<u>1 Jn 3:24: 1 Jn 5:2-3: 2 Jn 1:6</u>. Ultimately, at the resurrection to eternal life, when Spirit-begotten children of God are born again, the supreme masterpiece of His creation will be complete! Those whom God has called, and who are willingly choosing to allow their Creator to complete His creation within them while humans, through the Holy Spirit—will ultimately become a "perfect" and "complete" creation—created with God's perfect, holy, righteous, sinless character—eternal members of the divine God Family and everlasting Kingdom of God! <u>Jn 3:3; 1 Jn 3:9</u>. (Read Tract - 'Will You Inherit The Kingdom Of God?').

Scriptural References:

Genesis 1:26 Psalm 90:2 Matthew 1:23 Matthew 26:47-49 John 1:1-3,14 John 4:24 John 14:9 John 17:5 Isaiah 1:2-4 Acts 17:15-34 Romans 5:6-10 Romans 8:29 Ephesians 3:9 1 Thessalonians 5:21 1 Timothy 1:17 2 Timothy 2:15 Hebrews 1:8,10-12

Hebrews 2:9-11 Hebrews 6:20 Hebrews 7 Revelation 1:13-18

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Who and what is God? What is God's true identity, nature and purpose? Why is it so important for us to know and understand?

Is God known today? The scripture in Isaiah 1:2-4, was originally directed towards ancient Israel who had forsaken the Lord and provoked Him to anger, despite having revealed Himself through many miracles, signs and wonders. Many passages describe the Israelites as being a stiff-necked and rebellious people, who had forgotten the Lord Ex 32:9; 33:5; Dt 31:27. Today, how much less do nations and individuals know about the true identity of God, as revealed in the Bible. The religions of this world don't know who God is! Modern science does not know about God's existence! Modern education is willingly ignorant of God's existence and identity! They don't know about, nor teach who God is. Instead, the myth of evolution is universally accepted. It is a failed attempt by atheist's to explain the existence of creation without the pre-existence of a Creator. There is only one Church that knows the true identity of God. It is the Church made up of a "faithful flock," that Jesus Christ founded at Pentecost in A.D. 31. (Read Tract - 'Church And The Great Commission').

"Mysterious God" revealed - Knowing that God is the Creator of the universe, and knowing that creation is the basic proof of God's existence is a good starting point, but there is so much more to learn about God—His true nature and purpose! As you read all the tracts, be sure to search the scriptures—study, meditate and reflect on them <u>Ac 17:11: 1 Th 5:20-21; 2 Ti 2:15.</u>

God In Prehistory - The very earliest record of God's existence is found in Jn 1:1-3. The Greek word Logos is translated into English as "Word," which means spokesman, or revelatory thought. The Word is a Personage who was manifest in the flesh, and lived on earth <u>Jn</u> 1:14: 1 Ti 3:16. He became the human Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the Father, and firstborn from the dead <u>Col 1:15: 1 Jn 4:9</u>. At the prehistoric time mentioned in <u>Jn</u> 1:1, the Word was not yet God's Son, and God was not yet His Father. Jesus was made the "only begotten" Son later, through the unique and miraculous virgin birth of Mary His mother, as a human being Is 7:14; Mt 1:23. In Jn 1:1-3, reveals two personages in the divine Family of God, who have existed for eternity. They have self-contained life within themselves $(\underline{\textit{Ps}}$ 90:2; Ro 1:23; 16:26; Heb 1:8,10-12; 1 Ti 1:17; 6:16) - the Supreme, immortal "God," and the "Word," who is the second member of the divine Family of God. Jesus is described in scripture as both immortal, and eternal. He is "without beginning of days" - always existed, and "without end of life" - will exist throughout eternity Heb 7:3. The deity and eternal preexistence of Jesus Christ is further described in Heb 7. Jesus is described as our eternal, great High Priest Heb 6:20; 7:25-27. He is also known by the name of Melchizedec, and the title of High Priest of the Most High God and King of Righteousness. Why is Jesus described as both the Son of God and the Son of Man? Lk 12:8,40; 17:22,24,26,30; Heb 6:6; 7:3; 1 Jn 3:8: 4:15: 5:5,10,12-13,20. Because He was both divine and human—begotten of God, and born of the virgin Mary Gal 4:4. God was His Father and Mary was His mother. Only Jesus Christ could pay for the sins of all mankind, because He was both the Son of God, and Creator of all human life, and holy, pure and blameless, and set apart from sinners. Therefore, He was worth more than all other human lives combined Jn 1:3; Heb 7:26-28; 10:10-14; Eph 3:9. Jesus paid the price for the forgiveness and redemption of our sins. God raised Him to life, so that we could receive the Holy Spirit, and become Spirit-begotten children of God. At the return of Christ, we will inherit eternal life, and be born of God and born of the Spirit, in the Kingdom of God, as Spirit-born Sons of God! (Read Tracts - 'Crucifixion And Resurrection' & 'Precious Blood Of Jesus-Wonder Working Power!' & 'Are You Born Again?'). This was only possible through the precious, holy and perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ and His resurrection to eternal life.

