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The presence of God

It is incredible. In the whole of human history there are several hundred billion people who did not recognize in their own lifetime that man was created immortal and that they had eternal life. It doesn't matter whether they led a life that was good or evil, we are all immortal. The only difference is in the place where we will spend our eternal life!

It is – at least for me – a catastrophe of gigantic proportions that so many intelligent people created by the human race have not recognized the true meaning of life, the reason why we really have to experience and undergo our life on Earth before we have to sit our "exam".

On the other hand, when I consider how many people lie to us and deceive us by purporting to serve some sort of "gods", and use this criminal fairy tale to accumulate power and wealth, but also to cast billions of trusting people into eternal misery, then a feeling of despair and even anger wells up inside me.

Therefore, here follows just a very short statement:

- There are no "gods". Just as there is only one sun and only one moon shining on this world, so there is only one God who created it all! If you look for him, he is just waiting to be found!!
- Do not believe anyone who invites you to come to a church, a mosque, a "meeting" or anywhere else in order to find God. You can only reach the one and only living God in a one-to-one conversation. If you go into a little room at a quiet time, close the door behind you, sit down and call in spirit to your God who is also spirit and if God recognizes that you are honestly willing to speak in truth and righteousness, you will most certainly receive an answer.
- With the appearance of the Son of this one and only living God on the planet and his condemnation to death by Jewish scribes, God has restricted his communication with people. It is no longer the masses of people in temples, churches and congregations who can count on the presence of God, it is now just each and every individual person who is willing to worship and address this God in their spirit and in truth, whom God will visit in spirit.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2Cor 3,1-18)

It was so with Paul, with John, and is so with all of God's children.

(Please read on from <u>2Cor 5:1</u> to chapter 7. For the next chapter, please click on the ">" symbol in the pop-up.)

The Old Covenant was material, tangible: God's words on tablets of stone.

The New Covenant is spiritual, Spirit of God in the spirits of the children of God begotten by the Word of God.

- **2Cor** 3,1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? 3,2 You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known, and read by everyone. 3,3 You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
- 3,4 Such confidence we have through Christ before God. 3,5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 3,6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
- 3,7 Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, 3,8 will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? 3,9 If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!
- 3,10 For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which

lasts (in eternity)!

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. **Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their** (*Israel*) **hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.** 2Cor 3,1-16;

God's call to the nations.

«Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.»

«Gather yourselves and come; Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations; They have no knowledge, ho carry about their wooden idol (e.g. Mary) And pray to a god who cannot save. Declare and set forth your case; Indeed, let them consult together.

Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.

I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance. They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.'»

Men will come to Him, And all who were angry at Him will be put to shame. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel Will be justified and will glory. [Isa 45,20-25]

The way has been found (!) - we just have to follow it!

But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Mt 7,13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 7,14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Mt 7,13-14;

It is faith in our Lord and God Jesus Christ – this is the only way that leads to eternal life. The paths of all the other "gods" of this world are wide, and broad are their gates, which all lead to eternal damnation. The religions of this world are all devised by humans – distorted in worldly Christianity – and that is why they appeal to the vast majority of people because they reflect their own ideas.

Biblical Christianity is not a religion, but a relation. That is to say, it is a connection or relationship with the one and only living God and his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ, as the Son of God and God himself, who died on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of all people in this world, and love for him, is the only way to being accepted and loved by God the Father. If we love the Son, the Father will also love us and we will be children of God.

I am the way and the truth and the life.

Jn 14,6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jn 14,6;





After the Israelites' Exodus, during their wilderness wanderings, God instructed them to make a "tent of meeting" (tabernacle). There they were to place the "Ark of the Testimony" (Ark of the Covenant) in the rearmost part of the tent, the "Holy of Holies", and put a curtain in front of it so that this area was separated from the front part, the "Holy Place" (Ex 26:31-34).

And in this Holy of Holies, in a cloud between the two cherubim placed on the left and right of the lid of this ark of the testimony, God spoke to Moses when necessary and gave him instructions.

