## Can God Become a Man Jesus is God

The above is not just a title, but it is a fact and reality that leads to life. If we go back to the beginning when God created Adam and Eve; they were in the Garden of Eden enjoying the fellowship with God until they disobeyed Him, when they ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. God was with Adam and Eve, "8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden." (Genesis 3:8 KJV) but because they sinned, the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden. The longing to live again with God became the human desire from the time of Adam and Eve, but man cannot reach God because man is sinful and God is holy.

God's delight is with man! Therefore God promised His people, "11 And I set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people." (Leviticus 26:11-12 KJV) The Lord God had promised that He will live and walk with man, but how this can happen? It would look unreasonable or in other words impossible, but, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

"14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14 KJV) This is from the prophecy of Isaiah, the prophet of God who declared that a virgin woman would become pregnant and give birth to a child who will be called Immanuel which means, God with us. This prophecy was written 700 years BC, and it was fulfilled through virgin Mary. She was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with a child by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her, so he had in mind to divorce her quietly. "20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:20-21 KJV)

The Word Jesus means "Jehovah is salvation". God Himself came from Heaven to save His people. "22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matthew 1:22-23 KJV)

The child Jesus grew up and became a man. Through Jesus, God's promise to live and to walk among His people is fulfilled. Jesus, while living with men, He healed the sick, He drove out demons, He opened the eyes of the blind, He made the mute to speak and the deaf to hear. He multiplied the bread and fish and fed the thousands of people, and

He raised the death to life. He did all the mighty acts of God. He proved that He is God.

God, when He appeared to Moses in the burning bush, Moses asked Him, "13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." (Exodus 3:13-14 KJV) God told Moses his name, "I AM THAT I AM:" "I AM" is the name of God. In the New Testament Jesus used the Word "I am" many times. Some of these are:

- 1. <u>I am the bread of life</u>: "35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." (John 6:35 KJV) Food is for the body, but for our souls we need spiritual food that comes from God. Jesus is the bread of life for us, the spiritual food that we need. His Word is the love of God to us, His Word is the proper food for our souls because Jesus is God. "4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4 KJV)
- 2. <u>I am the light of the world</u>: "12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12 KJV) People away from God are in darkness; they stumble and fall. They need the light so they can see their ways. Jesus is the light of the world that vanish the darkness. "3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:3 KJV)
- 3. <u>I am the good shepherd</u>: "11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." (John 10:11 KJV) The Old Testament mentioned that God is the good shepherd who takes care of the sheep. The sheep are His people. David wrote, "1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1 KJV) Jesus did not loss any of his sheep but He gave His life for them. Jesus declared, "I am the good shepherd" because He is God.
- 4. <u>I am the door of the sheep</u>: "7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." (John 10:7 KJV) Jesus is the door for the believers to enter His kingdom. Those who listen to Him and follow Him, they enter His kingdom, the Kingdom of God. "27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28 KJV)
- 5. <u>I am the resurrection</u>, and the life: "25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26 KJV) God is the One who gives Life. He is the only One who can raise people from death. Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life because He is God. No mere man or prophet can claim this Word but God.
- 6. <u>I am the way, the truth, and the life</u>: "6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6 KJV) Jesus is the only truth

and the only way to abundant and eternal life because He is God. As you decide to follow Him, you will be in a personal relationship with God.

Don't be amazed. The above is the truth. God is the Lord of love, and He delights to live with man. God appeared as a man to Abraham, "I And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, 3 And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: 4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: 5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said." (Genesis 18:1-5 KJV) God also appeared as a man to Jacob, "22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. 23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. 24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. 29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.' (Genesis 32:22-30 KJV) By God's great love, our sins are forgiven through the shed of His blood; the blood of Jesus on the cross. By His blood we became the children of God.

Jesus according to the Scripture is the image of the invisible God, "15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:" (Colossian 1:15 KJV) Jesus being in very nature God, and being in the form of God, "6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:" (Philippians 2:6-7 KJV) Jesus is God, He came down from Heaven. He became a man, to save us, His people from sin and death. Jesus suffered and died on the cross, buried and raised from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe on Him and follow Him; He is the Savior and the Lord to those who accept Him.

1. <u>Jesus, the image of the invisible God accepts worship</u>: After His resurrection from the dead and before He ascended to Heaven, Jesus was meeting His disciples. "50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:" (Luke 24:50-52 KJV) His disciples who most of them of Jewish people do not

worship other than God for it is written in the law, "7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me." (Deuteronomy 5:7 KJV) Jesus Himself quoted, "10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Matthew 4:10 KJV) Therefore His disciples worshipped Him because He is God. Jesus being God accepts worship from everyone who believes on Him and who obey Him.

