth was even created. (1 Pet. 1:18-21): This plan of redemption was so wonderful that even the Angels were extremely curious and desired to understand it. (1 Pet. 1:12): Jesus stepped out of heaven and came to Earth to become a man and pay for mankind's sin. Jesus, the WORD of God became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1): Ministered 33 years and sacrificed Himself on a Cruel Roman Cross for our sins.

The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8) NASB

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. (Col. 1:15-20) NASB

The Character (ATTRIBUTES) of GOD

1. <u>God is Omnipresent</u> (present everywhere at the same time):

From his throne in heaven the Lord laughs and mocks their feeble plans. Then he warns them in anger and terrifies them with his fury. (Psalm 2)

2. <u>God is Omniscient</u> (knowing everything):

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. (Psa. 46:10)

3. <u>God is Omnipotent</u> (having unlimited power, able to do anything, having ultimate power and influence):

<u>I am God</u>, and <u>there is no other</u>; <u>I am God</u>, and <u>there is none like me</u>. <u>I make known the end from the beginning</u>, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: <u>My purpose will stand</u>, and <u>I will do all that I please</u>."

(Is. 46:9,10) NIV

4. <u>God is Truthful</u> (it is impossible for God to lie)

In the hope of eternal life, which <u>God</u>, <u>who cannot lie</u>, promised long ages ago, (Titus 1:2) NASB

5. <u>God does Not Change</u> (He remains the same Past, Present, and Future)

"For <u>I the LORD do not change</u>; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. (Mal. 3:6) ESVS

6. <u>God is Love</u> (God is Agape Love - that is Perfect Love)

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for <u>God is love</u>. (1 John 4:8) NLT

Resting in God's Faithfulness

Because of His Powerfull Attributes we can Trust His Faithfulness. We must understand, God <u>cannot Fail</u>, God <u>cannot Lie</u>, God <u>does what is Right</u>, God <u>fulfills every Promise He makes</u>, God never <u>changes His Mind</u>, God <u>is Agape Love</u>:

<u>God is faithful</u>, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor. 1:9)

And the very <u>God of peace sanctify you wholly</u>; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body <u>be preserved blameless</u> unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <u>Faithful is he that calleth you</u>, <u>who also will do it</u>. (1 Th. 5:23,24)

Faithful is the saying: For <u>if we died with him</u>, <u>we shall also live with him</u>: <u>if we endure</u>, <u>we shall also reign with him</u>: <u>if we shall deny him</u>, <u>he also will deny us</u>: <u>if we are faithless</u>, <u>he abideth faithful</u>; <u>for he cannot deny himself</u>.

(2 Tim. 2:11-13) ASV

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God are to entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right. (1 Pet. 4:19)

<u>If we confess our sins</u>, <u>he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins</u>, and <u>to cleanse us from all unrighteousness</u>. (1 John 1:9)

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. (Lam. 3:21-26) ESVS

God is Faithful in our Discipline

I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight. (Psa. 119:75-77)

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

(Heb. 12:5-11) ESVS

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

(1 Cor. 10:13) ESVS

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. (Prov. 3:5-8)

<u>Though he slay me</u>, <u>yet will I trust in him</u>: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. (Job 13:15)

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. (1 Thess. 5:24)

Trusting God is directly related to how well you know Him! If you know Him little, you'll Trust Him little; If you know Him greatly you'll Trust Him greatly.

This Brings Us to Our Next Lesson; (Lesson # 13) "Make Your Calling and Election Sure!"

Believers are called Disciples in the Bible. The problem is, not all Christians are disciples. God is looking for Fruit not Gifts! This means we live for God and obey His Word through the power of the Holy Spirit.