

THE WORD (LOGOS): THE DIVINE PLAN

THE I AM IS THE ONLY ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD!

Jeremiah 10:10 But **THE LORD IS THE TRUE GOD, HE IS THE LIVING GOD**, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to **God from idols to serve THE LIVING AND TRUE GOD;**

THE ULTIMATE QUESTION IS: WHAT/WHO IS BEFORE THE BEGINNING?

**THE BIBLE DOES NOT START WITH GOD, IT STARTS WITH TIME
– IN THE BEGINNING. GOD WAS ALREADY HERE!**

Genesis 1:1 **In the beginning God created** the heaven and the earth.

1. At the “beginning” God was already there. The Word specifically states this.
2. The question is, Who is beginning and/or What is beginning?
3. The answer? “The beginning” identifies BOTH the commencement of the existence of all things that are not God (everything created) AND the commencement and activation of God’s LOGOS or divine plan!

IF WE DON’T UNDERSTAND BEFORE THE BEGINNING WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND AND FULLY PARTICIPATE IN AND WITH THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

SO WHO IS GOD AND WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

Psalms 90:1-2

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 **BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH, OR EVER THOU HADST FORMED THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, EVEN FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING, THOU ART GOD.**

Psalms 90:2 (*The Living Bible*)

2 Before the mountains were created, before the earth was formed, **you are God without beginning or end.**

Psalms 90:2 (*New Century Version*)

2 Before the mountains were born and before you created the earth and the world, you are God. **You have always been, and you will always be.**

Psalms 90:2 (*Bible in Basic English*)

2 **Before the mountains were made, before you had given birth to the earth and the world, before time was, and for ever, you are God.**

Psalms 90:2 (*The Complete Jewish Bible*)

2 Before the mountains were born, before you had formed the earth and the world, **from eternity past to eternity future you are God.**

Psalms 90:2 (*Holman Christian Standard Bible*)

2 Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, **from eternity to eternity, You are God.**

ONLY OF GOD CAN THE PRESENT TENSE VERB OF “TO BE” BE USED FOR SUCH A SPAN OF TIME PLUS BEFORE AND AFTER TIME!

Psalms 41:13 **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.**

Psalms 106:48 **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.**

Psalms 93:2 Thy throne is established of old: **thou art from everlasting.**

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; **whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**

Habakkuk 1:12 **Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?** we shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING (OUR EXISTENCE) – ACTS 17

Acts 17:16,22-31

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, **his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city WHOLLY GIVEN TO IDOLATRY.**

22 **Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, YE MEN OF ATHENS [UNBELIEVERS], I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.**

NOTE: The summarization of several Greek references for the definition of the Greek word translated *SUPERSTITIOUS* is “piety that leads to fear instead of trust.” Ignorance of God and Who He is DOES NOT promote trust. We cannot trust someone that we do not know!

23 **For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, HIM DECLARE I UNTO YOU.**

24 **God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;**

25 **Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;**

26 **And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;**

27 **That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:**

28 **For in him we live, and move, and have our being;** as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 **And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:**

31 **Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness BY THAT MAN WHOM HE HATH ORDAINED; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.**

GOD IS MANKIND'S DWELLING PLACE

Psalms 90:1-2

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

1 **Lord, thou hast been OUR DWELLING PLACE in all generations.**

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

(UBS Handbooks for Old Testament) It is not certain what difference, if any, is intended between the two words earth and world; it seems that the two are quite synonymous here (see 19.4; 24.1; 33.8; 77.18b,c, where they are parallel). **Perhaps something like "the earth and (the rest of) the universe" can be said. In English the earth and the world is repetitious and redundant, as will be the case in most languages. FRCL has only "the world," and GECL "the earth."**

SO WHO AND WHAT IS GOD?

ONE GOD — THE "I AM"

**FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE "GOD IS";
BUT FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE "I AM"!**

IT IS PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY/NATURALLY AND SUPERNATURALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THERE TO BE MORE THAN ONE GOD!

BASED ON THE ATTRIBUTES THAT THE ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD APPLIES TO HIMSELF, THERE CAN BE NO MORE THAN ONE:

1. He literally and physically fills ALL space in the universe and beyond. He is the Creator of the Universe, so therefore, He must be and is greater than the universe.
2. He is everywhere present at the same time.
3. He is every time present at the same time.
4. He is infinite. - Before the beginning and after the end.
5. With Him there is NO place or time. God cannot be described or defined using any vocabulary that confines Him to a certain place or a specific time. GOD IS! Thus God's FIRST name with which He identifies Himself is the "I AM?"
6. He identifies Himself as "Lord" which means "Supreme Ruler." There can only be ONE Supreme Ruler of the Universe. There is no one above or beyond Him.
7. He defines Himself as ONE! One is the prime number. According to the attributes listed above, there can be nothing and no one greater than ONE.

TO DIVIDE THE ONE INTO PARTS, NO MATTER HOW "CO-EQUAL" THEY MAY BE, IS TO REDUCE GOD TO LESS THAN HIMSELF AND TO MAKE IT SO THAT NONE OF THE OTHER ATTRIBUTES ITEMIZED HERE CAN POSSIBLY APPLY TO HIM.

To propose that there is more than One God or "person" in God is to declare that those gods or personalities cannot possibly have any of these attributes assigned to them. By that fact alone, they are invalidated as being associated with the One True and Living God.

Based on these same attributes, God cannot be more than one "person" or being simultaneously. Only ONE BEING/Person can be described by these attributes.

EVERYTHING AND EVERY OTHER MANIFESTATION OF GOD CAME AFTER "THE BEGINNING."

ANY THEORY, DOCTRINE, OPINION, ETC. THAT DIVIDES GOD INTO ADDITIONAL "BEINGS" OR "PERSONS" IS NOT OF GOD. FOR HIM TO HAVE AUTHORED THEM, HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO DENY THE ATTRIBUTES OF HIS EXISTENCE AND HIS FUNDAMENTAL NATURE. THUS, HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO DENY HIMSELF! HE DID NOT AND CANNOT DENY HIMSELF!

TO SUMMARIZE THE MAIN POINTS OF OUR CONSIDERATION OF GOD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

GOD IS INFINITE NOT ETERNAL!

THE ANGELS ARE ETERNAL, OUR SOULS ARE ETERNAL, BUT NEITHER ARE INFINITE!

ONLY GOD IS TRULY INFINITE: HE IS PRESENT AT EVERY PLACE AND TIME SIMULTANEOUSLY!

THUS THE "INFINITE" HAS NO TIME FACTOR AT ALL: THERE IS NO PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE WITH THE INFINITE. THE INFINITE IS, ALWAYS!

BUT "ETERNAL" DEFINES "ENDLESS TIME." THAT WHICH IS ETERNAL IS NOT "TIMELESS" IT IS ENDLESS. THERE IS A VERY SPECIFIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO.

THE ONLY BIBLICAL "MEASUREMENT" OF GOD IS "HE EXISTS" – I AM!

THE "I AM" GOD HAD A PROBLEM! HE WAS ALONE.

HOW DO WE KNOW IT WAS A PROBLEM FOR GOD? HE TOLD US!

GOD MADE MAN IN HIS IMAGE AND AFTER HIS LIKENESS.

Genesis 5:1-2

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and CALLED THEIR NAME ADAM, in the day when they were created.

Genesis 1:26-28

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ...

27 SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD CREATED HE HIM; MALE AND FEMALE CREATED HE THEM.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 2:18 And the Lord God said, **IT IS NOT GOOD THAT THE MAN SHOULD BE ALONE; I WILL MAKE HIM AN HELP MEET FOR HIM.**

IF GOD MADE MAN IN HIS IMAGE AND AFTER HIS LIKENESS, THEN IF IT WAS "NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE," THEN GOD DID NOT WANT TO BE ALONE EITHER.

Genesis 2:7-9

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:21-25

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and **he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;**

22 **And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.**

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: **she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 **And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.**

Genesis 3:20-21

20 And **ADAM CALLED HIS WIFE'S NAME EVE; because she was the mother of all living.**

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

HELP MEET (*CWSB Dictionary*) = H5048. *neg e* : **A preposition indicating before, in front of, OPPOSITE; corresponding to.** It has a special sense to indicate Eve's likeness to Adam (Gen. 2:18, 20), with the preposition *ke* prefixed.

IF EVE WAS ADAM'S "HELP MEET" (THE OPPOSITE or THE OTHER HALF OF HIMSELF), THEN "MANKIND" IS GOD'S "OPPOSITE" or MORE SPECIFICALLY THE CHURCH IS HIS "OTHER HALF."

