

Learn What God Wants You to Know

Eye Witnesses Testify!

GOD IS REAL!

Part 12



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)

As we have been learning,
God has given us
TONS & TONS
of
EVIDENCE
that He is **REAL!**

If you have not read any of our lessons on this topic, get parts 1-11 on this topic beginning on September 9,2008 to catch up.



Last week, we learned that God sent His very own Son, Jesus Christ, down here to earth to live where people could **SEE HIM, TOUCH HIM & HEAR HIM** right **IN PERSON** for about 33 years! Then God had certain **EYEWITNESSES** who saw & heard Jesus with their very own eyes & ears **WRITE TESTIMONY** right there in the Bible of what they saw & heard concerning Jesus! Today we are going to see some of that **SPOKEN** then **WRITTEN TESTIMONY** from **GOD'S EYE WITNESSES!**

Jesus is God who came down to be with us, to show us what God is like - so people could **SEE** for themselves that God is **REAL**. In fact the bible calls Him **EMMANUEL**. That word means **GOD WITH US!**

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is , God with us. ”

Matthew 1:23 KJB

While He lived on earth, Jesus was God **INSIDE A BODY OF SKIN LIKE OURS**—except of course He had **NO SIN!**

One of the reasons Jesus came was to SHOW us what God is like. You see, God's Word tells us that NO MAN has ever SEEN GOD; but that JESUS CHRIST is our ONLY WAY to be able to see GOD! Here's what the Bible says about this:
John1:18 KJB

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*."

One day, one of the apostles named Philip wanted to know what God was like. He asked Jesus to "show them" God!



"Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us."

John 14:8 KJB

Read Jesus' answer to Philip about how he & the others could SEE GOD THE FATHER!

"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?"

John 14:9 KJB

Jesus told Philip that anyone who sees Jesus, sees God! Why? Because JESUS IS GOD! Remember last week we learned the scripture that tells us this. "*I and my Father are one.*" John 10:30. Philip & the 12 apostles had seen Jesus do many, many miracles. Philip & the others had seen how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies that told exactly HOW God's Son would come into this world to save

us from our sins. Later, when Jesus went to the cross & rose from the dead (just as those prophecies said He would) they would REALLY KNOW FOR SURE that He Is God, & God is REAL! Philip & the others had seen how Jesus would say things to them about things that had not happened yet - and then the things would happen exactly as He said they would. Jesus told them this Himself:



“Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.”

(the Son of God, the only Lord & Savior).

John 13:19 KJB

Philip & the others should have realized that when they looked at JESUS, they looked at GOD! No mere man could have said & done all that Jesus did!

Then, on TOP of sending Jesus to live on earth so people could SEE HIM, TOUCH HIM, HEAR HIM, & SPEAK TO HIM in Person, God did something even more amazing! He allowed HUNDREDS of people to see Jesus AFTER HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, so they could see His evidence with their very own eyes - that God is real & that Jesus is Who He said He is - God our Savior! THE RESURRECTION IS GOD’S EVIDENCE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD!

“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

Many of those people who saw the risen Christ wrote down how Jesus appeared to them in His Resurrected Body. What they WROTE down is their TESTIMONY. It is their TESTIMONY about the EVIDENCE they SAW with their very own eyes that Jesus DID INDEED RISE FROM THE DEAD exactly when He said He would!

Today, let's pretend that we are IN COURT & listening to the TESTIMONY of just two of these EYE WIT-



NESSSES who SAW GOD'S EVIDENCE—The LORD JESUS CHRIST—with their very own eyes.

First, let's hear the apostle Peter's testimony given in Matthew 16:13-17. Peter was a VERY CLOSE FRIEND of Jesus. He saw Jesus both BEFORE & AFTER He rose up from the dead! Here's what happened one day BEFORE Jesus went to the cross:

One day Jesus asked his disciples a VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION. (Actually, this is the question we ALL MUST ANSWER!!!)

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and other, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." (See, even then just like today, there were MANY people who did NOT BELIEVE God's evidence that

Jesus IS GOD'S SON - GOD COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN to be with us!) Let's read what Jesus answered: "He (Jesus) saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?"

Here is Peter's TESTIMONY: "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt 16:13-17KJB

Now read what Jesus said about Peter's testimony.



"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Jesus said that Peter's TESTIMONY was ABSOLUTELY CORRECT! Jesus IS GOD. GOD IS REAL! Jesus showed Peter & the others RIGHT THERE IN PERSON that He is God. Then God had Peter & other people WRITE DOWN WHAT THEY SAW & KNEW about Jesus in God's HISTORY BOOK, THE BIBLE. Now you & I can SEE JESUS, not in PERSON, but through the WORDS written right there in the BIBLE - EVERY WORD THAT GOD HAS SAID TO US - EVERY SINGLE WORD of His TESTIMONY that He is REAL!!!!!!!!!!

Now let's hear our 2nd WITNESS, the apostle Paul. Paul had NOT been a friend of Jesus' when Jesus was on earth. He had NEVER TOUCHED OR

TALKED TO JESUS when Jesus was alive on earth. In fact, Paul HATED JESUS & all those who believed in Him. Paul even had believers KILLED - that's how much he hated Jesus & those who believed in him. But then one special day, AFTER Jesus had already risen from the dead & GONE UP TO HEAVEN, Jesus appeared to Paul in an AMAZING WAY, causing Paul to be blinded for 3 days & then to be able to see again. (At that time, Paul was called Saul.) You can read what happened in Acts 9:1-31 After speaking with the risen Lord Jesus Christ in that amazing experience, Paul went from HATING JESUS & KILLING JESUS' FOLLOWERS to SEEING FOR HIMSELF THAT JESUS IS GOD. And then he told others what he learned about Jesus. Here is Paul's SPOKEN then WRITTEN TESTIMONY:



“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas , then of the twelve (that's the apostles that were with Jesus when He was alive): After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, (most of the believers who saw Jesus AFTER He rose from the dead were STILL ALIVE when the apostle Paul wrote this scripture down.) but some are

fallen asleep (that means some of them had died).” After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.” (that’s the apostle Paul.):

1Corinthians 15:4-9 KJB

**YOU’VE HEARD SOME
SWORN TESTIMONY!
NOW WHO DO YOU SAY
JESUS CHRIST IS?**

We hope you say:

“I believe Jesus is the SON OF GOD,
MY LORD & SAVIOR!

Where you spend eternity depends on your answer!

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”

Acts 16:31 KJB

THAT’S A FACT!

GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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10:00 A.M.

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

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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.
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