When Solomon then built the first temple in Jerusalem, the rearmost part of the temple was also extended there as the "dwelling place of the Almighty" and it was the same with the second temple, which was built by Zerubbabel from 520-516 BC and dedicated in 515 BC, later to be greatly extended and remodeled by Herod from 21 BC onwards.

When the Israelites then condemned the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, to death on the cross and the Romans crucified him, upon the death of his Son God abandoned the temple and rescinded the Old Covenant with the Israelites (Mt 27:51-52; Lk 16:16).

This was also the beginning of a New Covenant, and thus the beginning of a new relationship between God and mankind. Not only is it no longer necessary or possible to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins, as there is no longer a temple or altar of burnt offering in Jerusalem – the only place where sacrifice could be offered (Deut 12:14; Jh 8:24 and our Lord Jesus Christ has already died on the cross for our sins.

Nor is there any longer any need for a temple, a "house of God", in order to encounter God (Acts 7:48-50;). For God has been merciful and now comes to mankind.

Nor do we need a temple or a "house of God" to encounter God (<u>Acts 7:48-50</u>). For God has had mercy and now comes to human beings.

If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him **and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.**

Jh 14,15 "**If you love me**, keep my commands. 14,16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – 14,17 **the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him**. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 14,18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

14,19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 14,20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 14,21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them **is the one who loves me**. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

14,22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" 14,23 Jesus replied, "**Anyone who loves me** will obey my teaching. **My Father will love them,** and we will come to them and make our home with them. 14,24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 14,25 All this I have spoken while still with you." Jn 14,15-25;

At first glance, it seems astonishing and somewhat incomprehensible that God and his Son should come to us and take up residence with us. But if you know the biblical background, you will recognize the full reality of this statement.

«God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth».

Jn 4,23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 4,24 **"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."** Jn 4,23-24;

As the Son of God tells us here, God, the Father, is spirit. And this now is not to be understood "symbolically", but literally! Not only is it true that God is spirit, but the mode of existence of all creatures in the heavenly dimension of God – including that of already resurrected human beings (1Cor 15:44) – is of a genderless spiritual nature. However, according to Scripture, they also possess the ability to appear in physical, human form (Lk 24:36-39; Rev 20:6) and to disappear (Lk 24:31; Jn 3:8).

(See also Discourse 85: "True and false rebirth.".)

As we can see from many biblical statements, communication between God and His Son always took place on a spiritual level. God is in the spirit of the Son, and what the Son speaks is God's word.

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?

Jn 14,10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 14,11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. Jn 14,10-11;

It is therefore obvious that it is in the nature of spiritual beings to integrate both in the spirit of a human being and in other spiritual beings. In their spiritual form, they are non-material

and can merge into one another, just as when you empty one glass of water into another on the material level and both waters become one (consider the Trinity; and Rev 3:21 where all (billions!!) are envisaged as sitting with the Lord on his one and only throne!)

And just as the Father dwelt in the Son, both will also dwell in us, in our spirit, if we love the Son and keep his word. God dwelt with the Israelites in the Holy of Holies of the temple, but in the faith of the New Covenant God no longer dwells in temples made with hands.

That is why the biblical Christian faith is not a religion like the worldly religions. It is a relation, a connection or relationship with God and his Son. The believing person – as a child of God – is the temple, and his spirit is the Holy of Holies, where both Father and Son dwell with us.

Do you not know that **you are a temple of God** and that **the Spirit of God dwells in you? 1Cor** 3,16 **Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?** 3,17 If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are. 1Cor 3,16-17;

Here, however, it must be pointed out that the presence of God in our spirit does not manifest itself with "jumping, dancing, laughing, crying, rolling on the ground" and such other well-known phenomena. This is not the presence of God – it is rather the case that these people are possessed by demons, the angels of Satan, who were thrown to earth after the lost <u>battle in heaven</u> two thousand years ago.

