

# Who Is God and How Can We Know Him?

- John 1:18 (ESV) *18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*
- John 1:18 (LBLA) *18 Nadie ha visto jamás a Dios; el unigénito Dios, que está en el seno del Padre, El le ha dado a conocer.*

# It's Important for us to know God.

- John 17:3 (NASB) 3 *"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*
- John 17:3 (LBLA) 3 *Y esta es la vida eterna: que te conozcan a ti, el único Dios verdadero, y a Jesucristo, a quien has enviado.*

**“Come Meet Jesus.”**

**“Allow Me to introduce you  
to Jesus the Son of God, the  
Savior of the World.”**

- Colossians 3:16 (ESV) *16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*
- Colossians 3:16 (LBLA) *16 Que la palabra de Cristo habite en abundancia en vosotros, con toda sabiduría enseñándoos y amonestándoos unos a otros con salmos, himnos y canciones espirituales, cantando a Dios con acción de gracias en vuestros corazones.*

- John 20:30-31 (NASB) **30** *Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*
- John 20:30-31 (LBLA) **30** *Y muchas otras señales hizo también Jesús en presencia de sus discípulos, que no están escritas en este libro; 31 pero éstas se han escrito para que creáis que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios; y para que al creer, tengáis vida en su nombre.*

# HOW CAN I KNOW GOD?

- John 14:9 (ESV) 9 *Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?*
- John 14:9 (LBLA) 9 *Jesús le dijo: ¿Tanto tiempo he estado con vosotros, y todavía no me conoces, Felipe? El que me ha visto a mí, ha visto al Padre; ¿cómo dices tú: “Muéstranos al Padre”?*

*“No one has ever seen God;  
the only God, who is at the  
Father’s side, he has made  
him known”*

John 1:18

# NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN



# THEOPHANIES

A visible (but not necessarily material) manifestation of a deity to a human person.

1 Timothy 6:16 (NASB) *16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.*

1 Timothy 6:16 (LBLA) *16 el único que tiene inmortalidad y habita en luz inaccesible; a quien ningún hombre ha visto ni puede ver. A El sea la honra y el dominio eterno. Amén.*

- *“You cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live” (Ex. 33:20).*
- *“I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen” (Ex. 33:22-23).*

**THE ONLY GOD, WHO IS AT THE FATHER'S  
SIDE, HE HAS MADE HIM KNOWN**

# Eternal

- *In the beginning was the Word...* (John 1:1)



# Personal

- The Word was with God... (John 1:1)
- *“All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made”* (John 1:3).

# Divine

- *The Word was God.* (John 1:1)
- The Word was with God and the Word was God (John 1:1)—distinct personality and divinity. You find the same thing in verse 18: *He is the only God and he is at the Father's side.*

# Creator

- *All things were made through him...*  
(John 1:3)
- Romans 1:20 (ESV) *20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

# Life-giving

- *In him was life... (John 1:4)*
- J.I. Packer says, “Here is the Bible’s answer to the problem of the origin and continuance of life, in all its forms: life is given and maintained by the Word.”
- John 1:3 (GW) **3** *Everything came into existence through him. Not one thing that exists was made without him.*
- John 1:3 (LBLA) **3** *Todas las cosas fueron hechas por medio de El, y sin El nada de lo que ha sido hecho, fue hecho.*

- Hebrews 1:2-3 (NASB) *2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*
- Hebrews 1:2-3 (LBLA) *2 en estos últimos días nos ha hablado por su Hijo, a quien constituyó heredero de todas las cosas, por medio de quien hizo también el universo. 3 El es el resplandor de su gloria y la expresión exacta de su naturaleza, y sostiene todas las cosas por la palabra de su poder. Después de llevar a cabo la purificación de los pecados, se sentó a la diestra de la Majestad en las alturas,*

**What** makes me alive? The question should be: **Who** makes me alive?

*“In him we live and move and have our being”* (Acts 17:28).

# Incarnate

- **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...** (John 1:14)
- “*Immanuel*,” God with us.

