

Learn What God Wants You to Know

GOD IS REAL!

Part 11



*Jesus
and
The Eyewitnesses!*



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.***

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. ***For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*** (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! ***But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*** (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

We've been taking a VERY LONG TIME to learn about many of the EVIDENCES that God has given us which PROVE beyond a doubt that

GOD IS REAL!

This is such an IMPORTANT FACT to believe! God wants us to know ALL THE WAYS He has SHOWN Himself to us. God does NOT want us to MISS OUT on KNOWING for OURSELVES that HE IS REAL! Why not? Because God IS real whether we choose to believe that fact or not! And God knows that when we do NOT think God is REAL, we won't CARE what He says about how we can be SAVED from the Lake of Fire. When we do NOT think God is REAL, we won't CARE what He says about becoming His child & going to heaven someday to be with Him forever. We won't CARE about getting to know all He has ready to give us & show us- His love, faithfulness, joy, gifts, blessings, & rewards. We won't care about knowing Him personally, LOVING HIM BACK, trusting Him, serving Him, glorifying Him, & telling others about His love, mercy, forgiveness, grace & how REAL He is - all of which are the reasons WHY we were created & put on this earth in the first place! Rev 4:10-11!



Oh, this FACT that GOD IS REAL is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT for us to believe! Don't EVER get tired of hearing about all the ways God reveals to us that HE IS REAL! He wants you to know He is real so that you will believe what He says about Jesus Christ! God does NOT want YOU to end up in the Lake of Fire forever. God does NOT want YOU to miss out on becoming His child & enjoying ALL that HE HAS PREPARED FOR YOU! So here's a QUICK REVIEW of all the evidences we've learned so far which show us that GOD IS REAL:

- * IN NATURE & THE UNIVERSE
- * BY TRUE SCIENCE

- * THROUGH BIBLE PROPHECY
- * BY TRUSTING HIS PROMISES
(especially in times of trouble!)
- * BY HIS SPOKEN then WRITTEN WORDS TO US

And just to REMIND YOU AGAIN of EXACTLY what God has said concerning the WORDS that He has spoken for MANKIND to hear—the WORDS which we now have in WRITTEN FORM in our King James Bible, here is EX-
ACTLY what He has said: Ezekiel 12:25 a KJB

“For I *am* the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass;”

In fact, God HAS SPOKEN & EVERYTHING He has to tell us now is COMPLETED & SAVED for us to read in our King James Bible. Here is what God says about His WORDS that He has SPOKEN:

“I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: ...I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; *there is* none beside me. ... Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.”
Isaiah 45:19,21c,22,23



I don't know about you, but I LOVE to be
REMINDED of what God says!

In those verses above, God tells us that HE IS REAL & that He has WORDS which He has spoken to us which He has

NOT HIDDEN! His Words tell us ALL that we need a SAV-
IOR. His Words tell us that JESUS CHRIST IS the ONLY
GOD & SAVIOR there is, & that we must LOOK UNTO
HIM to be saved!

Well, now you might ask, HOW can we LOOK at
someone we CANNOT SEE! And that brings us
now to another EXTREMELY IMPORTANT EVI-
DENCE that PROVES to us that GOD IS REAL!
You see, God has sent Someone that people COULD
SEE WITH THEIR VERY OWN EYES & SEE
GOD! Who is that Person?

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in
Christ Jesus:



Who being in the form of God,
thought it not robbery to be
equal with God:

But made himself of no repu-
tation, and took upon him the
form of a servant, and was

made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he hum-
bled himself, and became obedient unto
death, even the death of the cross:

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,
and given him a name which is above every
name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth,
and *things* under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philip 2:5-11

God sent JESUS CHRIST, His VERY OWN SON, who IS GOD, down to earth to enter a human body to SHOW us that He is REAL & to SAVE US from our sins & the Lake of Fire!



Jesus said: "And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me."

John 13:45

When people saw Jesus, they saw God because Jesus IS GOD!

