

## LOOK NO FURTHER

I'd like to start by sharing a statement of reality from God.

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son... Hebrews 1.1

When God wanted to share His desire for us to have His eternal life, He sent Jesus to model the life that He originally created for us to possess.

When God executed His plan to redeem man back to Himself, He came to Earth as a man born of a woman. He sent Christ, the Word made flesh.

Let's look at a few scriptures.

John 1:14 declares that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father full of grace and truth.

When God wanted to speak to the entire world He didn't give us a book of teachings, He sent Jesus to be our ransom and restore us back to our originally created Oneness with God and demonstrate the life that was available to us.

God's whole purpose for sending Christ was to re-create the same eternal life in us. If we repent of our lives and swallow His in exchange for ours, we can have the eternal life in ourselves and be able to transmit it to others to fulfill God's plan to get all of His children back.

But many will protest, that Jesus was a special case. They say He cast out demons and walked on water because He was God. He healed the sick and raised the dead because He was God. He turned water into wine and fed 5000 people with a little boy's lunch because He was God

But the scriptures don't bear this out. Let me share seven scriptures to shed some light on this idea.

1. He set aside His deity.

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2.5

2. Jesus put on the same nature that we have.

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through His death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. Hebrews 2.14

3. As a man, He only did what the Father did.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. John 5.19

4. Jesus' words were not His own.

“For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to speak. “I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”  
John 12.49+50

5. Jesus was not here to do his own will.

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. John 6.38

6. Jesus was not just speaking mere words.

“If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.” John 10.37

7. “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. John 4.34

These scriptures seem to emphatically show that Jesus came to Earth as a man and functioned in complete submission and consecration to God.

Please indulge me as I paraphrase what I think Jesus might say to us as His brothers and sisters of God today.

Hey guys, I took on a body like yours. A brain like yours, and emotions like yours, This body has it's limitations. I got tired, I got hungry, and I got sleepy just like you.

But let me show you what these bodies were created for.

Offer your body, soul, and spirit to God as I did. Submit to the Holy Spirit that I gave you and allow His eternal life to be manifest through you to fulfill the Father's plan to redeem all of His children back into His family.

Fulfilling the Father's calling and destiny for us as His children will be the result of us letting the presence of God have free reign in our lives and the result of us putting off our old dead life and allowing the Holy Spirit to manifest the Life of Christ in us.

God's intention from the beginning was to re-create the Life of Christ in us so that we can be His supreme creations to manifest His life to the rest of the world and draw all men to Him as the Ambassadors of His Kingdom.

Here's a scripture that shows how God did this.

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].

And you are in Him, made full *and* having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]. Colossians 2:9

He put us in Christ so that Christ could become our life. He intends for Christ's eternal life to be manifest through all of His children.

The scripture in Hebrews 1.3 declares of Jesus that He was the radiance of God's glory the exact representation of His nature and He upholds all things by the word of His power. The Father intends for all of His children to radiate His glory, represent His nature and speak His word with power.

According to Romans 8:29 the Father planned from the very beginning that all of His children would be conformed to the image of Christ. And He's done everything necessary to make that happen.

In Peter's second epistle he declares that God has given us everything pertaining to His life and His godliness through the true knowledge of Him. And He also gave us His divine promises so that we would be partakers of His divine nature. 2 Peter 2.2-4

I don't know about you, but when I read scriptures like this, I become very aware of what a shabby representation of God's eternal life I have been.

But, I am also aware that this is God's plan. He's planned it from the very beginning and it will come to pass because of Him not because of me.

Let me conclude with one final statement of reality from God.  
It's Colossians chapter 3 verses 1 through 4. I'll paraphrase a bit.

If then you have been raised up with Christ, seek and keep seeking the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above not on the things that are on the earth.

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For Jim Fuller has died and Jim Fuller's life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is Jim Fuller's life is revealed, then Jim Fuller will also be revealed with Him in His glory.

So, if you've ever wondered why God created you and what He intends for you to become, look no further than Jesus, who came and demonstrated that life in front of the whole world.

Let's let God have His way, in us, and through us to this entire world and become testimonies of His greatness.

God bless you.

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