

The Purpose of the Life and Death of Christ Part 4 The Glory of God in Salvation

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Introduction

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Introduction

Last month on July 17th, J.I. Packer died. He was only 5 days shy of his 94th birthday. Many considered him to be a heavy weight in the theological world. He was a prolific author and theologically minded thinker who loved the puritans and thought much of heaven.

Of the puritans, he especially loved Richard Baxter.

Packer, wrote the preface to a republication of Baxter's book "A Christian Directory" which was originally published in the 1600s. In it, Packer clearly shows that he understood what is going on in the church.

"In his introduction Packer characterized evangelicalism this way: "Ego-centric, zany, simplistic, degenerate, half magic spell nonsense, which is all the world sees when it watches religious TV or looks directly at the professed evangelical community." Packer went on to say, "Our how-to's – how to have a wonderful family, better sex, financial success in a Christian way, how to cope with grief, life passages, crises, fears, frustrating relationships, and what... else – gives us formula(s) to be

followed, a series of supposedly simple actions on our part in the manner of...painting by numbers.” He compared that to the great work of Richard Baxter, and he had written his Ph.D. dissertation at Oxford on Baxter. And Baxter was the one who said, “I preach as a dying man to dying men.”

J. I. Packer compared contemporary evangelicalism with Richard Baxter, who in the *Christian Directory* alone, one book, wrote more than a million words on the interpretation and application of the Word of God. Packer said,

“That book is a high level of intelligent Bible-based, theologically integrated wisdom with unflinching, unimpaired clarity that is dazzling to the mind.”

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In my early years of my christian life, I like so many other pastors was influence by 2 books that J I Packer wrote.

“Knowing God”

and

“Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God”.

These and other books like Authur Pinks’

“Sovereignty of God” and A.W. Tozers’ “Knowledge

of the Holy” radically transformed my understanding and view of God.

Even the Introduction Jim Packer wrote for the Book written by Puritan John Owen “The Death of Death in the Death of Christ” was absolutely stunning and profoundly rich,

I’ve never been the same since.

But, also, nothing that I can remember so upset me to learn than the fact that J I Packer was one of the defenders and signers of the “Evangelical and Catholics Together

“a 1994 ecumenical document signed by leading Evangelical and Catholic scholars in the United States. The co-signers of the document were Charles Colson and Richard John Neuhaus (a Roman Catholic Priest) , representing each side of the discussions.^[1] It was part of a larger ecumenical rapprochement in the United States that had begun in the 1970s with Catholic-Evangelical collaboration and in later para-church organizations such as Moral Majority founded by Jerry Falwell at the urging of Francis Schaeffer and his son Frank Schaeffer.”

(a self described, liberal democrat and “christian” atheist)

The statement is written as a testimony that spells out the need for Protestants and Catholics to deliver a common witness to the modern world at the eve of the third millennium

Theologians such as John Ankerberg, D. James Kennedy, John F. MacArthur, and R. C. Sproul, have published concern about it being "a step in exactly the wrong direction" and "going too far" in claiming *theological* agreement. They emphasize that sola fide is a fundamental distinctive of evangelical theology, which fundamentally divides evangelicals and Catholics theologically, as Rome condemned sola fide at the Council of Trent and has never lifted that condemnation (anathema).^[5] Further they argue that it 'attacks the very foundation of absolute truth' by concessions to relativism and post-modernism, belying its profession of joint commitment to the Gospel, thus rendering that Gospel moot. They claim, 'It falls lock-step into line with our culture's minimalist approach to truth issues'.^[5]

It was truly in my opinion a reversal of the Protestant Reformation. An undoing and unraveling of the Gospel itself.

If it were possible for saints to turn over in their graves, I'm sure that Martin Luther would have done so.

The Reformation wall in Geneva Switzerland would now read "After light, Darkness"

The God of Scripture and Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ was systematically being convoluted and compromised so as to make no distinction between the Roman Catholic Religion and the Protestant Faith.

How is it, I would ask myself, that a man, like J I Packer who was so highly educated in scriptures and theology... particularly Reformation Theology could not see the huge departure this document Scripture.