Imagine, God, the KING of all the universe, the Creator of heaven & earth left His GLORIOUS throne in heaven to come down to earth & enter the body of a tiny baby that God His Father had prepared for Him. Here is what The Lord Jesus said when He came to earth to enter that special body God had prepared for Him:

"Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me:"

Heb 10:5 KJB

Jesus is God INSIDE a human body. And listen to what else Jesus said as He came into this world:

"Then said I. Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God." Hebrews 10:7 KJB

Jesus left His throne in heaven to become a lowly, humble man & live His life on earth in COMPLETE OBEDIENCE to His Father. He left His throne of glory to come to earth & go to the gruesome & hu-

miliating death of the cross just for YOU & ME & all us sinners. The people who lived when Jesus lived could SEE Jesus with their very own eyes. They watched Him eat & drink & walk & do many MIRACLES that proved He is GOD! He told us & showed us that God is real! Jesus told us exactly who He is.

"I and *my* Father are one."

John 10:30 KJB

The people who lived on earth when Jesus lived could TOUCH Jesus and feel Him touch them. They could HEAR His voice as



He TOLD THEM what His Father told Him to say. They were WITNESSES to the FACT that Jesus is REAL! God is REAL! People could see Him & all the miracles that He did which proved that He is God's Son, God our Savior. In fact there was one special miracle That proved for DEFINITE SURE that He IS GOD! This next part of God's Word tells us what this ALL IMPORTANT MIRACLE was that PROVED—GAVE EVIDENCE—BEYOND A DOUBT that JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S SON, the "living God" who came down from heaven as "the saviour of all men, specially of those that believe" & that God is REAL! 1Timothy 4:10d KJB

"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh.

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, *by*

the resurrection from the dead. "

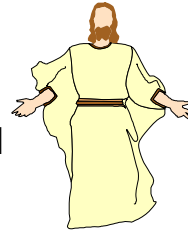
Romans 1:3-4 KJB

When Jesus rose from the dead & showed Himself in His resurrected body to more than 500 people, that was EVIDENCE THAT COULD NOT BE DENIED that Jesus was EXACTLY who He said He is—God's Son from heaven & that GOD IS REAL!

One particular man to whom Jesus showed Himself was the apostle Thomas. Thomas had NOT believed that the other apostles had seen Jesus alive after His death & burial. But then Jesus came to Thomas AFTER Jesus was raised from the dead & said this to Thomas:

"Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side; and be not faithless, but believing."

John20:27 KJB




And listen to what Thomas said AFTER he saw Jesus with his very own eyes & touched Him with his very own hands:

"And Thomas answered, and said unto him,
My Lord and my God."

John 20:28 KJB

Now,. because Thomas saw for himself that Jesus was ALIVE after dying & being buried, he realized that Jesus had done exactly what He said He would do! He had come out of that grave ALIVE! There was Jesus—God's LIVING EVIDENCE that JESUS IS THE LORD! He is GOD! GOD IS REAL!

We CANNOT see Jesus with our eyes or touch Him with our hands at this time of history; but we CAN know Him by reading what those WITNESSES wrote down for us. You see, the Bible is in some ways like a history book. For instance, we CANNOT see George Washington today with our own eyes; but we CAN read what others who DID SEE him wrote down for us. We even can read some of what George Washington himself wrote down in his journals. In this way we KNOW that George Washington was a REAL person who lived on this earth. Well, the Bible is ALL about Jesus. It has EVERY WORD Jesus has to say to us. Some of the people who SAW & TOUCHED JESUS in person wrote down what they saw Jesus do & heard Him say. God Himself directed what these people wrote down for us to read. What they saw & then WROTE is EVIDENCE or TESTIMONY that God is REAL!



“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book (the Bible): 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.”
John 20:31

Both Jesus Himself AND all the EYE-WITNESSES who saw Him & then wrote down what they saw are

more PROOF that GOD IS REAL!

BIBLE STUDY: Read John chapter 1
Read Acts 10:34-43
Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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Directions

From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.



From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.

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