What does God look like? Scriptures mention that God made man in His image and according to His likeness Gen 1:26: 5:1. Therefore, both members of the divine Family of God look like a man, in shape and form. God is described as having: a face Ps 34:16; eyes 2 Chr 16:9; mouth Is 1:20; nostrils 2 Sam 22:9; hands Dt 2:15; arms Is 51:9; fingers Ex 31:18; feet Ps 18:9; superior mind Is 55:9; Ro 11:34; heart Gen 6:6. Jesus Christ's appearance while a flesh and blood human being, was like that of the average man in His community. He was specifically pointed out by Judas, to be identified Mt 26:47-49; Jn 1:14. When Jesus said "I and the Father are one." This means, that both the Father and Son are one in purpose and attitude Jn 10:30. But Jesus said, "the Father is greater than I," meaning that, God the Father is greater in authority <u>Jn 14:28</u>. Read Tract - 'Attributes, Qualities & Characteristics'). God is composed of Spirit <u>Jn 4:24</u>; eternal, immortal and invisible <u>Col 1:15; 1 Ti 1:17</u>. He lives in unapproachable light 1 Ti 6:16. Both God the Father and Jesus the Son, are described as having a glorious appearance <u>Jn 17:5; Tit 2:13</u>. Christ's appearance after His resurrection, ascension and restoration to former glory, is described in Rev 1:13-18; 14:14-16; 19:11-16 Jesus' eyes are like blazing fire, and a sword comes out of His mouth to strike down the nations. His robe is dipped in blood, and His name is the "Word of God." Jesus Christ has one great golden crown, with many diadems (Read Tract - 'Glorious And Imminent Return of Christ Jesus!'). Although God and Jesus Christ both have human-like faces, they, in their glorified state, would be as bright as the sun shines in full strength Rev 1:16.

Is God a Family, or a "trinity"? Traditional Christianity teaches that God is composed of three divine Beings: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The word "trinity" is not mentioned in the Bible. Part of the wording of 1. In 5:7-8, was added in the fourth century. Emperor Constantine of Rome made belief in the trinity doctrine mandatory. It's important to know the truth about the trinity, because this false teaching which was introduced by Satan into this world's Christianity, completely does away with the heart and core of the "gospel of the Kingdom of God" that will rule the earth (Read Tract - 'Trinity: Is It Biblical'?). It limits the number of members of the Kingdom of God, or God Family, to only three—with no possibility of expansion! Through this erroneous belief, Satan wants to conceal the fact that God is reproducing Himself.

