

A GUIDE TO  
GOD

A photograph of a wooden signpost in a rural landscape. The signpost is a tall, thin wooden pole with a horizontal sign attached to it that reads "JESUS" in black, hand-painted letters. To the left of the pole is a wooden frame structure, possibly a gate or a fence. The background shows a field of dry grass, distant mountains, and a cloudy sky. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

JESUS

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Dedicated to  
GOD the Father, GOD the Son,  
& GOD the Holy Spirit  
Three Persons in One



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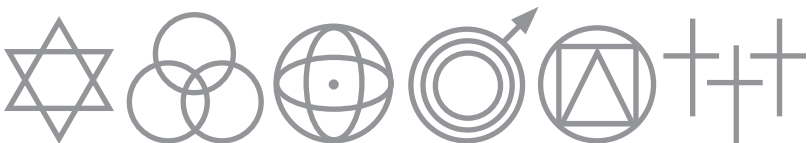
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the LORD our  
GOD  
is one LORD:

And thou shalt love  
the LORD thy GOD  
with all thine heart,  
and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

I N T R O D U C T I O N

## Finding GOD

**G**OD is closer than you think, and just because you can't see Him doesn't mean He isn't there. GOD is everywhere present. He said that, "If ye seek Me with all of your heart, ye shall surely find Me." This is no celestial game of "hide and seek," GOD is looking for commitment, and for someone who will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth [Jesus].

In recent years, there has a lot of confusion and misinformation about GOD as Christian churches have progressively turned away from the Bible in a gravely misguided effort to become "tolerant," (which is the devil's operative word), by refusing to preach a full Gospel. So GOD commanded me to write this book ostensibly to correct many of the misperceptions people have of Him—including theologians, so don't feel bad.

Perhaps you are already an established Christian who wants to know more about GOD, but were afraid to ask, or maybe you're not too sure that GOD exists so you decided to get this book out of curiosity. Whatever the reason you may be reading this book, just know that it is no coincidence. GOD has a message for you within these pages because He wants you to know Him.

In this guide you will learn Who and what GOD is, that He is a "He," and not a "She," or an "It," and that He has a human name, a Name above all names by which you can know Him and relate to Him. GOD may appear to be many things to many people, but He never changes, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He is faithful even when we are not.

Just as no one who isn't us can fully understand or appreciate us, there is much about GOD we may never fully understand

or appreciate—even given a life spent with Him in eternity, but thanks to the Bible, there is much about GOD that we can understand, so much of what I have written is drawn directly from the Bible. The rest is drawn from personal experience and revelation.

You will notice that each chapter has a symbol associated with it. These symbols represent the 3-fold or triune nature of GOD. The symbols will also help you to recall what you have read. It is impossible to even attempt to describe GOD otherwise.

Each chapter is just two pages or less in length. They may be short, but they are powerful by design. Read them again and again so that you do not miss one word that is written. One of the gifts GOD has given me is the ability to take an extremely abstract subject, break it down, explain it, and then make of it something easy to understand.

I have an acrostic for GOD, He is the Glorious One Divine, and I have walked with Him for 21 years, and I can tell you that He is intensely personal, and that He loves you more than you can begin to comprehend. It is my prayer that you will come away from this book knowing that, *and* knowing Him.

May GOD richly bless you for reading this book, Amen.

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## **The One True GOD**

The One true GOD is the GOD of the Bible—the GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the three patriarchs of Israel. But why these three? Because they are a picture of the Patriarchal GODhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. By reading their stories you can better understand GOD and His expressed triune nature.

### **Abraham is a picture of GOD the Father**

*(For the whole story read Genesis 12-21)*

Abram was of the lineage of Shem, the firstborn son of Noah whom Noah had blessed saying, “Blessed be the LORD GOD of Shem.” (Genesis 10:26) Abram was also obedient, and a man of great faith which GOD had counted to him for righteousness, so much so, that he was called a “Friend of GOD,” three times and renamed—Abraham, which means “of a great multitude.”

Abraham was promised by GOD that he would be the father of a great nation, one which would be a theocracy or governed by GOD, and that would one day be called Israel. He was also promised that he would have a son of GOD, and at the tender age of 100, Abraham does indeed have his promised son—Isaac—and of a miraculous birth, for Sarah, Abraham’s 90 something year-old wife who had been barren her entire life, conceived.

When Isaac grew a little older, Abraham’s faith was tested to the limit when GOD commanded him to sacrifice his beloved, only begotten son of GOD to GOD. Such was Abraham’s faith in GOD that he absolutely believed that GOD would resurrect Isaac even after death if only to fulfill His promise to him that he would indeed be a father of a great and mighty nation—one nation under GOD.

