

## WHO IS GOD AND WHAT IS HE LIKE?



God is our real father. He used our biological parents to give us birth at the exact time and place he had in mind. He created us in love with the high expectation that we should become like Jesus. God does not exist to serve us. We exist to serve him – and in so doing we share in his joy.

Each of us will one day give an account for how we served God with our lives.

God is a spirit, uncreated, always existent, outside of time. He is that he is – in other words, he is self-existent, no beginning and no ending, perpetually happy, and with no need for anything.

For simply his good pleasure he created us to share some of his likeness that we might join him in reigning over the universe.

The center of God's being is love.

However, in many, many ways, God is alien to us. Prior to his coming in Christ, on those rare occasions when he revealed himself visibly, he was present as blazing fire, literally in mid-air.

That we might know him for who is REALLY is, he came to us as a man. Jesus said, "When you have seen me, you have seen the Father."

Each of us has deliberately pushed our awareness of God away in order to do what we know to be wrong. We have done this repeatedly and deliberately. This is the essence of what the Bible describes as sin.

All humans have some knowledge that God exists (no matter how much we might deny it) and all of us are held responsible for our own sins.

A day of reckoning is coming. If we are still in our sin and rebellion on that day, we face only outer darkness and eternal destruction, away from God's presence forever.

Yet, the kindness of God has appeared to us visibly.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:16-17).

God has made his peace with us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

**WE MUST NOW MAKE OUR PEACE WITH HIM.**

If you would like to know how to do that, I invite you to watch the video below.

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