Gen 1:1 mentions "in the beginning God" The English word "God" is a translation of the Hebrew word Elohim—a noun or name, plural in form. It refers to the God Family which is presently composed of two divine Personages, as mentioned in jn:1.. However, the God Family is expanding, and thousands of Spirit-begotten children will be born again. They will be born of God, and born of the Spirit, as members of the divine Family of God (Read Tract - 'Are You Born Again?'). This will occur at the Return of Jesus Christ—at the seventh trumpet (Read Tract - 'Glorious And imminent Return Of Jesus Christ!'). We will inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God, as immortal sons of God (Read Tract - 'Will You Inherit The Kingdom Of God?'). The Kingdom of God will have small beginnings, as illustrated by the Parable of the Mustard Seed. It starts small, but in the end it fills the whole earth Mt 13:31-32. It will ultimately expand to include thousands of millions of Spirit born-members of the divine Family or Kingdom of God! God is the divine Father of the God Family. Jesus Christ, through His

resurrection, was born a divine Son of God <u>Ro 1:4</u>. Jesus alone is ascended to heaven (Read Tract – 'Will You Go To Heaven?'). He is the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, who will additionally be born into the Family of God <u>Ro 8:29; Heb 2:10-13</u>. The Spirit-begotten children of God will share in the eternal, divine nature of God. We shall be like God, for we will be the Spirit-born sons of God! <u>1 Jn 3:2</u>.

The Creator God - God created all things by Jesus Christ Jn 1:3; Eph 3:9; Col 1:15-17; Heb 1:2,10. Jesus (the Word) created the universe and everything that exists, at His spoken command Ge 1:1-3; Ps 33:6-9; 104:30; 148:1-5. Jesus spoke, as the workman, and all that Jesus commanded was fulfilled or accomplished through the Holy Spirit—the power of God! Jesus does nothing without His Father. He always speaks and obeys whatever His Father teaches Him Jn 7:16-18; 8:28-29. Jesus' teachings come directly from God, and He never speaks on His own. According to Job 38:4-7, angels were created before the material uniearth, sun, moon, stars and galaxies—was created <u>Jude 6</u>. The earth was originally the dwelling place of angels. And angels were created before man. God placed one-third of the angels on Earth. In Job 38:7 (KJV), the Biblical phrases "morning stars" and "sons of God" refer to angels. The Biblical phrase "stars of heaven" in Rev 12:4-9 (KJV), speaks symbolically of one-third of the angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God. Before Satan's rebellion, he was called "Lucifer, son of the morning" or "morning star, son of the dawn" Is 14:12. Angels are referred to in Job 1:6, as the "sons of God" when they presented themselves before the Lord, only in the sense that God created them as immortal spirit beings. No father-son relationship exists between God and the angels Heb 1:5. The entire material universe—the heavens and the earth—were created simultaneously Ge 1:1. The heavens and the earth were "very good," and in perfect order, but unfinished when God originally created it. Not in confusion and disorder *Is* 45:18. Lucifer and the angels were placed on earth to beautify, embellish and complete it. God appointed him in authority on earth to regulate this angelic endeavour, and to administer God's government over the angels Is 14:12-14; Ez 28:13. But when Lucifer (now Satan) sinned and rebelled against God, God's government and His Law—the means of developing perfect character—were abolished from the earth. According to Ge 1:2, the earth became chaotic, empty and in confusion. This happened as a result of Lucifer's rebellion against God. Jesus Christ will return to establish the Kingdom of God on the earth, and to restore God's government and Laws Is 2:2-3; 11:9; Ac 3:20-21; Rev 5:10; 12:10. The government of God must be restored on Earth because it: 1) Leads those under it into God's way of life, which produces peace, harmony, joy and happiness. 2) Leads those under it into righteous character development. 3) Is the administration of God's Law of love.

