

WHY IN THE WORLD (2)

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→ God became one of us.

John 1: 14 "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."

→ Why did He come as one of us, and live as one of us, among us?

-To pay for our sins....But there are other subtle reasons too.

-To show and tell us what God is like. John 1:18

→John 9: 1- 3

PAIN is Not just punishing us, but it sometimes serves God's PURPOSE

About the Father from the Son:

1. God sometimes chooses to display his power through our PAIN

→John 9: 6- 34

We already know what God is like: God ALWAYS takes a day off!

There are things about God you'll never understand without JESUS

Some people think that is you don't understand everything, you can't accept

SOMETHING

About the Father from the Son:

2. God extends mercy BEYOND theology.

If your belief allows you to mistreat anyone, you are guilty of MISBELIEF

and MISBEHAVIOR, and are

misrepresenting God.

3. God takes personal interest in individual PEOPLE.

Jesus healed one person AT A TIME.

→ What should I do?

Read one gospel this month (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) and ask:

"What do we learn about the Father from the Son?"

Recognize this:

If you move past Jesus, you'll move away from GOD

If you stop short of Jesus, you'll the TRUTH about God.

Bible Reading: John 1: 17- 18, John 9: 1-15

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud

⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."

¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight."

¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."