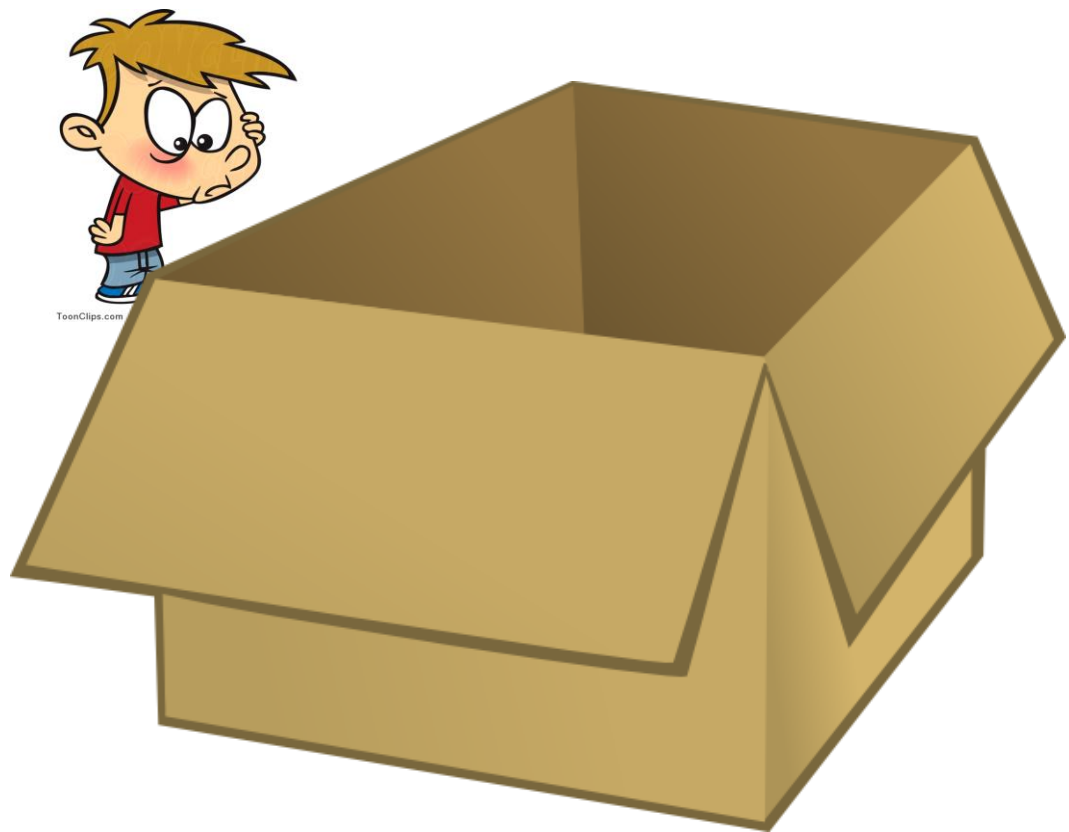


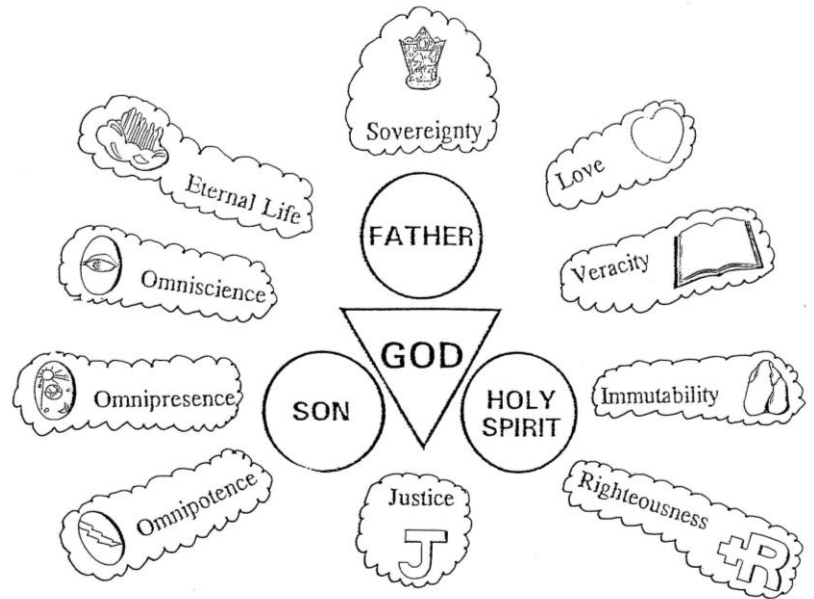
You Can't Put God In A Box!