(See also the Youtube video: "The astronaut John Glenn speaks of 'myriads of stars")

The Spirit of God in our spirit is practically imperceptible. We only recognize it afterwards when we see that – almost against our will – we have displayed behavior that is pleasing to God; or when we ourselves are amazed at how seemingly difficult problems can suddenly be solved ($\underline{k \ 16:16}$).

So let us also remember that there are many false teachings in circulation. Worldly Christianity does not keep the word of our Lord (in Catholicism we find priests as child abusers Mt 7:16;], in Protestantism gays as superintendents and bishops [Rom 1:27]) – they are bad fruit from a bad tree, literally **incapable** of producing good fruit! (Mt 7:18) – and the Mosaic rite came to a provisional end two thousand years ago.

God is no longer to be found in a "house of God". It has been revealed that people ("lay" people, as they are supposed to be) have been cut off from any contact with their God, which has been reserved for a priest – who then more often than not regards this as a tedious obligation.

And so there is no need for either a "consecration" or a "communion", with which Catholicism tries in vain to establish union with the Lord. The Son of God does not come through the "hocus-pocus" (a medieval corruption of the words of consecration *Hoc est [enim] corpus meum*) of a Catholic priest – who perhaps goes on to abuse children after Mass is finished.

For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

2Cor 6,14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 6,15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 6,16 **Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols?**

For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 6,17

Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you. 6,18 And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me", says the Lord Almighty.

(2Cor 6,14-18;)

In biblical Christianity, communication between God and the child of God does not take place by the mechanical rattling off of prayers but is direct and personal. God is our father, we are his children, so we behave as children should behave towards a beloved father. Love for God, dear brothers and sisters, still needs to be explained to humanity. They have heard quite enough about the love of their neighbor for the last two thousand years.

Do not call anyone on earth your father; **for One is your Father, He who is in heaven**. **Mt** 23,9 9 "Do not call anyone on earth your father; **for One is your Father, He who is in heaven**. Mt 23,9;

But you, when you pray, go into your inner room and pray to your Father who is in secret.

Mt 6,5 When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners (or in front of the Catholic idol altars ["Mary" and the cult of the dead "saints"] and the Jewish "Wailing Wall"! / FH), so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. Mt 6,5;

Deut 4,15 **You saw no form of any kind** the day the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore, watch yourselves very carefully, ,4,16 so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves **an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman (e.g. a "statue of Mary").** Deut 4,15;

Mt 6,6 But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door (Mt 10:21-22; Mk 13:12-13;) and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. 6,7 And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 6,8 So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Mt 6,6-8;

So we should not "babble like those of the nations". But then what are we supposed to do? – We should just speak to God. In our spirit – where his spirit also is, if we are children of God. This does not require any external "signs". These are only used by hypocrites to impress the ungodly.

Our conversation with God takes place in a spiritual way. And even if maybe billions of people speak to God at the same time, the omnipotence of God and his grace make it possible for him to be present and listen to every single one of his children in their spirit.

And if we love God and his Son, we have what many of us perhaps never had on earth: a

beloved and loving, absolutely righteous Father. He will never abandon us, and if we do not separate ourselves from him of our own free will, he will be our beloved and loving Father for all eternity. Amen.

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(See also Discourse 85: "<u>True and false Rebirth.</u>".)
(See also Discourse 1042: "<u>The battle in heaven.</u>".)
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From child of man to child of God

The development of a child of God is comparable in every respect to that of a human child. Just as the egg in the female body marks the beginning of a human child's existence, the spirit in the human brain is the starting point for the child of God (<u>Jn 6:63</u>).

Just as the female body is constantly ready for fertilization – for a few days each month – the human spirit is also usually ready to be fertilized. Then, if the woman allows it, the egg in the womb is fertilized by male seed. And if the human being allows it, his or her spirit is fertilized by divine seed (<u>Lk 8:10-18</u>; <u>1Pet 1:23</u>; <u>Jam 1:18</u>; <u>1Pet 1:3</u>) ¹⁾ – the Word of God.