1 Corinthians 15:42-49

45 **And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

47 **The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.**

48 **As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.**

49 **And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.**

THE CHURCH WAS "FORMED" FROM WHAT CAME OUT OF THE "SECOND ADAM'S" SIDE — BLOOD AND WATER.

WHILE THE LORD OFFERS HIS LOVE TO ALL OF MANKIND, HIS OTHER HALF (OPPOSITE) THAT COMPLETES HIM (Ephesians 1:21-22) IS THE CHURCH BECAUSE "SHE" HAS ACCEPTED, RECEIVED, AND IS FILLED WITH HIS LOVE BY HIS SPIRIT (Romans 5:5; 1 John 4).

SINCE GOD WAS ALONE, THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT GOD COULD NOT DO AS THE INFINITE GOD WHO EXISTED ALONE!

HE COULD NOT MANIFEST HIMSELF TO HIMSELF AND HE COULD NOT LOVE BY LOVING HIMSELF.

GOD IS LOVE!

HE HAS POWER!

BUT HE IS LOVE!

LOVE IS GOD'S FUNDAMENTAL NATURE AND FOUNDATION OF HIS ETERNAL CHARACTER.

NO PART OF GOD IS MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM THAN HIS LOVE.

1 John 4:7-19

7 Beloved, let us love one another: **FOR LOVE IS OF GOD**; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 **He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**

9 **In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.**

10 **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

11 **Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.**

12 **No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

13 **HEREBY KNOW WE THAT WE DWELL IN HIM, AND HE IN US, BECAUSE HE HATH GIVEN US OF HIS SPIRIT.**

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. GOD IS LOVE; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 WE LOVE HIM, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.

Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM, FOR HIM, AND FOR HIS PLEASURE (WILL)

FROM AMONG THE MULTITUDE AVAILABLE FOR INCLUSION HERE, THE FOLLOWING VERSES MAKE IT ABUNDANT CLEAR THAT GOD'S REASON FOR CREATING EVERYTHING WAS FOR HIMSELF!

Proverbs 16:4 **The Lord hath made all things for himself:** yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Revelation 4:9-11

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure [WILL, DIVINE PURPOSE] they are and were created.**

PLEASURE (WILL) (*Strong's*) = g2307. *thelema*; from the prolonged form of 2309; **a determination (properly, the thing), i.e. (actively) choice (specially, purpose, decree; abstractly, volition)** or (passively) inclination: — desire, pleasure, will.

AV (64) - will 62, desire 1, pleasure 1;

I. **what one wishes or has determined shall be done**

A. **Of the purpose of God to bless mankind through Christ**

B. of what God wishes to be done by us

1. commands, precepts

II. **will, choice, inclination, desire, pleasure**

Revelation 4:11 (*New King James Version*)

11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; **For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.**"

Revelation 4:11 (*Wuest*)

11 Worthy are you, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, **because, as for you, you created all things, and because you willed it, they existed and were created.**

Revelation 4:11 (*Rotherham's Emphasized Bible*)

11 Worthy, art thou, O Lord, and our God, to receive the glory, and the honour, and the power: **because thou didst create all things, and, by reason of thy will, they were, and were created.**

Revelation 4:11 (*New Century Version*)

11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, **because you made all things. Everything existed and was made, because you wanted it.**"

Revelation 4:11 (*Weymouth New Testament*)

11 saying, "It is fitting, O our Lord and God, That we should ascribe unto Thee the glory and the honor and the power; **For Thou didst create all things, And because it was Thy will they came into existence, and were created.**"

Revelation 4:11 (*God's Word Translation*)

11 "Our Lord and God, you deserve to receive glory, honor, and power **because you created everything. Everything came into existence and was created because of your will.**"

Revelation 4:11 (*Good News Translation*)

11 "Our Lord and God! You are worthy to receive glory, honor, and power. **For you created all things, and by your will they were given existence and life.**"

Revelation 4:11 (*International Standard Version*)

11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honor, and power, **because you created all things; they came into existence and were created because of your will.**"

ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIMSELF, FOR HIMSELF!

Colossians 1:16-19

16 **For by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, AND FOR HIM:**

17 **And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

19 **FOR IT PLEASSED THE FATHER THAT IN HIM SHOULD ALL FULNESS DWELL;**

Romans 11:33-36

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 FOR OF HIM, AND THROUGH HIM, AND TO HIM, ARE ALL THINGS: TO WHOM BE GLORY FOR EVER. AMEN.

THE VERSES QUOTED ABOVE MAKE IT VERY PLAIN THAT GOD HAD A PLAN AND A PURPOSE IN CREATING THE UNIVERSE INCLUDING AND ULTIMATELY ALL OF MANKIND.

THIS PLAN AND PURPOSE IS ALSO CALLED THE “WILL OF GOD” OR “THE WILL OF OUR FATHER.”

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEPARATE THE PLAN AND PURPOSE OF GOD FROM THE WILL OF GOD REGARDLESS OF WHAT LEVEL OR DIMENSION OF HIS WILL THAT IS BEING REFERENCED.

THE WILL OF THE FATHER ENCOMPASSES EVERYTHING FROM THE MOMENT TO MOMENT DECISIONS OF LIFE FOR ALL OF US INDIVIDUALLY, ALL THE WAY TO THE SINGLE OVERALL PLAN FOR ALL OF ETERNITY — AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN BETWEEN.

Romans 8:28-30

28 And we know that all things work together for good TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WHY HAS ALL OF THIS BEEN DONE?

AGAIN, GOD HAD A “NEED.”

I BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT GOD IS SELF-EXISTENT BUT I CAN'T FIND WHERE IT TEACHES THAT HE IS “SELF-CONTAINED.”

I BELIEVE THAT THE FACT THAT WE ARE HERE AT ALL DEMONSTRATES HIS “NEED” AND THAT HIS IS NOT SELF-CONTAINED.

IF LOVE IS THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF HIS NATURE AND CHARACTER, THEN LOVE COULD NEVER BE FULFILLED BY LOVING SELF.

THEREFORE!

WHEN THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE BUT HIMSELF, GOD COULD NOT FULLY MANIFEST HIMSELF AS HIMSELF.

TO FULLY MANIFEST HIMSELF AS HIMSELF, HE NEEDED SOMEONE OR SOMETHING TO EXIST BEYOND HIMSELF SO THAT HE COULD MANIFEST HIS MOST FUNDAMENTAL CHARACTERISTIC AND QUALITY, WHICH IS LOVE.

HOWEVER, EVEN AN INFINITE GOD CANNOT CREATE THE INFINITE.

THEREFORE, BY DEFINITION, ANYTHING BROUGHT INTO EXISTENCE WHICH DID NOT PREVIOUSLY EXIST COULD NOT BE INFINITE, IT CAN ONLY BE FINITE.

THE FINITE CAN BE ETERNAL (ENDLESS), BUT IT CAN NEVER BE INFINITE.

OUR SOULS ARE ETERNAL, BOTH ANGELS AND DEMONS ARE ETERNAL. ETERNAL THINGS HAVE A BEGINNING BUT NO END.

GOD IS ETERNAL BECAUSE HE HAS NO END.

BUT, HE IS ALSO INFINITE — NO BEGINNING OR ENDING.

THE INFINITE GOD CAN CREATE THE ETERNAL BUT NOT THE INFINITE!

GOD'S MOTIVE FOR CREATION WAS LOVE! HE DESIRED SOMEONE "LIKE HIMSELF" HAVING THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE (EXERCISE THE WILL) SO THAT HE COULD LOVE AND BE LOVED.

TO FULLY MANIFEST HIMSELF, HE NEEDED SOMEONE OR SOMETHING TO EXIST BEYOND OR "OUTSIDE" OF HIMSELF SO THAT HE COULD MANIFEST HIS LOVE.

**HOWEVER, ANYTHING THAT HE BROUGHT INTO EXISTENCE WOULD NOT BE INFINITE. THE ONE THING GOD CANNOT DO IS CREATE ANOTHER GOD.
(Please don't forget that point.)**

SINCE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT IS CREATED BY GOD CANNOT THEN BE GOD AND HE ALONE IS INFINITE (LIMITLESS), ALL OF CREATION WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO BE FINITE.

THE FUNDAMENTAL CHARACTERISTIC OF AGAPE LOVE IS THAT IT IS NOT AN EMOTION, BUT IT IS A DECISION OF THE WILL.

AGAIN, LOVE IS A CHOICE, A DECISION.

