A Glimpse of God's Nature July 10, 2022

John 1:18, "No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, Jesus has explained God."

John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw Christ's glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Philippians 2:5-7, "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."

Colossians 1:15-20, "Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Jesus all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ Christ is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

John 14:5, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

John 14:7-11, "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." ⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 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. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves."

Exodus 33:18, "I pray You, show me Your glory!"

Jesus showed us what God is like through:

1. The Life He Lived

Jesus lived a life of purpose: Matthew 20:28, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

1. He lived to be a servant

2. He lived to be a Savior

2. Living a Life of Holiness

1 Peter 1:15-16, "Like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

3. Living a Life of Obedience

Philippians 2:8, "Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

4. The Words He Spoke

Matthew 7:28-29, "When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; ²⁹ for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes."

5. The Miracles He Performed

Mark 4:39, "Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm."

Mark 6:34, "When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things."

6. Extending Forgiveness

Luke 5:20, "Seeing their faith, Jesus said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you."

Luke 23:34, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."