## **Isaac is a picture of GOD the Son [Jesus]**

*(For the whole story read Genesis 22)*

Isaac who was the son of promise, was to be sacrificed by his father atop mount Moriah, the very site of Golgotha where Jesus was crucified approximately 2,000 years later. Like Jesus, Isaac did not fight his father, but submitted to his will to be sacrificed unto GOD. When GOD saw that Abraham meant business, He stopped him from killing Isaac and provided for him a ram, (a symbol for the Lamb of GOD), as a sacrificial substitute. Isaac would have been around 33 years old, the same age that Jesus was when He died, at the time.

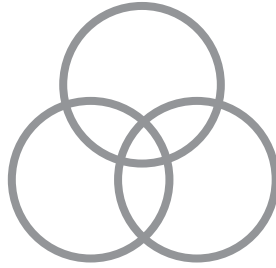
Because Abraham was willing to sacrifice his beloved only begotten son, GOD told him that all of the nations of the earth would be blessed through him. Jesus was a direct descendant of Abraham, who summarily died for the sins of the world, was the fulfillment of that promise.

## **Jacob is a picture of GOD the Holy Spirit in Action**

*(For the whole story read Genesis 27-28)*

The name Jacob means “supplanter,” and that is what the Holy Spirit does, He supplants or supersedes the sinful spirit of unbelief with the Spirit of the Living GOD when a person accepts Jesus as their LORD and Savior. Jacob supplanted his twin brother Esau, and took from him his birthright as the firstborn son, and his father’s deathbed blessing, leaving him with nothing but hatred. Jacob was hungry for the things of GOD, while Esau had little regard for such things, so GOD highly favored Jacob and openly despised Esau despite Jacob’s deception of his father, Isaac.

From that time on, Jacob lived a righteous life, and many years later had twelve sons. It was only after he had wrestled with GOD until GOD blessed him, that he was renamed—Israel, which means “army of GOD.” When the Holy Spirit indwells a person, that person then becomes a member, not only of GOD’s family, but of the army of GOD. Onward Christian soldier!



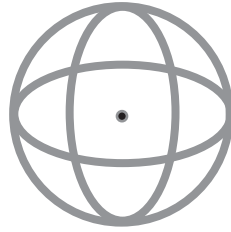
## The Trinity

Many people claim to believe in “GOD,” but not Jesus or the Trinity, but they are not mutually exclusive, they are One. Jesus said, “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father also.” He also referred to Himself as I AM; the name of GOD which GOD gave to Moses for a witness unto Israel. You can’t have GOD without Jesus, or Jesus without the Holy Spirit. Just as we are three-part beings, soul, body, and spirit, so too is GOD only in three Persons: GOD the Father (Soul), GOD the Son (Body), and GOD the Holy Spirit (Spirit). They are three Persons in One GOD, and they are interdependent. If you reject the Son, then you reject the Father also. You cannot love GOD, if you do not love Jesus, and GOD cannot save you for Heaven apart from Jesus as they are One and the same GOD.

The Trinity is also referred to as the GODhead or the three Fathers. All are LORD. When Jesus was baptized by John, all three Persons of the Trinity were present: GOD the Father said of Him, “This is My Son in whom I am well pleased,” after which the Holy Spirit alighted on Him like a dove.

The work of salvation can only be accomplished by the GODhead. Anyone who desires to go to Heaven must first believe that GOD (the Father) exists, that Jesus (the Son) died for their sins, and after accepting Jesus, that they will receive the Holy Spirit (Spirit) Who will replace their own sinful spirit. The Trinity is always in perfect union in the life of every believer and they have only One GOD, and only one faith—Christianity.

*Now faith is the belief in Jesus Christ Who is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things unseen.*



## **Omnipotent, Omniscient & Omnipresent**

There are three theological words commonly used to describe GOD: Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent, but most people don't really grasp the full ramifications of these words.

### **Omnipotent [GOD the Father—YAHWEH]**

Omni means "ALL," potent means "POWER."

It speaks of spirituality.

It is important to note here that GOD does not have power, but that GOD *is* POWER. With just one Word [Jesus aka the Word], the entire universe was created, "and GOD said, *Let there be light.*" There is nothing GOD cannot do, only things that He will not do if it interferes with His will, plan or purpose for creation or His creatures. Jesus, GOD the Son, as he hung upon the cross to pay for our sins, could simply have said the word, "die," and killed everyone on the earth instantly, but in His great mercy said, "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*"

### **Omniscient [GOD the Holy Spirit—Holy Ghost]**

Omni means "ALL," scient (science) means "KNOWING."

