

"Philip saith unto him, 'Lord, *show us the Father*, and it sufficeth us.' 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, "Show us the Father?" *John 14:8-9 KJV*



Jesus is and will forever be the visible manifestation of God! "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead *BODILY*." God the Father spoke to Philip, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me?" Jesus didn't say "the Father." He said "me." This simple reply verifies once and for all that Jesus is the Eternal God! God transferred all glory, honor, and power to the Human form He fashioned for Himself that He might redeem the fallen ones He so greatly loved. "In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who *IS THE IMAGE* of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 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: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. 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. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell." And there you have it in God's own words! God is not confined to His Body, Jesus, as we are, but Jesus is the only visible form of God we will ever see other than light. "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all!" When John saw the risen Saviour, he had this to say, "And His eyes were as a flame of fire." Did you ever watch the flame of a campfire? It seems alive. Is it any wonder that the Body of God, Jesus, who "is Light," would have eyes that had no light? Heaven will have no shadows. It is a thought that can only be understood in the context of God's omnipresence. Nothing will block Light for He will surround all and be literally in every crevice of Glory! We'll never have to strain our eyes again. Light will not have to come from anywhere, because it will BE everywhere! "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 thereof." The presence of the Son is the presence of God in the flesh. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." The Babe, born of a virgin in Bethlehem's stable IS God with us, Emanuel! He said, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Are you ready to stand before the God whose "eyes are as a flame of fire?"

Jesus Christ is the Father shown,
The visible of God made known,
Forever in eternal home,
He is the only God that's shown. ~CGP

We can't see God, but we can know Him. We can walk in the power of His Light and Life. If we know and through faith obey the Written Word, we will "know the Truth. Thy *WORD* is Truth." Jesus, the Son of God, IS the Word. "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Knowing Truth reveals the lies and all our decisions will be right. Not even fear will hamper true believers, because "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." True believers' lives manifest their faith!

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." *1 John 3:2 KJV*