- 2. <u>Jesus identified Himself with God the Father</u>: In many occasions Jesus verbally declared that He is identical to God. "9 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? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake." (John 14:9-11 KJV) Jesus also said, "30 I and my Father are one." (John 10:30 KJV) And many times Jesus was accused because He identified Himself with God. The unbelieving people and the leaders and teachers of the Law strongly opposed Him and they even tried to stone Him. "31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God." (John 10:31-33 KJV)
- 3. <u>Jesus forgave sins because He is God</u>: While Jesus was teaching, "18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. 19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. 20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" (Luke 5:18-21 KJV) Jesus is God and forgives the sins of everyone who come to Him in repentance and in faith.
- 4. <u>Jesus proved Himself and was addressed as God by His disciples</u>: After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples. One of them named Thomas was missing on the first visit of Jesus. "25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." (John 20:25-29 KJV)
- 5. <u>Jesus taught with God's Authority</u>: Many places in the Bible it is mentioned that Jesus' teaching was with authority. "27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned

among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him." (Mark 1:27 KJV) When you read the chapter of Matthew 5, Jesus spoke to the people about the law of Moses in this way: "27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matthew 5:27-28 KJV) Repeatedly Jesus mentioned a certain topic from the law of Moses then He said to His audience, "But I say unto you," and gave the new command and teaching. The law of Moses was the highest authority known to the people because it directly came from God and no-one can change except God. Certainly, who can address to Himself what God had said except He who is God? Jesus Himself before He ascended to Heaven said, "18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matthew 28:18 KJV)

6. Jesus did miracles greater than any prophet: He healed the sick, made the lame, the cripple and the paralytic stand and walk. He made the blind see, the deaf hear and the mute speak. He drove out demons, and raised people from death. He multiplied the bread and the fish and fed thousands of people. He calmed the raging sea and the disciples asked each other, "41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:41 KJV) On another occasion while His claim was questioned they asked Him, "53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? 54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: 55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." (John 8:53-58) Jesus clearly said to them that he was before Abraham, "25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." (John 21:25 KJV)

My dear and beloved: As we come to know and accept who Jesus really is, our faith increase and we eagerly desire to see Him and to be with Him in His Heavenly Kingdom. As we receive Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord, God and King, our faith reach the optimum of knowing and believing that He is God. Finally, let us ponder these very words of Jesus: "24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8:24 KJV) If you believe in Jesus, your repentance will be accepted and your sin shall be forgiven.

If you believe that God created the Heaven and the earth, and God is in Heaven; is it impossible that He came to earth? If you believe that God created the man, then, is it impossible for God to become a man to save men from sin and death? Don't you

believe in His promise, "10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10 KJV) Life and blessing is only received from Jesus as we accept and claim His Word. "19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19 KJV)

We write and deliver this message to you to make our joy and your joy complete. Jesus clearly claimed that He is God. We believe in Him and this gives us the greatest assurance and peace as Titus wrote, "13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" (Titus 2:13 KJV)

Let us pray ....

My Prayer: Father God in Heaven, I thank you for your great love and compassion. I love you Lord, and I thank you because you came from Heaven and became a man to seek and to save me. Thank you for your great sacrifice and your dead on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord, today I take a step of faith. I believe in my heart and confess in my lips that Jesus is my Savior, my Lord and my God Thank you God, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Confess and renounce your sins. Confess your stubbornness, disobedience and your spiritual blindness. Confess your non willingness to confess that Jesus is God. Confess your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess and renounce all the works of the flesh in your life. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God in your life. Confess your non willingness to obey God and serve Him and do the ministry that He asked you to do. Confess your non willingness to suffer and be persecuted for the sake of Christ. Confess your lack of compassion and your non concern to reach out the lost souls with the gospel of Jesus. Lord forgive me, I confess and renounce the following sins

Lord I commit myself to go on and serve you and be a witness to you to all men of what I heard and seen. Lord receive me, and commission me as you commissioned your disciples and apostles. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me and protect me to go on and do your will. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my brothers and sisters who revealed yourself to them and who tasted your goodness, and who confessed you Jesus as their God and committed their lives to your calling in their lives. Lord use them to reach the lost and bring souls into your kingdom. Lord protect them, provide for them and help them to continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue to go and proclaim that Jesus is God, and to motivate others and mobilize them to go and serve you and get involved in your works. Lord we ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit on us, with miracles and wonders and in giving visions and dreams, and the Spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize and make new disciples. Lord enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and more workers to receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming that when you come we are ready to go with you. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole

will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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