IN ORDER TO LOVE AND BE LOVED, GOD HAD TO CREATE BEINGS WHO HAD BOTH THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE AND THE RIGHT/AUTHORITY TO CHOOSE!

THE CREATOR CREATING BEINGS WITH A FREEWILL WAS THE FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR GOD'S MANIFESTATION OF HIMSELF.

AGAIN, THERE WAS NO GLORY TO GOD IN "MANIFESTING" HIMSELF TO HIMSELF!

THESE FINITE, CREATED BEINGS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO EXIST.

**SO GOD HAD TO FIRST CREATE TIME AND SPACE.
TIME AND SPACE ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE FINITE.**

HOWEVER, BEFORE ANY OF THIS COULD HAPPEN AND IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH ALL OF THIS,
THE INFINITE ONE FIRST NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO RELATE TO THE FINITE.

HOW DOES AN INFINITE GOD RELATE TO THE FINITE — TIME AND SPACE?

HE DOESN'T!

THE INFINITE, BY DEFINITION, CANNOT BE FINITE NEITHER CAN IT INTERACT DIRECTLY WITH THE FINITE WITHOUT THEN BECOMING FINITE.

AGAIN, IF THE ONE WHO IS UNLIMITED AND FUNDAMENTALLY OUTSIDE OF TIME AND SPACE WERE TO DIRECTLY INTERACT WITH THE FINITE (TIME AND SPACE), **THEN HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CEASE TO BE INFINITE!**

IF GOD CEASES TO BE INFINITE, THEN INSTANTANEOUSLY GOD AND EVERYTHING ELSE WOULD CEASE TO EXIST. WHY?

BECAUSE EVERYTHING EXISTS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear [OR, that can be seen by the finite].

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

UPHOLDING (*Thayer's Greek Lexicon*) g5342. φέρω pherō;
to bear up i.e. uphold (keep from falling)of Christ, the preserver of the universe

AGAIN, THE INFINITE ONE IS NOT SUBJECT TO TIME OR SPACE.

IN ORDER TO CREATE AND RELATE TO TIME AND SPACE, HE HIMSELF NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO RELATE TO THE FINITE. BUT, HOW?

HOW DOES AN INFINITE GOD RELATE TO THE FINITE — TIME AND SPACE?

THE I AM GOD CREATED AN “INTERMEDIARY, A CONDUIT, AN INTERFACE”!

HE BECAME LOGOS!

Definition of *INTERMEDIARY*: “A person who acts as a link between people in order to try to bring about an agreement or reconciliation; a mediator. (*Google*)

Definition of *CONDUIT*: “An agency or means of access, communication, etc.” (*Collins Dictionary*)

Definition of *INTERFACE*:

Dictionary.com: “A thing or circumstance that enables separate and sometimes incompatible elements to coordinate effectively.”

Webster's: “Something that enables separate and sometimes incompatible elements to coordinate or communicate.”

THE LOGOS MADE FLESH IS THE MEDIATOR

1 Timothy 2:3-6

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 **For there is one God, and one *mediator* between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1 Timothy 2:5 (**The Amplified Version**)

5 For there [is only] one God, and [only] one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

1 Timothy 2:5 (**New International Reader's Version**)

5 There is only one God. And there is only one go-between for God and human beings. He is the man Christ Jesus.

Vine's on 1 Timothy 2:5: "More than mere "mediatorship" is in view, for the salvation of men necessitated that the Mediator should Himself possess the nature and attributes of Him towards whom He acts, and should likewise participate in the nature of those for whom He acts (sin apart); only by being possessed both of deity and humanity could He comprehend the claims of the one and the needs of the other; further, the claims and the needs could be met only by One who, Himself being proved sinless, would offer Himself an expiatory sacrifice on behalf of men."

MEDIATOR (STRONG'S GREEK DICTIONARY) = # NT:3316 mesites (mes-ee'-tace); from NT:3319; a go-between, i.e. (simply) an internunciator, or (by implication) a reconciler (intercessor):

KJV - mediator.

LOGOS IS THE INFINITE GOD MANIFESTED IN AND INTERACTING WITH THE FINITE!

Hebrews 1:1-5,8-10

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by [his] SON, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;**

3 **Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

8 **But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.**

9 **Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**

10 **And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:**

Hebrews 1:1-5 (*The Amplified Version*)

1 IN MANY separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the Truth] and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in and by the prophets,

2 **[But] in the last of these days He has spoken to us in [the person of a] SON [LOGOS MADE FLESH], Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order].**

3 **He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the UNIVERSE by His mighty word of power.** When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,

4 [Taking a place and rank by which] He Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious Name (title) which He has inherited is different from and more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did [God] ever say, **You are My Son, today I have begotten You [established You in an official Sonship relation, with kingly dignity]? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He will be to Me a Son?**

Hebrews 1:1-4 (*Wuest's Expanded Translation*)

1 In many parts and in different ways God in former times having spoken to the fathers by means of the prophets,

2 **in the last of these days spoke to us in One who by nature is [His] Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He constituted the ages;**

3 **who, being the out-raying [effulgence] of His glory and the exact reproduction of His essence, and sustaining, guiding, and propelling all things by the word of His power,** having made

purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 having become by so much superior to the angels as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He say at any time, Son of mine you are, I this day have begotten you? and again, **I WILL BE TO HIM AS A FATHER, AND HE HIMSELF SHALL BE TO ME AS A SON?**

EXPRESS IMAGE (*Strong's*) = NT:5481 *charakter* (khar-ak-tare'); from the same as NT:5482; a graver (the tool or the person), i.e. (by implication) engraving (["character"], **the figure stamped, i.e. an exact copy or [figuratively] representation**):

KJV - express image.

EXPRESS IMAGE (*Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament*) = NT:5481 *charakter*; Thus Christ (alone) [LOGOS MADE FLESH] is viewed as "the reflection of the divine glory" and as "**the one imprinted by the divine reality/by God's essence.**"

EXPRESS IMAGE (*Thayer's*) = NT:5481 *charakter*; **THE EXACT EXPRESSION (THE IMAGE) OF ANY PERSON OR THING, MARKED LIKENESS, PRECISE REPRODUCTION IN EVERY RESPECT.**

THE LOGOS IS THE EXACT EXPRESSION OF THE INFINITE GOD INTO TIME AND SPACE.

HE IS FULLY GOD IN ALL OF HIS ESSENTIAL CHARACTER AND SUBSTANCE.

HE IS THE ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD INTERACTING WITH THE FINITE (TIME AND SPACE).

CHRIST (LOGOS MADE FLESH) IS THE IMAGE OF GOD.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **Christ, who is the image of God**, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

IMAGE (*Strong's Greek Dictionary*) g1504. εἰκών eikōn; from 1503; **a likeness, i.e. (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance:** — image.

AV (23) - image 23;

IMAGE (*Thayer's Greek Lexicon*) g1504. εἰκών eikōn;

I. **an image, figure, likeness**

A. an image of the things (the heavenly things)

1. used of the moral likeness of renewed men to God
2. the image of the Son of God, into which true Christians are transformed, is likeness not only to the heavenly body, but also to the most holy and blessed state of mind, which Christ possesses

B. the image of one

1. one in whom the likeness of any one is seen
2. applied to man on account of his power of command
3. to Christ on account of his divine nature and absolute moral excellence

(CWSB Dictionary) *Eikon* sometimes may be used as syn. with *homoíōma* (G3667), and both may refer to earthly copies and resemblances of the archetypal things in the heavens. However, there is a distinction in that *eikon*, image, always assumes a prototype, that which it not merely resembles but from which it is drawn (Rev. 13:14, 15; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4; Sept.: Deut. 4:16; 2 Kgs. 11:18; Is. 40:19, 20; Ezek. 23:14). Thus, the reflection of the sun on the water is *eikon*. More importantly, the child is *émpsychos* (possessed of a soul) *eikon*, image of his parents. *Homoíōma* is the result, the likeness or resemblance (Rom. 1:23; 5:14; 6:5; 8:3; Phil. 2:7; Rev. 9:7). *Homoíōsis* (G3669) is the process or act of producing a likeness or resemblance (James 3:9). However, while in *homoíōma* and *homoíōsis* there is resemblance, it by no means follows that it is derived from what it resembles. There may be a resemblance between two men in no way related to each other. **The *eikon*, image, includes and involves the resemblance or similitude (*homoíōsis*), but the *homoíōsis* does not involve the image. The Son is the *eikon* of God indicating the revelatory character of the incarnation (2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15).**

Romans 8:29 **For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

Colossians 1:13-16

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 **Who is THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, the firstborn of every creature:**

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 3:10-11

10 **And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge AFTER THE IMAGE OF HIM THAT CREATED HIM:**

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: **but Christ is all, and in all.**

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD — THE I AM.

