

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

Who Is Christ Jesus?

And who are you in relationship to Him?

John 1:1-2, 14 & 18

*“In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God ... And **the Word became flesh** and dwelled among us... No one has ever seen God, but **the one and only Son, who is Himself God** and is in closest relationship with the Father, **has made him known.**”*

*He has **revealed** God, He has **declared** Him, He **has put Him on display** among us **that we might** see Him and **know Him**.*

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*Think of someone you’ve lived alongside... **someone you love & know***

- *Do you know some of the colors they like?*
- *Can you say what some of the foods & music, books & movies they enjoy are?*
- *Have you shared some of those things with them?*

You do, don’t you? Why?

- *Because you love and care about them*

How do you know those things?

- *Because you’ve spent time with them*
- *And when you can’t, you miss them...*
- *You’re eager to be with them again*

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That is why God has gone to such great lengths to **make Himself known to us...**

- *That we can **know Him**, who He really is*

- *According to how He has **revealed Himself** to us*
- *And that we can enjoy making ourselves **known to Him**, as well...*
- *In the **freedom & safety** of absolutely secure **relationship with Him***

*That’s what **Peace** is – to live **completely safe** with someone*

- *To **know it**, because we **know them***

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*That is **why** Jesus came, and it’s **what** He did*

John 14:27, 16:33 & 20:19

*“Peace I leave with you, **My peace I give to you**; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*

*“These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me you may have peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”*

*“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘**Peace be with you.**’”*

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*What exactly is the One who **IS The Word**, offering us **in The Word**?*

Psalm 19:7-11

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul”

Law is simply how things **really are** – like gravity

- God simply reveals how things really are
- Knowing and living accordingly in safe

Soul actually means **breathing** (being alive) –

Genesis 2:7

- Our aliveness needs conversion from **fear** to **freedom by faith** – believing God

“The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple”

Testimony is the same for us all...

- The verifiable evidence of **how we’ve lived**
- God’s is sure – **certain** and **beyond question**
- We don’t even need to be that sharp – just **sharp enough to believe Him**

“The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart”

Statutes are simply **written instructions** on how to **function** with what is

- They come with **conviction** (certainty) they not wrong – **John 16:8**
- He removes all guesswork
- And that makes us not only **free**, but **happy**

“The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes”

Commandments are **requirements** only the author gets to make

- Have you ever tried to negotiate with computer software?
- How did that go?

Unlike human authors, God’s are **without corruption or error**

- As light, they **expose the error** of anything that **violates** them

- They enlighten us to see according to **what really is**

“The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever”

This fear is not **fright** of being harmed

It is **Reverence** – **awe inspiring Reverence!**

- It is the God given **knowledge** of His immeasurable **power**...
- Delivered in love, for **our benefit**...
- The very **object** and **purpose** of His creation...
- To freely share **love with Him**

Clean needs no explanation. **Forever** deserves serious contemplation

“The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”

Judgments are the just **consequences** of chosen conduct

John 16:8 – He makes known the certain consequences of **both good & evil**

- And they are openly **known to all** who will believe
- None will ever accuse Him of injustice

“More to be desired are they than gold, Yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”

“Moreover, by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.”

Are these **benefits of God’s Word** desirable to you?

- Is there something else you would rather have **at their expense**?

God lovingly warns us...

- So that we will not **needlessly** suffer harm
- Do not we, as parents do as much?

The Word of God is His Life...

And it is ours... if we will receive it from Him