Words cannot tell how wonderful God is. He is **w a y** beyond amazing! So, **Who IS God?** God is love. He is **also many, many** other wonderful things; it is impossible for words or a picture to **completely** describe our infinite God. We can't put God in a box and say, "This is God". There is no box that is big enough to hold God. We will be learning about Him forever! **All** of God's characteristics are infinite. There is no limit to them. Everything He does is done according to His perfect divine nature. God's life is beyond amazing!

Psalm 147:5 Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

Psalm 86:10 For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.



Our God is an awesome God!



Out of love for mankind, God the Father sent God the Son to earth to become our Savior. He sent Him so that we could have His eternal life and live with Him forever in Heaven! Jesus Christ took on a human body so He was 100% man and 100% God. He willingly came to earth to teach us about God the Father and to provide salvation for all mankind! That is amazing love! God provided eternal life, His life, for us! The Father wants us to be His sons and daughters! **We can have that eternal life of God by believing in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior!**

Ephesians 1:18-19 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.



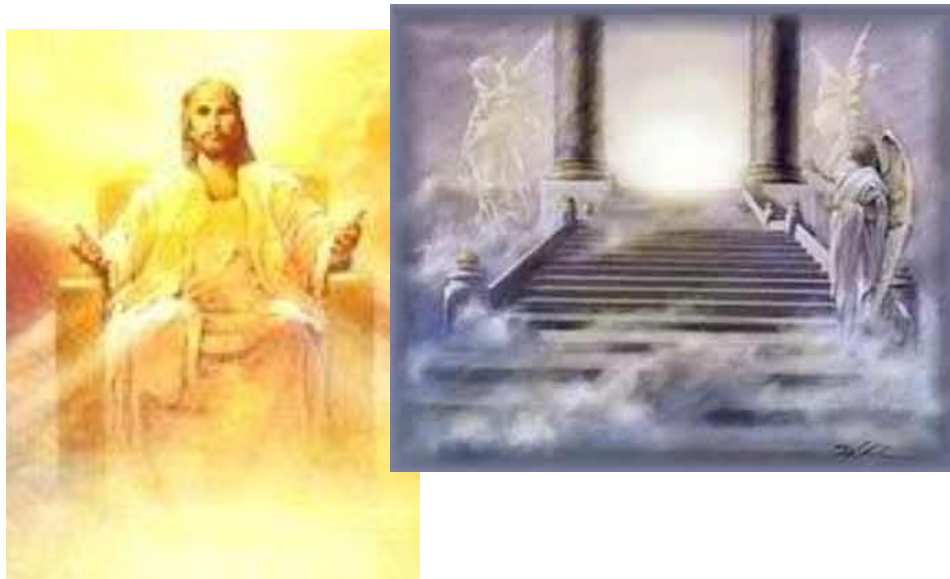


Jesus Christ, our Savior is the **most unselfish** person that ever lived! He came to serve and save mankind, *Mark 10:45*

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. Jesus Christ was and is always thinking of others. He knew His mission from the Father - to save mankind - and He did whatever it took to accomplish that mission. *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, by W. Phillip Keller: "He knew He would be exposed to terrible privation, to ridicule, to false accusations, to rumor, to gossip, and to malicious charges that branded Him as a glutton, drunkard, friend of sinners, and even an imposter. It entailed losing His reputation. It would involve physical suffering, mental anguish, and spiritual agony. In short, His coming to earth as the Christ, as Jesus of Nazareth, was a straightforward case of utter self-sacrifice that culminated in the cross of Calvary." Our Lord and Savior has shown us how to live and wants to share His love and eternal life with us!