IF THE LOGOS IS NOT THE FULLNESS OF THE I AM GOD “EXPRESSED” INTO TIME AND SPACE, THEN HE IS NOT GOD AT ALL.

LOGOS IS THE ORIGINATOR/CREATOR OF THE FINITE AND CAN INTERJECT HIMSELF INTO AND RELATE TO THE FINITE.

YET, HE IS STILL ALL OF THE INFINITE GOD WHO CAN DO SO. HE IS FULLY ALL OF THE INFINITE GOD THAT CAN INTERFACE WITH TIME AND SPACE.

ONE MORE TIME, THE INFINITE GOD WHO IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF TIME AND SPACE HAD TO HAVE A MEANS WHEREBY HE COULD CREATE THE FINITE.

SO, THE INFINITE GOD BECAME OR EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS LOGOS. BY MEANS OF LOGOS, THE INFINITE GOD COULD CREATE THE FINITE (TIME AND SPACE) AND INTERACT WITH IT, YET REMAIN INFINITE.

**LOGOS IS THE FULNESS OF GOD IN TIME AND SPACE.
FULNESS IS NOT A QUANTITATIVE STATEMENT; IT IS A
QUALITATIVE STATEMENT.**

Colossians 2:8-10

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

**9 FOR IN HIM DWELLETH ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD
BODILY.**

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Colossians 1:19 **FOR IT PLEASSED THE FATHER THAT IN HIM SHOULD ALL
FULNESS DWELL;**

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

**8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient
unto death, even the death of the cross.**

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-8 (*Wuest's Expanded Translation of the New Testament*)

5 This mind be constantly having in you. [This is the mind] which is also in Christ Jesus,

**6 who has always been and at present continues to subsist in
that mode of being in which He gives outward expression of His
essential nature, that of absolute deity, which expression comes
from and is truly representative of His inner being [that of
absolute deity], and who did not after weighing the facts,
consider it a treasure to be clutched and retained at all hazards,
this being on an equality with deity [in the expression of the
divine essence],**

7 but himself He emptied, himself He made void, having taken the outward expression of a bonds slave, which expression comes from and is truly representative of His nature [as deity], entering into a new state of existence, that of mankind.

8 And being found to be in outward guise as man, He stooped very low, having become obedient [to God the Father] to the extent of death, even such a death as that upon a cross.

9 Because of which voluntary act of supreme self-renunciation God also supereminently exalted Him to the highest rank and power, and graciously bestowed upon Him the Name, the name which is above every name,

10 in order that in recognition of the Name [all which the Lord Jesus is in His Person and work] which Jesus possesses, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, of things on earth, and of things under the earth,

11 and in order that every tongue should plainly and openly agree to the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord, resulting in the glory of God the Father.

LOGOS IS GOD EXPRESSED INTO THE FINITE — TIME AND SPACE.

ONE SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF LOGOS IS THAT IT IS THE PLAN OF GOD (HIS “BLUEPRINT”).

YET, EVEN THE LOGOS WAS MADE SUBJECT TO THOSE VERY PLANS AND PURPOSES:

Acts 2:22-36

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, **BEING DELIVERED BY THE DETERMINATE COUNSEL AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD**, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

THE LOVE OF GOD COMPELLED HIM TO PROVIDE A MEANS TO REDEEM MAN FROM THE WRONG CHOICES THAT WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY GIVING MAN FREEWILL.

LOVE IS ONLY LOVE IF IT INVOLVES THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE, BUT BY GIVING MAN THE POWER TO CHOOSE TO LOVE, GOD ALSO GAVE MAN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE WRONGLY.

SINCE GOD IS LOVE, FROM THE BEGINNING HIS PLAN INCLUDED THE MEANS WHEREBY HE COULD REDEEM MAN.

THUS, LOGOS WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US BOTH TO MANIFEST THE LOVE OF GOD TO MANKIND AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT LOVE THROUGH PROVIDING FOR MAN'S REDEMPTION.

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

Revelation 5:5-8

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb as it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, **the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb**, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

GOD HIMSELF BECAME LOGOS!

GOD BECOMING LOGOS WAS THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING ELSE!

John 1:1-3,4

1 In the beginning was the Word [GREEK = LOGOS], and the Word [GREEK = LOGOS] was with God, and the Word [GREEK = LOGOS] was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 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:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word [GREEK = LOGOS] was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME; THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHICH IS IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER, HE HATH DECLARED HIM.

John 1:18 (*World English Bible*)

18 No one has seen God at any time. The one and only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him.

John 1:18 (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*)

18 No man has ever seen God at any time; the only unique Son, or the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him [He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known].

John 1:18 (*Complete Jewish Bible 2016*)

18 No one has ever seen God; but the only and unique Son, who is identical with God and is at the Father's side — he has made him known.

John 1:18 (*Wuest Expanded Translation*)

18 Absolute deity in its essence no one has ever yet seen. God uniquely-begotten, He who is in the bosom of the Father, that One fully explained deity.

John 1:18 (*Bible in Basic English*)

18 No man has seen God at any time; the only Son, who is on the breast of the Father, he has made clear what God is.

John 1:18 (*Easy-to-Read Version*)

18 (Mt. 3:1-12; Mk. 1:1-8; Lk. 3:1-9, 15-17) NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD. THE ONLY SON IS THE ONE WHO HAS SHOWN US WHAT GOD IS LIKE. HE IS HIMSELF GOD AND IS VERY CLOSE TO THE FATHER.

1 John 1:1-7

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:1-3 (*The Message Bible*)

1 JOHN 1 From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in — we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands.

2 The Word [**GREEK = LOGOS**] of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! **And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us.**

3 We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6 (*Young's Literal Translation*)

6 For a Child hath been born to us, A Son hath been given to us, And the princely power is on his shoulder, And He doth call his name Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, **Father of Eternity**, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (*The Complete Jewish Bible*)

5(6) For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; dominion will rest on his shoulders, and he will be given the name Pele-Yo'etz El Gibbor Avi-'Ad Sar-Shalom [Wonder of a Counselor, Mighty God, **Father of Eternity**, Prince of Peace],

LOGOS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD AND THE AGENCY BY WHICH ALL CREATION OCCURRED.

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, **the beginning of the creation of God;**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

Hebrews 11:3 **Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds;**

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Colossians 1:9-20

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 **Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:**

16 **For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:**

17 **And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

18 **And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

19 **For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;**

THE “I AM” GOD IS INVISIBLE TO THE FINITE AND ALWAYS WILL BE!

HIS PLAN WAS TO HAVE SOMEONE OR “SOMETHING” THROUGH WHOM HE COULD “MANIFEST” HIMSELF — OR THROUGH WHOM HE COULD MAKE HIMSELF VISIBLE TO ALL OF CREATION.

VISIBLE THINGS ARE TEMPORAL HERE AND FINITE WITH REGARDS TO THE SUPERNATURAL.

THE INVISIBLE IS ETERNAL AND SUPERNATURAL HERE.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 **While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: FOR THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN ARE TEMPORAL; BUT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL.**

“SPIRITUALLY SEEING” (“LOOKING AT”) THE INVISIBLE HERE WHILE WE LIVE IN THE TEMPORAL IS ONE OF THE KEYS FOR US TO HAVE FAITH AND VICTORY OVER THE WORLD AND THE ADVERSARY.

Hebrews 11:24-28

27 **By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: FOR HE ENDURED, AS SEEING HIM WHO IS INVISIBLE.**

1 Timothy 1:14-17

17 **Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

1 John 4:12-14,20

12 **No man hath seen God at any time.** If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, **how can he love God whom he hath not seen?**

John 1:14-18

14 **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

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

John 6:46 **Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.**

1 Timothy 6:13-16

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 **Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;**

16 **Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.**

CHRIST (THE LOGOS MADE FLESH) IS THE ONLY VISIBLE REPRESENTATION AND MANIFESTATION TO FINITE OF THE INVISIBLE, INFINITE GOD — FOREVER!