# Son of God

- John 1:14 - *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- John 1:14 (LBLA) *14 Y el Verbo se hizo carne, y habitó entre nosotros, y vimos su gloria, gloria como del unigénito del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad.*

# Three Answers to the Question: How Can I Know God?

- “We cannot know God.”
- ‘God the one and only has made him known!’”
- John’s Gospel was written so that *you may know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name (John 20:31).*

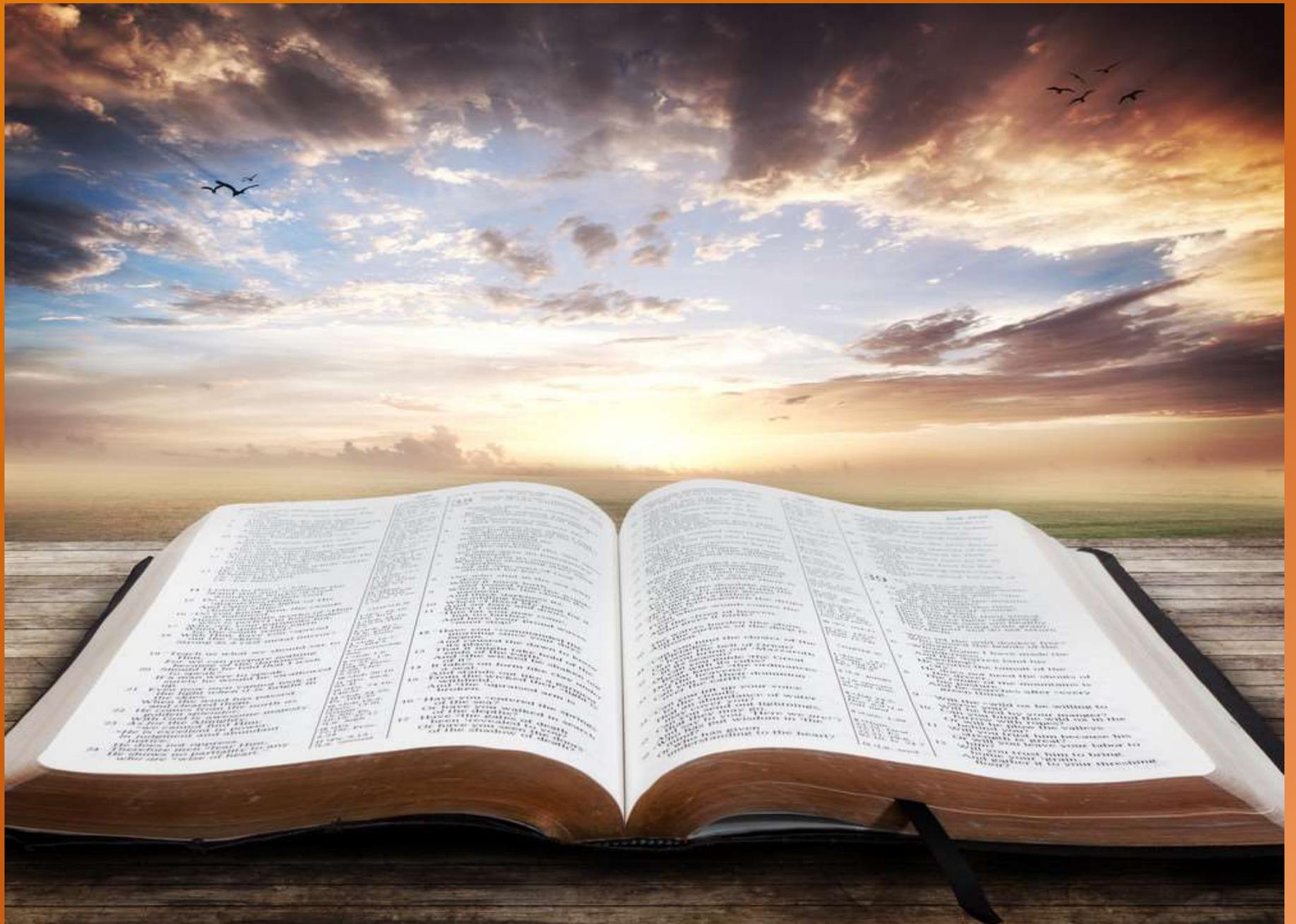
# “We all know God.”