If no physical fertilization takes place in humans, the woman's eggs are excreted every month up to a certain age. The human spirit, however, remains ready for fertilization for the rest of its life. If it has not been spiritually fertilized, it will be disposed of at the Last Judgment (Mt 25:41).

If, after conception, the time of pregnancy for a human child is nine months, as a child of God the human being remains "pregnant", so to speak, for his or her entire life.

The further development of the human child in the womb, during pregnancy, therefore corresponds to the spiritual development of the child of God over an entire lifetime. During this time of growth, all conceivable complications are still possible for both the human child and the child of God (<u>Eph 4:14</u>), even up to and including stillbirth (<u>Hebr 6:4-6</u>)!

At birth, the human child emerges from water (amniotic fluid) into a new, hitherto unknown world with completely different living conditions (breathing, food intake, movement) (<u>Jn 3:5-6</u>).

And likewise the child of God, on being reborn (Mt 19:28, 25:31; both biblical passages relate to resurrection and the Last Judgement!!) and resurrected from the spirit (Jn 3:6-7) will be faced with a different and eternal dimension, with completely new conditions of existence (Jh 3,8).

But while the human child usually grows up with its parents and only later leads an independent life, the child of God – as a human being – has been its own "mother" (the brain as the "womb" of the spirit) and now, after its rebirth as a spiritual being, has an eternal life ($\underline{\text{Lk 20:36}}$) and a spiritual, heavenly father ($\underline{\text{Jn 4:24}}$).

God will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Rom 8,11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead **will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.** Rom 8,11;

And then – only then – the children of God, having been born again of the Spirit in the resurrection, will have reached that state of being which the Lord prophesies to us in Jn 3,8, which is the state of being enjoyed by God, the angels and the Lord himself after his resurrection and in which He was able to walk through closed doors and through walls (<u>Jn 20:26</u>):

"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going;

so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (Jn 3.8)

What is born of flesh is flesh, what is born of spirit is spirit. And that, now, is also the form of existence – namely as spiritual beings – of which the Lord promises us in Jh 3:3 that this is the way we can enter the kingdom of God (heaven).

Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. (Jn 3,3)

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1Jh 5,10 Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

5,11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

(See also "Quantum theory proves that consciousness [the spirit] never dies!")

Many people did not understand this two thousand years ago, and some still do not understand it today.

(God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1Tim 2:3-4;)

Rebirth out of the spirit.

Lk 8,11 (...) The seed is the word of God.(...)

1Pet 1,3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has begotten us a new
(the word of God, the seed, fertilizes (teaches) our spirit. – Reading the Bible is like studying at university, where we also learn from books).

into a living hope

(no fulfillment yet - that only comes with the rebirth out of the spirit)

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1,4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. (to a immortal, sexually liberated, spiritual being)

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 1,5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation

that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1Pet 1,3-5;

Mt 19,28 Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, in the rebirth, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne,

ou who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Mt 19,28;

(Last Judgment=resurrection=rebirth)

Mt 25,31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, 25,32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Mt 25,31-32; (Last Judgment)

Jn 3,6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
3,7 You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again."
3,8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.

So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. Jn 3,6-8;

(invisible spiritual body)

- **1Cor** 15,40 There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendour of the earthly bodies is another. 15,41 The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.
- 15,42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is **raised** imperishable;
 - 15,43 it is sown in dishonor, it is **raised** in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

15,44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

- 15,45 So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam, a lifegiving spirit.
- 15,46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 15,47 The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.
- 15,48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.
- 15,49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. 1Cor 15,40-49;

The "premature births".

And then there are the spiritual "premature births". They have not (fully) undergone development into a child of God on earth as described above, but they have done the most important thing that needs to be done: they have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and God and as their Savior. This is enough to be born of the Spirit at the resurrection.