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5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

IMAGE (*Vine's*) = eikon ^{^1504^} denotes "an image"; the word involves the two ideas of **representation and manifestation.**

**EVEN IN HEAVEN AND ETERNITY, CHRIST WILL
CONTINUE TO BE THE VISIBLY MANIFESTATION OF THE
INVISIBLE I AM GOD.**

ONE THRONE AND ONE SITTING ON THE THRONE

THE ONLY WAY THAT CHRIST CAN BE SITTING ON “HIS THRONE” AND THE FATHER’S THRONE SIMULTANEOUSLY IS BECAUSE THE FATHER WAS SITTING ON THE ONE THRONE OF HEAVEN INSIDE OF CHRIST, THE LAMB OF GOD.

Revelation 3:21-4:2

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in MY THRONE, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in HIS THRONE.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, A THRONE was set in heaven, and one sat on THE THRONE.

Revelation 22:1 **And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out OF THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB.**

THE LAMB IS BOTH THE TEMPLE AND THE LAMP — FOREVER!

Revelation 21:22-23

22 And I saw no temple therein [NEW JERUSALEM]: FOR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE THE TEMPLE OF IT [JOHN 2:17-21].

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT [GREEK = “LAMP”] THEREOF.

LOGOS AND THE I AM

QUESTION: WHO IS JESUS REFERRING TO IN JOHN 8:58, THE LOGOS OR THE INFINITE / AM?

THE LOGOS IS THE I AM INTERFACING WITH TIME AND SPACE.

SO THE ANSWER IS “BOTH” BECAUSE THEY ARE ACTUALLY INSEPARABLE. IN TIME AND SPACE (THE FINITE) YOU CANNOT HAVE A GOD WHO IS “EITHER OR.”

THE ONLY WAY WE HUMANS CAN COMMUNICATE WITH OR RELATE TO THE I AM IS THROUGH THE LOGOS. SEE JOHN 14:6.

THE MOMENT THAT I “SEPARATE” THE LOGOS FROM THE I AM I “UN-DEIFY” HIM. THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD, THE I AM!

IF THE LOGOS IS NOT THE I AM RELATING TO TIME AND SPACE, THEN THE LOGOS CEASES TO BE GOD.

THERE IS NO DEITY BUT THE I AM. THE LOGOS IS ONLY GOD TO THE DEGREE THAT HE IS ALL OF THE I AM THAT CAN RELATE TO OR “INTERFACE” WITH A DIMENSION THAT IS DIAMETRICALLY THE OPPOSITE TO WHO AND WHAT HE IS:

THE UNLIMITED ONE, THE UN-DEFINABLE ONE, THE ONLY SELF-EXISTENT ONE, THE ONE IN AND THROUGH WHOM ALL THINGS EXIST!

THE LOGOS IS THE I AM BUT OBVIOUSLY ONLY QUALITATIVELY NOT QUANTITATIVELY WHEN REFERRING TO TIME AND SPACE

PAUL SAID IN HIM (LOGOS MADE FLESH) DWELLS ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. THE I AM AND THE LOGOS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME EXCEPT IN DIMENSION.

TIME AND SPACE BEING THE ONLY LIMITATION ON THE LOGOS’ DIMENSION.

ALL OTHER “QUALITIES” OR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE I AM ARE FULLY MANIFESTED IN, BY, AND THROUGH THE LOGOS.

GOD'S KNOWLEDGE IS ETERNAL

God can "know" something without thinking about it.

Knowledge is not subject to time.

Wisdom is not subject to time.

Understanding is not subject to time.

GOD - The I AM - has never had anything less than perfect and complete knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

Thinking is a process and is subject to time.

Gaining knowledge is subject to time.

Gaining wisdom is subject to time.

Making decisions is a function of time.

Relationship is a function of time.

Communication is a function of time.

THE I AM can "do" anything, even devise a way, means, method whereby the timeless One, The limitless One can interact with time and space. He became Logos!

AGAIN, GOD HAS ALWAYS HAD A PLAN!

Acts 2:23 Him, **being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Acts 2:23 (The Amplified Version)

23 This Jesus, when delivered up according to the definite and fixed purpose and settled plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and put out of the way [killing Him] by the hands of lawless and wicked men.

Acts 2:23 (Wuest's Expanded Translation of the New Testament)

23 this One, having been delivered up by the counsel of God which [in the council held by the Trinity] had decided upon His destiny, even by the foreordination of God which is that act fixing His destiny, by wicked hands you crucified and killed,

Acts 2:23 (Bible in Basic English)

23 Him, when he was given up, by the decision and knowledge of God, you put to death on the cross, by the hands of evil men:

Acts 2:23 (Holy Bible: Easy-to-Read Version)

23 Jesus was handed over to you, and you killed him. With the help of evil men, you nailed him to a cross. But God knew all this would happen. It was his plan—a plan he made long ago.

Acts 2:23 (Expanded Bible New Testament)

23 Jesus was ·given [handed over] to you, and ·with the help [by the hands] of ·those who don't know the law [or lawless ones; wicked people; a reference to the Gentiles/Romans who crucified Jesus], you put him to death by nailing him to a cross. But this was ·God's plan which he had made long ago [according to God's predetermined plan]; ·he knew all this would happen [... and his foreknowledge

Acts 2:23 (The Apologetics Study Bible)

2:23 Jesus' death was due to God's plan and foreknowledge, but human beings were also held responsible. The NT often affirms both divine purpose and human involvement without necessarily explaining how they work together (or minimizing either).

Acts 4:23-31

23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

28 **FOR TO DO WHATSOEVER THY HAND AND THY COUNSEL**

DETERMINED BEFORE TO BE DONE.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

DETERMINATE COUNSEL AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD

(from Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary) Acts 2:23

Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God - **that is, delivered both by God's fixed purpose and by His perfect foresight of all the steps which that involved,**

(from *Bible Knowledge Commentary*) Acts 2:23

The point of this verse is clear: the Crucifixion was no accident. It was in God's set purpose (boule, "plan") and was God's determined will, not merely His inclination. It was a divine necessity (cf. 4:28). When Peter referred to you, he meant Jews; and by wicked men he perhaps meant Gentiles because the word "wicked" means lawless (anomon). Both Gentiles and Jews were implicated in Christ's death. Many times the apostles accused the Jews of crucifying Jesus (2:23,36; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30; 7:52; 10:39; 13:28), though the apostles also held the Gentiles culpable (2:23; 4:27; cf. Luke 23:24-25).

DETERMINATE (*Strong's Greek Dictionary*) = # NT:3724 horizo (hor-id'-zo); from NT:3725; **to mark out or bound ("horizon"), i.e. (figuratively) to appoint, decree, specify:**

KJV - declare, determine, limit, ordain.

COUNSEL (*The Complete Word Study Dictionary*) = #NT1012. βουλή *boulé*; gen. *boulés*, fem. noun. Will, purpose, intention as the result of reflection; counsel, decree, aim or estimation as it denotes deliberation and reflection; the assembly of the council. In Mod. Gr., parliament is called *boulé*. Distinguished from *thélema* (G2307) which stands also for the commanding and executing will of God. The will (*boulé*) of God refers only to God's own purpose. *Thélema* signifies the will urging on to action, while *boulé*, the counsel preceding the resolve, signifies the decision. Therefore, Eph. 1:11 should be translated "according to the decision [or plan] of His will" (a. t.). The apostle not only gives prominence to the absolute freedom of the decision of the divine will, but calls attention to the saving plan lying at the basis of the saving will as it manifests itself. In some instances *boulé* and *thélema* are perfectly syn. *Boulé* is also used to denote the divine decree concerning redemption

FOREKNOWLEDGE IS ONLY FOREKNOWLEDGE IN RELATION TO TIME AND MAN.

TO GOD, IT IS JUST KNOWLEDGE.

IT CANNOT BE SAID OF GOD THAT HE KNOWS SOMETHING BEFORE IT HAPPENS BECAUSE HE IS ALREADY THERE SO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TIME IS ALREADY PRESENT TENSE TO HIM AND TO HIM ONLY.

THE LORD INTENDS FOR US TO VIEW OR UNDERSTAND HIS PROMISES AS "FOREKNOWLEDGE"!

WHY? BECAUSE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE FUTURE REVEALED TO US HERE AND NOW AS "PROMISES" BUT HE IS ALREADY THERE!