How could a man so used of God to teach and explain some of the most complex doctrines of Salvation and who had such a love and devotion to the writing of the Puritans, who, they themselves, would have died rather than sign that document,

How could he sign a document that broke down the wall of separation that made no distinction between truth and error, right and wrong, the true God and a false God, and Heaven and Hell.

How could He be so used of God and so used of the Devil at the same time.

It did not take but a moment for me to remember another man who was also used in a similar way.

Peter.

Peter, a man who was the one who confessed Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and Preached a powerful soul winning message on Pentecost, yet just a couple of months earlier was used By the Devil to deny Christ 3 times.

We are still reaping the fallout of the influence of men like J I Packer who signed the Evangelicals and Catholics Together. Other documents have been produced since then that have had similar affects.

The churches witness is weaker,

The lines between truth and error have been eroded

The path to Hell has grown wider and more populated

You cannot compromise the clarity and exclusivity of the Gospel and expect God to bless it.

You cannot join hands with the devil and expect not to get burned.

We have been for sometime now approving of a god that is not the God of Scripture.

He is a god who is not jealous for his name

He is a god who tolerates error

He is a god who would have all religions to be that same.

He is a god who would have you believe that the way to heaven has many roads to travel.

Whether its the polytheism of Mormons.

the works of the Jehovah Witness

the Submission to Allah and pilgrimages to Mecca

the Nirvana of Buddhism

the worship fo 330 million gods and reincarnation of Hinduism.

or the sacraments and perpetual offering of Christ at the Mass of the Roman Catholic church.

All of these are devised by the Devil to lead millions away from the one True God and to replace Him with a god made by Men.

The god of post modern ecumenical evangelical religion of America is NOT the God of the Bible

He is a Holy and Jealous God who will not share His glory with any other!!

Exodus 19:21–20:6 (NKJV)

²¹ And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the Lord, and many of them perish. ²² Also let the priests who come near the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them.”

²³ But Moses said to the Lord, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, ‘Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.’ ”

²⁴ Then the Lord said to him, “Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest He break out against them.” ²⁵ So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

20 And God spoke all these words, saying:

- 2 “I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image— any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Exodus 20:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off. ¹⁹ Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

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- 1 The Mighty One, God the Lord,
Has spoken and called the earth
From the rising of the sun to its going down.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God will shine forth.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent;
A fire shall devour before Him,
And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that He may judge His people:

5 “Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with Me by
sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness,
For God Himself *is* Judge.

Selah

7 “Hear, O My people, and I will speak,
O Israel, and I will testify against you;
I *am* God, your God!

8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices
Or your burnt offerings,
Which are continually before Me.

9 I will not take a bull from your house,
Nor goats out of your folds.

10 For every beast of the forest *is* Mine,
And the cattle on a thousand hills.

11 I know all the birds of the mountains,
And the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine.

12 “If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
For the world *is* Mine, and all its fullness...

14 Offer to God thanksgiving,
And pay your vows to the Most High.

15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

16 But to the wicked God says:
“What *right* have you to declare My statutes,
Or take My covenant in your mouth,

17 Seeing you hate instruction
And cast My words behind you?

18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him,
And have been a partaker with adulterers.

19 You give your mouth to evil,
And your tongue frames deceit.

20 You sit *and* speak against your brother;
You slander your own mother’s son.

21 These *things* you have done, and I kept silent;
You thought that I was altogether like you;
But I will rebuke you,
And set *them* in order before your eyes.

22 “Now consider this, you who forget God,
Lest I tear *you* in pieces,
And *there be* none to deliver:

23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
And to him who orders *his* conduct *aright*
I will show the salvation of God.”

[*The New King James Version*](#). (1982). (Ps 50:title–23). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Lesson:

The Glory of God in Foreordination

The Glory of God in Predestination

The Glory of God in Salvation

The Glory of God in Completion

The Gory of God in Concentration

I. The Glory of God in Foreordination.

1. Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

II. The Glory of God in Predestination

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

III. The Glory of God in Salvation

The desire of the Father to Save and Glorify himself thru the salvation of sinners

2 You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

αυτη δε εστιν η αιωνιος ζωη ινα γινωσκωσιν σε τον μονον αληθινον Θεον και ον απεστειλας Ιησουν Χριστον

So eternal life belongs exclusively to Christians, to those who have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

This eternal life is defined as

1. Rightly Knowing God

2. Knowing the Right God

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

αυτη δε εστιν η αιωνιος ζωη ινα γινωσκωσιν σε τον μονον αληθινον Θεον και ον απεστειλας Ιησουν Χριστον

1. Rightly Knowing God

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You,
αυτη δε εστιν η αιωνιος ζωη ινα γινωσκωσιν σε

Life eternal. With the article: *the* life eternal. Defining the words in the previous verse. *The life eternal* (of which I spoke) *is this*.

