

Show us the Father

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John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

If you come to know Jesus you will know the Father. If you fall in love with Jesus you will fall in love with the Father. The way we know the Father is to know Jesus. Let's get to know Jesus!

1. The Word **14** And the **Word** was **made flesh**, and **dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth**.
 - a. Was made flesh **I Timothy 3:16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
 - b. Dwelt among us **Philippians 2:7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the **likeness of men**: **Hebrews 2:14**
Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part** of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
 - c. Seeing Jesus we saw and see the Father **John 14:8-9**
Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. **9** Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how

sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? Colossians 1:15

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

- d. Jesus is full of grace and truth. He is the full expression of both 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
 - i. Grace because He came to seek and save
 - ii. Grace because He came to give us what we do not deserve
 - iii. Grace because He came to save unworthy sinners
 - iv. Truth because He shows us who we are and what we need
 - v. Truth because He shows us the Father
 - vi. Truth because He never sinned or failed

2. The Witness 15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is **preferred before me**: for he was **before me**.

- a. John the Baptist was greatly used of God to stir interest in the coming of the Messiah Mark 1:2-8 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall **prepare thy way** before thee. 3 The

voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way** of the Lord, make his paths straight. 4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 5 And there went out unto him **all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem**, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; 7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. 8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

- i. John had had a miracle birth
 - ii. His mother got pregnant when she was too old
 - iii. His dad was unable to talk and all the religious leaders knew it
 - iv. John had been used in a big way to tell the people who Jesus was
 - v. He was not looking for the fame that came his way
- b. John had told about the coming One

- i. One that John was not worthy to tie His shoes [1:25-27](#)
And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? [26](#) John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; [27](#) He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, **whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.**
 - ii. One that would baptize with real power
 - iii. One that would take away the sins of the world [1:29](#)
The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- c. Jesus was preferred before John [1:30](#) This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
- i. John wanted to decrease [3:30](#) He must increase, but I *must decrease.*
 - ii. God showed His preference for Jesus over John
[Matthew 3:16-17](#) And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit**

of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
17 And lo a **voice from heaven**, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

iii. John was simply the witness of the One coming

d. Jesus was before John 1:30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

i. John was actually born before Jesus by about six months

ii. John was announcing that Jesus was the preexistent Christ

iii. John is announcing that Jesus is God come in the flesh

3. His Work 16 And of his **fulness** have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, *but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ*. 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **he hath declared him**.

a. Jesus is the full expression of God's grace

Romans 8:31-34 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all,

how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is God that justifieth.* **34** Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

b. The law showed us our need for a Saviour **Galatians 3:19** *Wherefore then serveth the law?* It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.* **Galatians 3:24-26** *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.* **25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. **26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

c. The practice in the Old Testament of the Law even showed us a type of God's grace

i. There was always a sacrifice available for the sin

ii. The law condemned

iii. But the law made room for a substitute that God approved

- d. Jesus brings grace but also truth [Isaiah 55:8-9](#) For my thoughts *are not your thoughts*, Neither *are your ways my ways*, saith the Lord. [9](#) For *as the heavens are higher than the earth*, So are my ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts.
- i. Truth you are lost [3:17-18](#) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. [18](#) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- ii. Truth you can't get to Heaven
- iii. Truth He can take your sin
- iv. Truth He will be made sin for you to give you His righteousness [II Corinthians 5:21](#) For he hath made him *to be sin for us*, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- e. Jesus shows us the Father
- i. He is the express image [Hebrews 1:3](#) Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the **express image** of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his

power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat
down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

ii. If you have seen Jesus you have seen the Father

iii. If you want to know God you will do so by knowing
Jesus