FOREKNOWLEDGE (from *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Revised Edition*)
FOREKNOW [Gk. *proginœ;skœ*] (Romans 8:29; 11:2); NEB KNEW BEFORE, "acknowledged of old as his own"; FOREKNOWLEDGE [Gk. *prôgnœsis*] (Acts 2:23); NEB "plan." **These Greek terms express the concept of knowing reality before it is real and events before they occur.** In the NT these terms (used also in 1 Peter 1:2,20; RSV "destine") always refer to God's knowledge, except in Acts 26:5; 2 Peter 3:17 (in which the human foreknowledge is the result of information received earlier or of revelation). **In theology, therefore, "foreknowledge" refers to that aspect of God's omniscience whereby God not only knows all things and persons, but knows them before they are real or before they occur.**

FOREKNOWLEDGE (from *Barnes' Notes*) Acts 2:23

[Foreknowledge] **This word denotes "the seeing beforehand of an event yet to take place." It implies:**

1. **Omniscience; and,**
2. **That the event is fixed and certain.**

To foresee a contingent event, that is, to foresee that an event will take place when it may or may not take place, is an absurdity. Foreknowledge, therefore, implies that for some reason the event will certainly take place. What that reason is, the word itself does not determine as, however, God is represented in the Scriptures as purposing or determining future events; as they could not be foreseen by him unless he had so determined, so the word sometimes is used in the sense of determining beforehand, or as synonymous with decreeing, Romans 8:29; 11:2. In this place the word is used to denote that the delivering up of Jesus was something more than a bare or naked decree. It implies that God did it according to his foresight of what would be the best time, place, and manner of its being done. It was not the result merely of will; it was will directed by a wise foreknowledge of what would be best. And this is the case with all the decrees of God. It follows from this that the conduct of the Jews was foreknown. God was not disappointed in anything respecting their treatment of his Son, nor will he be disappointed in any of the actions of people. Notwithstanding the wickedness of the world, his counsel shall stand, and he will do all his pleasure, Isaiah 46:10.

ADDITIONAL VERSES WHICH REVEAL THAT GOD HAS ALWAYS HAD A PLAN!

John 17:4-5

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: **I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.**

5 And now, **O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; **that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

Matthew 13:34-35

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 **That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.**

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

Luke 11:49-51

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

50 **That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;**

51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

Ephesians 1:3-6

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 **According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Hebrews 1:8-12

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And, **Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:**

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Hebrews 4:2-3

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.**

Hebrews 9:6-28

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

1 Peter 1:17-23

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Revelation 13:7-8

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, **whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

Revelation 17:8-9

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

Acts 15:13-21

13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 **Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.**

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

Isaiah 46:9-11

9 **Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,**

10 **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

11 **Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.**

Daniel 4:34-35

34 **And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:**

35 **And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?**

Luke 24:44-49

44 **And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

45 **Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,**

46 **And said unto them, THUS IT IS WRITTEN, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**

47 **And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

48 **And ye are witnesses of these things.**

49 **And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

Romans 11:33-36

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 FOR OF HIM, AND THROUGH HIM, AND TO HIM, ARE ALL THINGS: TO WHOM BE GLORY FOR EVER. AMEN.

1 Peter 2:4-10

4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Proverbs 8:22-31

22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

ALL THINGS ARE OF, THROUGH, TO, and FOR HIM

Romans 11:33-36

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34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 **For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.**

Ephesians 4:4-6

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 **One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

Revelation 4:9-11

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Colossians 1:12-20

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 **For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:**

17 **And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

18 **And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Acts 17:24-31

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

HOW CAN GOD BE "FOR US"? BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE END BEFORE THE BEGINNING.

Romans 8:26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE APOSTOLIC JEW

THE FATHER CONSIDERS THAT EVERY JEWISH PERSON WHO HAS COME INTO THE NEW TESTAMENT SALVATION EXPERIENCE IS A FULFILLMENT OF HIS PROMISES TO ABRAHAM AND ISRAEL.

Romans 11:1-8

1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 **GOD HATH NOT CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE WHICH HE FOREKNEW.** Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 **But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.**

5 **EVEN SO THEN AT THIS PRESENT TIME ALSO THERE IS A REMNANT ACCORDING TO THE ELECTION OF GRACE.**

6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

7 **What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded**

8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

THE LORD HIDES AND REVEALS HIS SECRETS AS HE WILLS

Proverbs 25:2 **It is the glory of God to conceal a thing:** but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Deuteronomy 29:29 **The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.**

REVELATION RESULTS IN PERSONAL BENEFIT BECAUSE IT IS THE BASIS OF OUR REST:

Matthew 11:25-30

25 **At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.**

26 **Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.**

27 **All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.**

28 **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

29 **Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

30 **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

REVELATION IS ALSO CRITICAL TO OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM:

Luke 10:17-24

17 **And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.**

18 **And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**

19 **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

20 **Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

23 And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE REVELATION OF WHO CHRIST IS (THE LOGOS MADE FLESH) THEN WE CANNOT RECEIVE THE REVELATION OF WHO THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, IS.

Matthew 16:13-19

13 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?**

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But **whom say ye that I am?**

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

17 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.**

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church;** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY OF THE LOGOS MADE FLESH BRINGS US INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN.

Ephesians 3:9 **And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

Ephesians 3:9 (*Young's Literal Translation*)

9 and to cause all to see what [is] the fellowship of the secret that hath been hid from the ages in God, who the all things did create by Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 3:9 (*Literal Translation of the Holy Bible*)

9 and to bring to light all, what is the fellowship of the mystery having been hidden from eternity in God, the One creating all things through Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 3:9 (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*)

9 Also to enlighten all men and make plain to them what is the plan [regarding the Gentiles and providing for the salvation of all men] of the mystery kept hidden through the ages and concealed until now in [the mind of] God Who created all things by Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:9 (*Easy-to-Read Version*)

9 And God gave me the work of telling all people about the plan for his secret truth. That secret truth has been hidden in him since the beginning of time. He is the one who created everything.

Ephesians 1:9-10

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Ephesians 1:9-10 (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*)

9 Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him,

10 [He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth.

Ephesians 1:9-10 (*Wuest*)

9 having made known to us the mystery of His will according to that which seemed good to Him, which good thing He purposed in himself,
10 with respect to an administration of the completion of the epochs of time to bring back again to their original state all things in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him,

THE MYSTERIES. WHAT ARE THEY?

THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY MYSTERIES EVEN THOUGH THEY ALSO ARE INTERRELATED:

THE MYSTERY OF GOD FULLY REVEALED AND MADE VISIBLE THROUGH THE LOGOS MADE FLESH, CHRIST.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM WHICH INCLUDES ALL OF GOD'S PLANS FOR EVERY EXPRESSION OF HIS KINGDOM:

THE SPIRITUAL IN THE TEMPORAL WORLD

THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

“SPIRITUAL WISDOM” IS REVELATION OF THE DIVINE PLAN

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 **BUT GOD HATH REVEALED THEM UNTO US BY HIS SPIRIT: FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHETH ALL THINGS, YEA, THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD.**

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**

13 **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Ephesians 1:17-23

17 **THAT THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF GLORY, MAY GIVE UNTO YOU THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM:**

18 **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**

19 **And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,**

20 **Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,**

21 **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

22 **And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,**

23 **Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**

Colossians 1:26-29

26 **Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:**

27 **To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

28 **Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:**

29 **Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.**

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

Matthew 13:10-17

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

12 **For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.**

13 **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.**

14 **And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:**

15 **For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.**

16 **But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.**

17 **For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.**

Mark 4:9-13

9 **And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 **And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:**

12 **That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.**

Romans 16:25-27

25 **Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,**

26 **But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:**

27 **To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.**

WHO AND/OR WHAT IS LOGOS?

IN LIGHT OF THE SCRIPTURES THAT WE HAVE CONSIDERED, LET'S REVIEW WHO AND WHAT LOGOS IS TO THE I AM GOD?

Biblical synonyms for *LOGOS* is the plan, purpose, will, counsel, wisdom, etc. of the I AM. All of these words are used Scripturally to attempt to explain to our finite minds what the *LOGOS* actually is.

But each one only gives a small percentage of the total perception of the whole of what the *LOGOS* is in relation to the I AM.

A Very Brief Summarization of how Scholars define *LOGOS*:

THE DIVINE EXPRESSION or DEITY EXPRESSED IN TIME or TO THE FINITE

- The Character and Nature of the Infinite God (The I Am) Revealed.
- The Divine Reason or Plan Which Originated and Coordinates a Changing Universe.
- The Infinite God Interfacing with the Finite (His Creation)
 - Thus Fulfilling the Significance of the Title "Logos," the "Word," the Personal Manifestation, Not of a Part of the Divine Nature, but of the Whole Deity.

LOGOS IS NOT A "SEPARATE" GOD FROM THE "I AM," HE IS THE "I AM" (INFINITE GOD) "INTERFACING" WITH TIME AND SPACE — WITH THE FINITE!