Vincent, M. R. (1887). [*Word studies in the New Testament*](#) (Vol. 2, p. 263). New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

This eternal life starts as conversion

John 3:16;18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have (pres) everlasting life.

¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned (pres); but he who does not believe is condemned (perf pass) already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

In contrast to the the ones who have been and remain condemned by God, those who are believing have and continue to have no condemnation.

John 3:36 (NKJV)

³⁶ He who believes in the Son has (pres) everlasting life; and he who does not believe (pres) the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides (pres) on him.”

John 5:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has (pres) everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed (Perf) from (εκ out of) death into life.

metabainó: to pass over, withdraw, depart

Original Word: μεταβαίνω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: metabainó

Phonetic Spelling: (met-ab-ah'-ee-no)

Definition: to pass over, withdraw, depart

Usage: I change my place (abode), leave, depart, remove, pass over.
translated to depart

1 John 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ We know that we have passed (perf) from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death.

1 John 5:13 (NKJV)

¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have (Pres) eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

This is an important, clarification... that eternal life does not begin when you die. But Eternal life begins when you are saved. At that moment in time, when you are converted Eternal life is your possession. Eternal life begins at this point, not because a long, eternal life begins but rather and intimate knowledge of the one true God, and His Son Jesus Christ is given.

This eternal life is characterized as KNOWING God

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You,

αυτη δε εστιν η αιωνιος ζωη ινα
γινωσκωσιν σε

γινωσκωσιν Pres. Active Subjective
may continue to know God.

ginóskó: to come to know, recognize, perceive

Original Word: γινώσκω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: ginóskó

Phonetic Spelling: (ghin-ocē'-ko)

Definition: to come to know, recognize, perceive

Usage: I am taking in knowledge, come to know, learn; aor: I ascertained, realized.

1097 ginóskō – properly, to know, especially through personal experience (first-hand acquaintance). 1097 /ginóskō ("experientially know") is used for example in Lk 1:34, "And Mary [a virgin] said to the angel, 'How will this be since I do not know (1097 /ginóskō = sexual intimacy) a man?'"

This knowledge is more than academic. It is not knowing facts about God. It is knowing God. The Church and the world and Hell are filled with people who know about God.

James 2:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ You believe (pres) that there is (pres) one God. You do well. Even the demons believe (pres) —and **tremble! (pres)**

only here in NT

phrissó: to be rough, to shiver, shudder

Original Word: φρίσσω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: phrissó

Phonetic Spelling: (fris'-so)

Definition: to be rough, to shiver, shudder

Usage: I shudder, shiver, tremble.to shudder, to be struck with extreme fear, to be horrified: absolutely, [James 2:19](#); 4 Macc. 14:9; like the Latin horreo, horresco, construction with an accusative of the object exciting the fear, Homer, Iliad 11,383, and often.

to shudder v. — to tremble convulsively, as from fear or excitement.

Some know a lot about God and can quote scripture, but they don't know God

Some come to church on a regular basis but do not know God.

This is a huge problem in the evangelicalism and obviously outside of evangelicalism.

Now more than ever, with the dumbing down of doctrine and the escalation of emphasis on the practical and personal application of scripture to my life... Theology Proper, the study of the character and person of God is missing. And to a large degree it is relegated by the pastors to debate halls and seminary classrooms rather than the local church.

Even for those who are saved and attend evangelical churches, rarely is the God of scripture accurately presented. If He is preached, as the

Bible defines him, many believe Him to be a foreign God.

But this knowledge, is not merely academic. Its not even having a accurate Theology proper.

This knowledge, speaks of an intimate relationship.