Jesus Christ wants mankind to know the love the Father has for Him and the love He has for the Father. They have a real connection or relationship. They were 100% there for Each Other! *John 10:17-18 For this reason the Father loves me because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.*

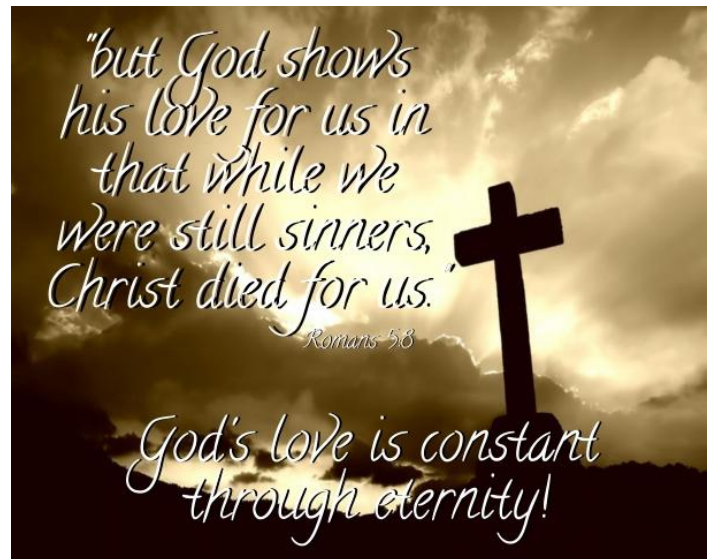
The Father showed His love for His Son by supplying **all He needed** to accomplish His mission on earth. Then after His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ was glorified by being seated at the right hand of the Father.



Jesus showed His love for the Father by completely obeying His will. He never said "no" to the Father! He was an obedient Son. He was willing to do whatever His Father wanted done. Like God the Son, God the Father was willing to do whatever it took to save mankind! That included letting His Son be the Savior for mankind! That is beyond amazing love! **God** wants us to share His love and life!

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, Who is at the Father's side, has made Him known.

What we learn about the love of Christ is true about the love of the Father.



1 John 4:7-10 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



Jesus wants us to have a real connection or relationship with God. He wants people to know God the Father and His great love for mankind! He doesn't want us to put God in a box. That means He doesn't want us to put limits on what God can do.



What God can do is limitless! One of the wonderful things He has done for believers is to make us His children!

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

We are called children of God because as believers we are in union with Christ; we are **God's** sons and daughters. He wants to talk with us and to have a good relationship with us. God the Father is our

Father! We can talk to Him anytime. And, we don't need a cell phone. He is always there to hear us and to answer us. He never ignores us! People will ignore us but God never does! When we ask Him for something and it is according to His will, He will always give it to us. The Father wants us, His children, to grow up and live in **His love**. God our Father loves us with an everlasting, unstoppable love! Keep that in your thoughts!

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.



Sometimes that will include suffering. If Jesus Christ suffered, we will also. No problem! Jesus had the power of God the Holy Spirit and Scripture to carry Him through His life. We have the same power. Our Father gave us His word in the Bible and the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit. This is so we have His supernatural power to live the spiritual life He wants us to live! God our Father wants us to share His life. This is not a make-believe story; it is real!

John 15:18-20

"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.





God the Holy Spirit is beyond amazing. He has infinite power and can't be put in a box! He does many beyond amazing things for us! Here are just a few.

He regenerates us - we are born again by the

Spirit. *John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

He is the Spirit of Life. *John 6:63-64 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.*

He is our Helper, and the Spirit of truth

(enables us to know the truth). *John 14:16-17*

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because

it does not see Him, or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. (He will help us to know all the truth.)



The Spirit has poured the love of God into our hearts as a

permanent blessing. *Romans 5: 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

Romans 8:14-15 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

As we continue to learn about God and how wonderful He is, it is very reassuring and relaxing to think about **Who He is**. He has created mankind so He might share His eternal life with us. *John 10:10-11 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly, I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.* He wants believers to tell others about the saving work of Jesus Christ so they can believe and share God's eternal life. God wants us to share the love He gives us with others. He wants us to know and show others that we can trust in Him and not fear. *1John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.*



So that we can relax in knowing Who God is, He has given us everything we need to live our spiritual life! *Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,*

God is love. If we want to know love, then we have to know God. This will take time but God the Holy Spirit will see that it is accomplished! **God shares His life and love with His children! Amazing love!**

1 John 4:16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