- Isaiah 55:8 (ESV) **8** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.*
- Isaiah 55:8 (LBLA) **8** *Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos mis caminos—declara el SEñOR.*

- *“In the beginning was our hearts, and our hearts were with God, and our hearts were God.”*
- *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh, and he has made the Father known.”*

Psalm 119:130 (NASB) **130** *The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.*

Psalm 119:130 (LBLA) **130** *La exposición de tus palabras imparte luz; da entendimiento a los sencillos.*



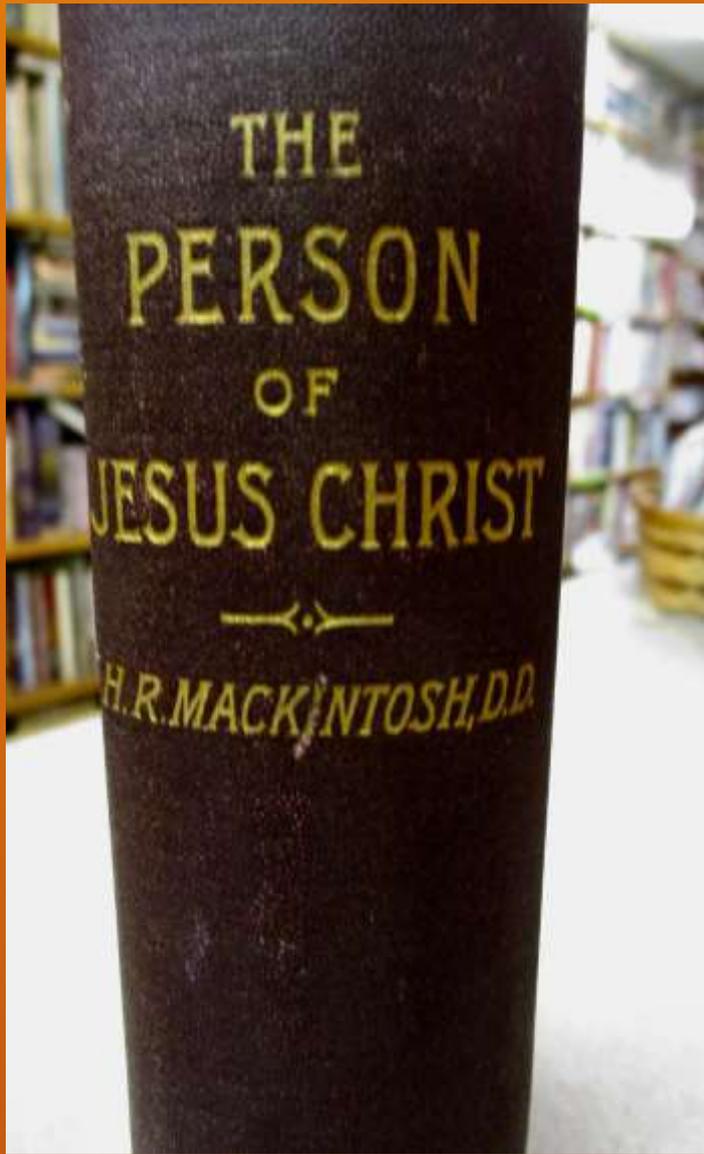
“This is what I am learning from the Word of God. God’s Word is truth. It abides forever. Those who trust in him will never be put to shame.”

# “Jesus Christ knows God.”

- *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. John 1:18*
- No one stands beside the Lord Jesus Christ.

**No one else will ever go  
beyond Jesus Christ**





• *“Never in any experience of God here or hereafter will you or I ever find anything that is not already there for us in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.”*

- Revelation 7:17 (NASB) *17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."*
- Revelation 7:17 (LBLA) *17 pues el Cordero en medio del trono los pastoreará y los guiará a manantiales de aguas de vida, y Dios enjugará toda lágrima de sus ojos.*