1. This knowledge is savingly intimate
2. This knowledge is sovereignly given
2. This knowledge is supremely essential

1. This knowledge is savingly intimate

Matthew 7:21–23 (NKJV)

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

John 10:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

Matthew 25:10–12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

¹¹ “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

1 John 4:6 (NKJV)

⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

1 John 5:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ And we know (academic) that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know (intimate) Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

In the Jewish Scriptures knowing God was at the heart of the covenant relationship (cf., e.g., Jer. 24:7; 31:33–4). An intimate knowledge of Israel’s God,

which was previously primarily gained through Torah, is now available through the words of Jesus which have made this God known (cf. also vv. 6–8).

Lincoln, A. T. (2005). [*The Gospel according to Saint John*](#) (p. 435). London: Continuum.

1. This knowledge is savingly intimate

2. This knowledge is sovereignly given

This knowledge of God, This intimate relationship is not an acquired knowledge. Its not something you gain over time and constant exposure to the truth. Its not by making sure you have all the facts straight.

This is a Gift.

God grants the ability to know him.

Jeremiah 24:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the Lord; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

Jeremiah 31:33–34 (NKJV)

³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will

put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Matthew 11:27 (NKJV)

27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

1. This knowledge is savingly intimate
2. This knowledge is sovereignly given
2. This knowledge is supremely essential

John 8:19 (NKJV)

19 Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?"
Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

John 8:54–55 (NKJV)

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. ⁵⁵ Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

1 Chronicles 28:9 (NKJV)

⁹ “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

Psalms 9:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Isaiah 53:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied.
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.

Jeremiah 9:23–10:1 (NKJV)

²³ Thus says the Lord:

“Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might,
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;

²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I *am* the Lord, exercising lovingkindness,
judgment, and righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight,” says the Lord.

²⁵ “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord,
“that I will punish all *who are* circumcised with the
uncircumcised—²⁶ Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people
of Ammon, Moab, and all *who are* in the farthest
corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all *these*
nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of
Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart.”

2 Corinthians 4:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus
the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for
Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For it is the God who commanded
light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our

hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Eternal life is knowing “the only true God” and the one sent by him, Jesus Christ. John does not write that knowing God leads to eternal life, as if it were the reward for faith, but that knowing God, to be in communion with God, *is* life, because God is the source of all life (cf. Col 3:4).

Thompson, M. M. (2015). [*John: A Commentary*](#) (First edition, p. 349). Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.

1. Rightly Knowing God

2. Knowing the Right God

1. He's the ONLY God
2. He's The True God
3. His Son is Jesus Christ.

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

1. He's the ONLY God

monos: alone

Original Word: μόνος, η, ον

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: monos

Phonetic Spelling: (mon'-os)

Definition: alone

Usage: only, solitary, desolate.

We are monotheistic, not polytheistic and pantheistic
We believe in ONE God.

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NKJV)

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord *is* one!

James 2:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

John 5:44 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God?

1 Timothy 6:15–16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

1 Corinthians 8:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one.

1 Corinthians 8:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

⁷ However, *there is* not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

1. He's the ONLY God

2. He's The Only True God

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

aléthinos: true.

Original Word: ἀληθινός, η, ον

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: aléthinós

Phonetic Spelling: (al-ay-thee-nos')

Definition: TRUE

Usage: true (lit: made of truth), real, genuine.

Cognate: 228 alēthinós (an adjective, derived from the other adjective of the same root/alēth-, 227 / alēthés, "true to fact") – properly, true (real), emphasizing the organic connection (authentic unity) between what is true (228 /alēthinós) and its source or origin (note the -inos suffix). See 225 (alētheia). 228 /alēthinós ("substantially true") refers to what is essentially true – connecting (visible) fact to its underlying reality. 228 (alēthinós) then emphasizes the integrity of what is true, down to its inner make-up (reality, "true inside and out").

G. E. Ladd, "The Johannine use of 228 (alēthinós) sometimes carries something of the Greek meaning of 'real,' but it is the real because it is the full revelation of God's faithfulness" (The Pattern of New Testament Truth, 81).

Jeremiah 10:1–15 (NKJV)

10 Hear the word which the Lord speaks to you, O house of Israel.

² Thus says the Lord:

“Do not learn the way of the Gentiles;
Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven,
For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.