After their spiritual birth, in the kingdom of God, the heavens, they are then provided with the information that strengthens them as a child of God and enables them to recognize their decision as the right one. It is comparable to a human child that comes into this world as a premature birth, but can already think completely rationally and decide whether it should remain in this world or return to the womb and be stillborn.

Anyone who has once seen the glory in heaven and experienced the joy and love that the children of God feel for their Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ – by contrast with the wicked, who are also immortal spirit beings and must spend their eternal existence in the fiery magma of hell – does not have to think long to realize that they have made the right choice.

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Jn1,6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was "John". 1,7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 1,8 was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 1,9 **The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.**,10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 1,11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 1,12 **But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God**, 1,13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. Jn 1,6-13;

I pray for all those people who are reading this and are still among the undecided. Please accept this final offer from our Lord and God Jesus Christ. He has been given all power in heaven and on earth by the Father, and what he says holds good. You cannot imagine the glory that prevails in the kingdom of God, and the despair and gnashing of teeth that will reign for eternity in hell. Receive Jesus Christ!

Before his death, our Lord Jesus Christ addressed the following prayer to the Father for all people who would come to believe in him:

The prayer of Jesus for all human beings who believe in him. The prayer of Jesus for all human beings who believe in him.

Jn 17,1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 17,2 **even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life**. 17,3 **This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**17,4 I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 17,5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

17,6 I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 17,7 Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; 17,8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me. 17,9 I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; 17,10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. 17,11 I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves

are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. Jn 17,1-11

MAKE HEAVEN MATTER

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

1Cor 2,1-16; And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

However, as it is written:

«What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived – the things God has prepared for those who love him».

these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way noone knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, 'Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ. (1Cor 2;)

¹⁾ The Greek word is anagegennēmenoi = re**begotten**, as also in 1Ptr 1,23, Jam 1,18 and 1Ptr 1,23 (not "reborn"!!) – spiritually regenerated through the impregnation of the Word of God. (See also Discourse 85: <u>True and false rebirth.</u>)

Rabbi Chofetz



A visitor came to Rabbi *Chaim Chofetz* one day to ask his advice. When the man saw that the rabbi's apartment consisted of a tiny room with only a couch, a table with a chair and a row of books, he asked the rabbi in amazement, "Master, where do you have your furniture and household goods?"

"Do you have furniture and household goods with you?" replied the rabbi.

"Me?" asked the puzzled visitor. "But I'm just here for a visit. I'm just passing through!"

"So am I" said Rabbi Chofetz.

The Chofetz Chaim, Rabbi Yisrael Meir HaCohen, from Radin, was certainly one of the greatest Torah scholars of modern times. His unparalleled halachic work, the "Mishna Berura," is the considered the definitive compendium of Jewish law. In addition, his writings on good deeds and kindness, "Ahavat Chesed," and his treatises on the evils of Lashon Hara, the "Chofetz Chaim" and "Shmirat HaLashon," show his great piety and saintliness. He is known never to have spoken unfairly about anyone.

(See also Discourse 152: "The Chofetz Chaim on Aliyah - Are we living in the end times?.")

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The way has been found - we just have to follow it!

(Though without crucifixion and without self-imposed "suffering" [Catholic], these were reserved for the Son of God).

But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Mt 7,13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 7,14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Mt 7,13-14;

It is faith in our Lord and God Jesus Christ, the only way that leads to eternal life. The ways of all other "gods" of this world are wide, and broad are their gates, which all lead to eternal damnation. The religions of this world – falsified in worldly Christianity – are all thought up by people and therefore they please the vast majority of people because they contain their thought.

(See also "Quantum Theory Proves That You Never Die!")

Biblical Christianity is not a religion, but a relation, that is, a connection or relationship with the one and only living God and His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ, as the Son of God and Himself also God, who died on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of all the people of this world, and love for Him, that is the only way to acceptance by God the Father and to His love. If we love the Son, the Father will also love us and we will be children of God.

I am the way and the truth and the life.

Jn 14,6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jn 14,6;