LOGOS IS THE AGENCY THAT THE INFINITE GOD USED TO BRING EVERYTHING ELSE INTO EXISTENCE!

LOGOS IS THE EXPRESSION OF THE BEING AND PERSON OF THE INFINITE GOD TO AND INTO TIME AND SPACE.

LOGOS IS THE BEGINNING OF TIME AND SPACE AND IS THE CREATOR OF THEM.

LOGOS IS GREATER THAN MERELY "WORD" OR "THE WORD."

LOGOS IS THE TOTALITY OF THE PLAN AND PURPOSE OF GOD EXISTING BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE.

LOGOS IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE "MYSTERY" OF GOD.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY IDENTIFIES AS TRUE APOSTOLIC DISCIPLES.

Ephesians 3:9 **And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

MYSTERY (*Strong's*) = NT:3466 *musterion* (moos-tay'-ree-on); from a derivative of muo (to shut the mouth); **A SECRET or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites):**
KJV - mystery.

MYSTERY (*Thayer's*) = NT:3466 *musteerion*; a hidden thing, secret, mystery:
1. **a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding**
2. **a hidden purpose or counsel; secret will**

FELLOWSHIP (*Strong's*) = g2842. *κοινωνία koinōnia*; from 2844; **partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction: — (to) communicate(-ation), communion, (contri-)distribution, fellowship.**

AV (20) - fellowship 12, communion 4, communication 1, distribution 1, contribution 1, to communicate 1;

- I. **fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse**
 - A. **the share which one has in anything, participation**
 - B. intercourse, fellowship, intimacy
 - 1. the right hand as a sign and pledge of fellowship (in fulfilling the apostolic office)
 - C. a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship

1 Corinthians 8:6 **But to us there is but one God, the Father [INFINITE GOD], of whom are all things, AND we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ [LOGOS MADE FLESH], by whom are all things, and we by him.**

WHO IS THE DEITY MANIFESTED IN CHRIST (THE LOGOS MADE FLESH)?

EMMANUEL GOD WITH US

Matthew 1:18-23

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 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.**

GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

JESUS MADE BOTH LORD AND CHRIST

Acts 2:22-36

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, **that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

THE SON WHO IS THE FATHER

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 **For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, The Prince of Peace.**

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE.

John 10:27-30

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

THE SON DECLARES THE FATHER TO THIS WORLD

John 1:14-18

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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

THE SON IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET TO THE FATHER

John 14:6-12

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

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

9 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?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

THE LORD WILL FINISH HIS WORD LOGOS

Romans 9:27-28

27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

THESE VERSES ARE ONE OF MANY EXAMPLES OF THE HOLY GHOST HAVING AN OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE QUOTED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BUT ALTERING IT TO BECOME PROPHECY OF A FUTURE NEW TESTAMENT EVENT, NOT JUST A REFERENCE TO AN EVENT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Isaiah 10:22-23

22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

23 For the Lord God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

Even a casual study of Romans 9:28 compared to Isaiah 10:23 will discover that the Greek words used in this verse are not an exact translation/quote of the Old Testament verse. Why? Because the Lord used this text from the Old Testament to prophesy events specifically relating to New Testament end time events, whereas the Old Testament verse was a prophecy to Israel about Israel.

Romans 9:27-28

27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

Romans 9:27-28 (The Amplified Version)

27 And Isaiah calls out (solemnly cries aloud) over Israel: Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, only the remnant (a small part of them) will be saved [from perdition, condemnation, judgment]!

28 For the Lord will execute His sentence upon the earth [He will conclude and close His account with men completely and without delay], rigorously cutting it short in His justice. [Isaiah 10:22,23.]

Romans 9:27-28 (Wuest's Expanded Translation)

27-28 And Isaiah cries in anguish concerning Israel, If the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved. For the Lord will execute His word upon the earth, finishing and cutting it short.

Romans 9:27-28 (Young's Literal Translation)

27 And Isaiah doth cry concerning Israel, 'If the number of the sons of Israel may be as the sand of the sea, the remnant shall be saved;
28 for a matter He is finishing, and is cutting short in righteousness, because a matter cut short will the Lord do upon the land.

Romans 9:27-28 (Easy-to-Read Bible)

27 And Isaiah cries out about Israel: "There are so many people of Israel, they are like the grains of sand by the sea. But only a few of them will be saved.
28 Yes, the Lord will quickly finish judging the people on the earth."

Romans 9:27-28 (The Living Bible)

27 Isaiah the prophet cried out concerning the Jews that though there would be millions of them, only a small number would ever be saved.
28 "For the Lord will execute his sentence upon the earth, quickly ending his dealings, justly cutting them short."

Romans 9:27-28 (The Bible in Basic English)

27 And Isaiah says about Israel, Even if the number of the children of Israel is as the sand of the sea, only a small part will get salvation:
28 For the Lord will give effect to his word on the earth, putting an end to it and cutting it short.

Romans 9:27-28 (The Apologetics Study Bible)

27 But Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: Though the number of Israel's sons is like the sand of the sea, only the remnant will be saved;
28 for the Lord will execute His sentence completely and decisively on the earth.

Romans 9:27-28 (Darby's Translation)

27 But Esaias cries concerning Israel, Should the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant shall be saved:
28 for [he] is bringing the matter to an end, and [cutting [it] short in righteousness; because] a cutting short of the matter will [the] Lord accomplish upon the earth.

Romans 9:27-28 (**World English Bible**)

27 Isaiah cries concerning Israel, "If the number of the children of Israel are as the sand of the sea, It is the remnant who will be saved;

28 For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth."

Romans 9:27-28 (**The Complete Jewish Bible**)

27 But Yesha'yahu, referring to Isra'el, cries out, "Even if the number of people in Isra'el is as large as the number of grains of sand by the sea, only a remnant will be saved.

28 For Adonai will fulfill his word on the earth with certainty and without delay."

Romans 9:27-28 (**Douay-Rheims Bible**)

27 And Isaias crieth out concerning Israel: If the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.

28 For he shall finish his word, and cut it short in justice; because a short word shall the Lord make upon the earth.

**IN ROMANS 9:28, THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED
"WORK" IS LOGOS IN THE GREEK IN BOTH INSTANCES.**

THE GREEK WORD *LOGOS* IS USUALLY TRANSLATED "WORD" IN THE KING JAMES NEW TESTAMENT AND IS WHAT THE INFINITE GOD BECAME IN ORDER TO RELATE TO THE FINITE CREATION.

THE WORD LOGOS WHEN USED BY THE HOLY GHOST IN THE WORD OF GOD CONTAINS ALL OF THE WISDOM AND WILL OF GOD, THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, THE PLAN AND PURPOSE OF GOD, THE COUNSEL OF GOD, ETC.

IT EXPRESSES EVERYTHING THAT GOD HAS PLANNED AND PURPOSED TO DO FROM THE BEGINNING.

FINISH (THE WORD) = TO COMPLETE ENTIRELY

FINISH (*Strong's*) = # NT:4931 sunteleo; from NT:4862 and NT:5055; **to complete entirely; generally, to execute (literally or figuratively):**
KJV - end, finish, fulfil, make.

#4931 IS DERIVED FROM TWO #4862 AND #5055:

(*Strong's*) = # NT:4862 sun (soon); a primary preposition **denoting union; with or together** (but much closer than NT:3326 or NT:3844), i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.:

KJV - beside, with. **In composition it has similar applications, including completeness.**

AND:

(*Strong's*) = # NT:5055 teleo (tel-eh'-o); from NT:5056; **to end, ie. complete, execute, conclude, discharge (a debt):**

KJV - accomplish, make an end, expire, fill up, finish, go over, pay, perform.

FINISH (*Thayer's*) = # NT:4931 sunteleoo, sunteloo;

1. to end together or at the same time
2. **to end completely; bring to an end, finish, complete:**
3. to accomplish, bring to fulfillment
4. to effect, make Hebrews 8:8
5. to finish, i. e. in a use foreign to Greek writings, to make an end of: John 2:3

FINISH (COMPLETE) (*Vine's*) = NT:4931 sunteleo, **"to end together, bring quite to an end" (sun, "together," intensive, telos, "an end")**, is said (a) of the "completion" of a period of days, Luke 4:2; Acts 21:27; (b) of "completing" something; some mss. have it in Matthew 7:28, of the Lord, in ending His discourse (the best mss. have teleo, "to finish"); of God, **in finishing a work, Romans 9:28**, in making a new covenant, Hebrews 8:8, marg., "accomplish"; of the fulfillment of things foretold, Mark 13:4; of the Devil's temptation of the Lord, Luke 4:13.