³ For the customs of the peoples *are* futile;
For *one* cuts a tree from the forest,
The work of the hands of the workman, with the
ax.

⁴ They decorate it with silver and gold;
They fasten it with nails and hammers
So that it will not topple.

⁵ They *are* upright, like a palm tree,
And they cannot speak;
They must be carried,
Because they cannot go *by themselves*.
Do not be afraid of them,
For they cannot do evil,
Nor can they do any good.”

⁶ Inasmuch as *there is* none like You, O Lord
(You *are* great, and Your name *is* great in might),

⁷ Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?
For this is Your rightful due.
For among all the wise *men* of the nations,
And in all their kingdoms,
There is none like You.

⁸ But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish;

A wooden idol *is* a worthless doctrine.

⁹ Silver is beaten into plates;

It is brought from Tarshish,

And gold from Uphaz,

The work of the craftsman

And of the hands of the metalsmith;

Blue and purple *are* their clothing;

They *are* all the work of skillful *men*.

¹⁰ But the Lord *is* the true God;

He *is* the living God and the everlasting King.

At His wrath the earth will tremble,

And the nations will not be able to endure His
indignation.

¹¹ Thus you shall say to them: “The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.”

¹² He has made the earth by His power,

He has established the world by His wisdom,

And has stretched out the heavens at His
discretion.

¹³ When He utters His voice,

There is a multitude of waters in the heavens:

“And He causes the vapors to ascend from the
ends of the earth.

He makes lightning for the rain,

He brings the wind out of His treasuries.”

¹⁴ Everyone is dull-hearted, without knowledge;
Every metalsmith is put to shame by an image;
For his molded image *is* falsehood,
And *there is* no breath in them.
¹⁵ They *are* futile, a work of errors;
In the time of their punishment they shall perish.

1 Thessalonians 1:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Revelation 6:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

1. Rightly Knowing God

2. Knowing the Right God

1. He's the ONLY God
2. He's the only True God
3. His Son is Jesus Christ.

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

αυτη δε εστιν η αιωνιος ζωη ινα γινωσκωσιν σε τον μονον αληθινον Θεον **ΚΑΙ**
ΟΝ απεστειλας Ιησουν Χριστον

So eternal life is to know the one true God
And eternal life is to know Jesus Christ.
The one the Father sent.

But because this one true God has supremely revealed himself in the person of his Son (1:18), knowledge of God cannot be divorced from knowledge of Jesus Christ. Indeed, knowledge of Jesus Christ, whom God has sent, is the ultimate access to knowledge of God

Carson, D. A. (1991). [*The Gospel according to John*](#) (p. 556). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

John 1:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

You can only know the True God thru Jesus Christ. You must know Christ to know God. To know God is to know Christ.

A new survey conducted by LifeWay Research and released by Ligonier Ministries revealed that 52% of Americans and 30% of evangelicals say they believe that Jesus was a "good teacher, but he was not God."

Two-thirds of evangelicals disagreed with the statement, which came as part of Ligonier's biennial State of Theology study.

In another part of the survey, 65% of evangelicals agreed with the statement "Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God."

So as James White correctly concluded. So 65% of evangelicals are not evangelical and are believers in the false God of the Jehovah Witnesses!!!!

Stephen Nichols from Ligonier

"Statistics like these from the State of Theology survey can give us quite a shock, but they also shed light on the concerns that many American Christians and churches have expressed for decades, As the culture around us increasingly abandons its moral compass, professing evangelicals are sadly drifting away from God's absolute standard in Scripture. It's clear that the church does not have the luxury of idly standing by. This is a time for Christians to study Scripture diligently, engage confidently with people in our culture, and witness fearlessly to the identity and saving work of Jesus Christ in the gospel."

<https://disrn.com/news/one-third-of-evangelicals-believe-jesus-was-a-good-teacher-but-he-was-not-god>

John 14:6–11 (NKJV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

⁷ “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Jesus is the only way to the One True God.

John 5:23 (NKJV)

²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

1 John 4:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.

Romans 5:21 (NKJV)

²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:22 (NKJV)

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Timothy 1:1 (NKJV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 Timothy 1:8–10 (NKJV)

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

