

## The Doctrine of God

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The necessity of God to reveal Himself to us

God doesn't have to do anything, He is God. So why would He want to reveal Himself to us? Well, let's ask ourselves a few simple questions:

1. What does God need?

God doesn't need anything. (Acts 17:25) 3 S's:

God is Self-Existent, Self-Sufficient and Self-Sustaining. Completely on His own, God doesn't need anything.

God decided to need you. (Gen 2:19, Mark 6:5-6, 1 Sam 17:4-11, Rom 10:13-15) the God who didn't need anything decided to need you. God doesn't need you to exist, He needs you to co-exist. In other words, He needs you to partner with Him to get things done on the earth. It's a principle He established in the Kingdom of God.

Have you decided to need God?

2. What does God want?

He created you in His image. (Gen 1:26-27, Gen 2:19-23) God didn't need anything but He created you because He wanted you. He created Adam who in turn wanted a bride, Eve.

He redeemed you with His blood. (Heb 9:12)

He wanted you so much that He redeemed you with His own blood. He wanted you back that badly. Could He have redeemed you any other way? No. He could have forgiven you but He couldn't have purchased you back. Throughout the Old Testament, God was forgiving people's sins through animal sacrifices. Hebrews says without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Did God know when He created you that you were going to sin. And did God know what it would cost to redeem you? Yeah and He still created you. If that doesn't tell you that God wants you I don't know how else to tell you.

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3. God chose us first. Before the foundations of the earth, He chose us.

He perfected you by His grace. (Heb 12:23)

The goodness of grace is beyond our comprehension. It's better than we can imagine. It wipes away all of our transgressions in order to have a relationship with us. He does a work in our hearts and in our lives so that He totally wipes away our sins.

B. We can never fully understand God

He is an infinite being. The only way to understand an infinite being is through His Word.

Many times Jesus says something after his parables that many people don't quite understand, it is the phrase, 'he who has ears to hear, let him hear.' {Apparently Jesus must have been preaching and there were people there those days without ears on the side of their heads}..No! Obviously what He was saying was, let he who has spiritual ears hear; I want to remind you this is a spiritual book written by a Spiritual Being written to spiritual beings and it cannot be understood by the natural mind. 1 Corinthians 2 says the natural mind cannot understand the things of the spirit.

The only way to understand The Word is with the Holy Spirit. As a matter of fact, the word parable means to throw along side. So Jesus would throw a truth along side a story to help people understand better. We would get our closest word Parakletos from this. Well the word Paraclete means Holy Spirit. In other words, the Holy Spirit walks along side us and helps us understand.

C. Yet we can know God truly

God wants us to come into an intimate relationship with Him. He wants us to get to know Him better. He is our Heavenly Father and He loves us. But there are a few things we must remember about this:

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#### 1. Its not based on works:

It's by grace. [Read Ephesians 2] verse 10 goes on to say we are saved for good works, not by good works.

#### 2. It's a free gift:

See, Ephesians 2 said its the gift of God..Romans 6:23 says it like this, 'it is the FREE gift of God.' Let me say it another way, Jesus paid the full price, He paid for it all. He didn't make a downpayment for you. He paid the whole bill.

#### 3. It's easy to receive:

[Read Romans 10:9] How easy is that? God took the most complicated issue known to mankind and that is, 'how can a sinful person have a relationship with a Holy God?' And He made it simple...if you'll CONFESS with your mouth and BELIEVE in your heart..etc

#### Conclusion:

To know God is to know Him, not just know about Him. That's why He is calling each of us to come enter into a personal relationship with Him. It's nothing to be afraid of, it's the most remarkable thing to have. Nothing else in this world matters when you can say God, The Creator of the Universe is your best friend and to know that He is for you. And if God be for you, then who can be against you?

What's the Holy Spirit saying to you?