FINISH (*Complete Word Study Dictionary*) = NT:4931 sunteléœ; contracted suntelœï, fut. suntelésœ, from sún (4862), together or an intens., and teléœ (5055), to finish. **To finish entirely, make an end of** (Matthew 7:28; Luke 4:13); of time (Luke 4:2; Acts 21:27; Sept.: Genesis 2:2; Deuteronomy 34:8; 1 Kings 6:9; Job 36:11); **to accomplish, perform** (Mark 13:4; Romans 9:28; Sept.: Isaiah 10:22); to put into effect (Hebrews 8:8).

IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS GREEK WORD *SUNTELEO* (“FINISH”) HAS A PROPHETIC CONNOTATION FROM ITS USE IN THE FOLLOWING VERSE:

Mark 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things **shall be fulfilled** [Greek = #4931, “COMPLETED ENTIRELY”]?

THE *WORD* WILL BE COMPLETELY FINISHED BY CONTRACTING THE NORMAL NECESSARY TIME REQUIRED PREVIOUSLY.

CUT (IT) SHORT and SHORT (WORK) (*Strong's*) = # NT:4932 suntemno); from NT:4862 and the base of NT:5114; **to contract by cutting, i.e. (figuratively) do concisely (speedily):**
KJV - (cut) short.

#4932 IS DERIVED FROM TWO #4862 AND FROM THE BASE OF #5114:

(*Strong's*) = # NT:4862 sun (soon); a primary preposition **denoting union; with or together** (but much closer than NT:3326 or NT:3844), i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.:

KJV - beside, with. In composition it has similar applications, including completeness.

AND:

(*Strong's*) = # NT:5114 tomoteros (tom-o'-ter-os); comparative of a derivative of the primary temno (**to cut; more comprehensive or decisive than NT:2875, as if by a single stroke**; whereas that implies repeated blows, like hacking); more keen:
KJV - sharper.

CUT (IT) SHORT and SHORT (WORK) (*Thayer's*) = # NT:4932 suntemnoo;

1. to cut to pieces

2. **to cut short**

CUT (IT) SHORT and SHORT (WORK) (*Vine's*) = NT:4932 suntemno, lit., **"to cut together" (sun, "with," temno, "to cut"**; the simple verb temno is not found in the NT), signifies "to contract by cutting, to cut short"; **thus, to bring to an end or accomplish speedily; it is said of a prophecy or decree, Romans 9:28 (twice), from the Sept. of Isaiah 10:23. See SHORT.**

CUT (IT) SHORT and SHORT (WORK) (*Complete Word Study Dictionary*) = NT:4932 *suntémnœ*; fut. *suntemœj*, perf. *suntétmœka*, from *sún* (4862), an intens., and *témnœ* (n.f., see *orthotoméœ* [3718]), to cut or divide. **To cut short, to contract by cutting; of words or actions, to make concise.** Figuratively, to decide, determine, decree (Romans 9:28, "For His word He fulfills and He decrees in righteousness, for His word decreed will the Lord execute upon the land" [a.t.] a citation from Isaiah 10:22,23 where the Hebr. reads, "Destruction is decreed, bringing in justice as a flood; for a decreed destruction does Jehovah of hosts execute"; Sept.: Isaiah 28:22; Daniel 9:24,26).

WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS THAT HE MIGHT SHOW FOR ALL OF THE AGES TO COME HIS GREAT LOVE WHEREWITH HE LOVED US!

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 **But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 **THAT IN THE AGES TO COME HE MIGHT SHEW the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

WE NEED THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM AND HIS LOGOS (PLAN AND PURPOSE) SO THAT WE CAN PARTICIPATE WITH THE LORD IN HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM — BOTH HERE AND THEN.

WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO EXERCISE HIS ETERNAL AUTHORITY BOTH NOW AND THEN.

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 AND WHAT IS THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TO US-WARD WHO BELIEVE, ACCORDING TO THE WORKING OF HIS MIGHTY POWER,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 2:4-7

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Revelation 3:20-22

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant TO SIT WITH ME IN MY THRONE, even as I also overcame, and AM SET DOWN WITH MY FATHER IN HIS THRONE.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 4:1-4

1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, A THRONE WAS SET IN HEAVEN, AND ONE SAT ON THE THRONE.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

**4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats [Greek = "thrones"]:
and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment;
and they had on their heads crowns of gold.**

**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (THE LOGOS MADE FLESH AND
INDWELT BY THE FATHER) CAME FROM ETERNITY AND
RETURNED TO ETERNITY.**

John 16:25-29

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.

John 16:28 (*Wuest's Expanded Translation of the New Testament*)

28 I came out from the Father and have come into the *universe*. Again I leave the *universe* behind and proceed on my way to the Father.

IN THE CHURCH AGE, GOD “MANIFESTS” HIS WORD THROUGH PREACHING

Titus 1:3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

WORD is the Greek word LOGOS

**MANIFESTED (STRONG'S) = to render apparent (literally or figuratively):
KJV-- appear, manifestly declare, (make) manifest (forth), shew (self).**

**MANIFESTED (THAYER'S) =
to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown, to
manifest, whether by words, or deeds, or in any other way
a) to make actual and visible, realized
b) to make known by teaching
c) to become manifest, to be made known
d) used of a person; to expose to view, to make manifest, to show oneself, to appear
e) to become known, to be plainly recognized, thoroughly understood who and
what one is**

**MANIFEST (VINE'S EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY) = phaneroo ^5319^, "to make
visible, clear, manifest," known. The true meaning is "to uncover, lay bare
reveal."**

**THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED “MANIFESTED” IS THE SAME GREEK WORD
USED FOR MANIFESTED IN THE FOLLOWING VERSE.**

**1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was
MANIFEST in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the
Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

PREACHING IS NOT A PROFESSION; IT IS A CALLING!

THERE ARE NO VOLUNTEERS IN THE MINISTRY, ONLY DRAFTEES!

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Hebrews 5:4-5

4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

1 Corinthians 9:16-17

16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

GOD CHOSE HUMANS NOT ANGELS TO PREACH AND MANIFEST HIS WORD.

1 Timothy 1:9-15

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, **putting me into the ministry;**

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

2 Corinthians 4:3-7

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, **Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips**: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD ARE SET APART UNTO THE LORD TO SERVE HIM AS A VOCATION.

DEFINITION OF “VOCATION”:

1. a call, summons, or impulsion to perform a certain function or enter a certain career, esp. a religious one
2. the function or career toward which one believes oneself to be called

1 Chronicles 23:13 The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and **Aaron was separated**, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.

1 Kings 19:19-21

19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

1 Samuel 3:4-10

4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

Numbers 3:5-13

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.

7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;

13 Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD.

THE FIVEFOLD MINISTRY IS A GIFT TO THE CHURCH BUT NOT A POSSESSION OF THE CHURCH.

Ephesians 4:11-12

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Romans 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

MAGNIFY (*Strong's*) = to render (or esteem) glorious

MAGNIFY (*Thayer's*) =

- 1) to think, to suppose, to be of opinion
- 2) **to praise, to extol, to magnify, to celebrate**
- 3) **to honor, to do honor to, to hold in honor**
- 4) **to make glorious, to adorn with lustre, to clothe with splendor**
 - a) **to impart glory to something, to render it excellent**
 - b) **to make renowned, to render illustrious, to cause the dignity and worth of some person or thing to become manifest and acknowledged**

OFFICE (*Strong's*) = attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, **(official) service** (especially of the Christian teacher, or techn. of the diaconate): KJV-- (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing).

OFFICE (*Thayer's*) =

- 1) service, ministering, especially of those who execute the commands of others
- 2) **used of those who by the command of God proclaim and promote religion among men**
 - a) **used of the office of Moses**
 - b) **used of the office of the apostles and its administration**
 - c) **used of the office of prophets, evangelists, elders, etc.**
- 3) the ministrations of those who render to others the offices of Christian affection, especially those who help meet need by either collecting or distributing of charities
- 4) the office of the deacon in the church
- 5) the service of those who prepare and present food

PAUL'S OFFICE

Galatians 1:15-17

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Colossians 1:21-29

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Ephesians 3:1-12

1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Acts 20:17-28

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.
18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,
19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:
23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.
24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.
25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.
27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

WE ARE CALLED TO STAND IN CHRIST'S PLACE!

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Romans 10:13-17

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.