What is God's character? God's magnificent purpose for our existence, is to create His own spiritual character in man. While flesh and blood human beings, we must learn to think more like God in every way, and begin to develop His holy and righteous character. We have been called to purity and holiness 1 Ch 16:29; 2 Cor 7:1; Eph 1:4; 4:24; 1 Th 2:10; 1 Th 4:4,7; Heb 7:26; 12:14; 1 Pe 1:15-16; 2 Pe 3:11. Once we receive God's Holy Spirit and become Spirit-begotten children of God, we must begin to manifest the fruits of the Holy Spirit Gal 5:22-23; 2 Ti 1:7. In this way, we will become partakers of God's divine nature Ro 1:20; 2 Pe 1:4. At the resurrection to eternal life—when we are changed to immortal, spirit beings—we will become like God, and possess His supreme character, and awesome and astounding power! (Read Tract - 'Are You Born Again?'). Mankind's ultimate destiny is to become like God, and be born into His Family, as His own sons! Attributes of both God the Father and Jesus Christ His Son, include beauty, holiness, divinity, faithfulness, righteousness, compassion and total perfection. The Ten Commandments reflect the nature of God. Jesus summarized the Law of God in Mt 22:36-40. We demonstrate our love for God by striving to obey His Commandments 1 Jn 5:3; 2 Jn 1:6. God's Law defines His way of life. God's Law is holy, righteous and good Ro 7:12. The Law of God is spiritual Ro 7:14. The Law of the Lord is perfect <u>Ps 19:7</u>. God's character is eternal. His Law and Commandments are unchanging and eternal Ps 111:7-8; Jer 10:10; Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8 (Read Tract - 'Ten Commandments'). God's character can be summed up in the word love, which means outgoing concern for others. It is the way of "giving," loving, serving, guiding, helping, protecting, nourishing, sharing, peace, happiness, joy, justice and mercy-the opposite of Satan's way of "getting," of hate, covetousness, rebellion, greed, lust, selfishness, malice, murder, strife, retaliation, violence, sadism, hurt and cruelty. God's way of life is the way of hope, and means living in obedience to His Commandments. It is the only way which produces abundant peace, happiness, joy and prosperity—the opposite of Satan's hopeless way of life, which is the way of disobedience to God. It results in misery, suffering, heartache, mourning, death and destruction. Those who are called by God at this stage, and willingly submit to, and live a life of obedience to God; and are rejecting and resisting Satan, and his way of life, are growing and developing in God's holy and righteous character. They are the ones who are qualifying to rule and reign with Jesus Christ at His return, to abolish human misrule.

God's Supreme Masterpiece - God's supreme goal and ultimate purpose is to create His own perfect holy, righteous spiritual character, in man made immortal, to become a member of God's divine Family! Man must do his part in developing perfect character—over time—by his own free choice and decision. But, it also must be instilled by God who imparts righteous character. We must be overcomers in this life, to inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God. God is now in the process of creating His own godly character in Spirit-begotten Christians. With the help of God's Holy Spirit, we will be exercising, growing and developing in holy, righteous, godly character. It is an ongoing, and a daily and lifetime process. We must live according to God's highest standards for our lives; and never compromise with sin. An important aspect of spiritual character, is to discern between God's true and right way of life, which is the way of "giving"—from Satan's way of "getting." To have the ability to discern between righteousness and wickedness; to willingly, completely and unconditionally surrender our lives to God and His perfect, righteous way of life. To persevere in the faith, and continue to remain faithful to God, even in the face of trials and temptations. To live according to God's Word and His Laws, and do the right—under any circumstance!

The first crucial step to beginning the process of developing holy, righteous, godly character, is to repent and be baptized for the "forgiveness (remission) of sins" *Ac* 2:38: *Mk* 1:4: *Lk* 3:3. (*Read Tract - 'Repent Or Perish!'* & *'Baptism: Requirement For Salvation?'*). At this stage, God promises the gift of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual power and understanding the spiritual things of God, is imparted by the Holy Spirit, which is vital for spiritual growth and righteous character development. The Holy Spirit imparts to us the traits of God's character, so that we may produce good fruit *Gal* 5:22-24. Spirit-begotten Christians are to be actively growing in, and developing righteous character, as revealed in God's Word—our manual for life. It instructs us how to live God's meaningful and purposeful way of life—to reject ungodliness and worldly passions; and live sensible, righteous, godly lives in this present age *Titus* 2:12. We learn about God's will for our lives, which is to fear Him and obey His Commandments.