It speaks of mentality.

GOD knows ALL, not some things and not others—ALL. He watches all that you do, listens to all that you say, and knows all that you are thinking, better than you do, AND He's keeping track! You cannot hide ANYTHING from Him—not even yourself, let alone your sins. There is no escaping Him, and there is nothing you can do about it. Choosing not to believe in Him doesn't affect GOD one bit, but it does affect you and where you

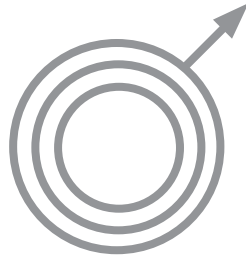
will spend eternity when you die, because you WILL be held accountable for every idle thought, word, or deed UNLESS you have been forgiven by Jesus.

**Omnipresent [GOD the Son— Jesus Christ]**

Omni means “ALL” present means “HERE.”

It speaks of physicality.

GOD is everywhere present meaning wherever you are He is, whether you are in Hawaii or the South Pole, on the moon or on the earth, in Heaven or in hell—He is there. You are never alone. He’s everywhere you want to be, and everywhere you don’t. GOD is even inside you whether you know it or not; however this does not make you GOD. The Bible tells us that we were created by GOD (Genesis), through GOD (John), and for GOD (Revelation). GOD did not create from nothing because before everything there was GOD—He created from Himself. This is why your soul continues even after the death of the body. There is no annihilation of the soul, only hell to pay if you have not believed in Jesus.



## **GOD not goddess**

In recent years, because of so much cultural sexism, there has been a great debate over whether or not GOD is really a “He” or a “She.” Some apostate churches have even gone so far as to depict Jesus in art as a woman. For eons men have “lorded” it over women that they are the glory of GOD, whereas women are merely the glory of men; however, logic dictates that if men are the glory of GOD, and the Bible says they are, and women are the glory of men, then women are the glory of men AND the glory of GOD. Moreover, it was Adam who sinned knowingly, whereas Eve was deceived, so it is through Adam that all men die. Furthermore, it was Adam who blamed Eve and GOD rather than take responsibility for his own sin making him unrepentant, whereas Eve was quick to confess the truth by saying, “The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.” Consequently, it is through Adam that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of GOD.

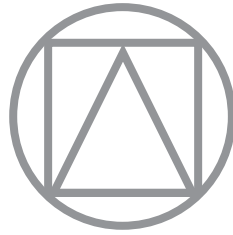
That said, the Bible tells us that GOD is a spirit; as such “He” is gender neutral. He is fully masculine and fully feminine. He chose to represent Himself as a man in the form of Jesus, and present Himself as Father, Son, and Husband/Bridegroom, because, in His infinite wisdom, He uses Himself as a role model for all men, and a protector and provider for all women, so He prefers to be addressed with the personal pronoun “He.”

Just as Jesus the Son was sent to bring the unrighteous sinner to repentance, and not the righteous, so too do men need Him more than women do. Men need a powerful Male figurehead to look to for example and guidance, whereas women want a loving husband to depend on for security.

As sheep, men tend to go wandering astray after their own lusts, whereas women tend to be natural followers. Men also tend to be unemotional, dispassionate, and logic-minded, whereas women tend to be emotional, compassionate, and spiritually-minded, which is why more women attend church than men.

Women are the weaker sex, yes, but that's physically weaker, NOT lesser than men, which is why men are supposed to protect them and provide for them—not abuse them. Men and women are actually equal in GOD's eyes—different, but equal. Christ died equally for men and women both, as well as children, Jews, Gentiles, whites, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Arabs, and all of the other human races of the world.

In the end, whenever you call GOD “goddess” you diminish His role as a perfect Male model for men's behavior—a higher standard of what it means to be male by which all men are all held accountable.



## **Love, Judgment, & Holiness**

GOD is love, but He is also a just GOD, and a Holy GOD, therefore no sin; that is not otherwise forgiven by Jesus, will go unpunished. Our human justice system may fail us at times, but GOD will never fail us, and we are to take some measure of comfort in that.

### **Love**

GOD's love is called "Agape." Agape is no ordinary love. It is not touchy-feely, it is powerful and aggressive. It is tough, disciplinary love; the "I-will-do-WHATEVER-it-takes to save you" kind of love. It is a love that will kill and die for you—AND it is unconditional. Agape is jealous for you, not jealous of you. It is important to remember that GOD does not have Agape, He is Agape. He will stop at nothing, and is not beyond using His followers, and allowing them be abused, to save you—and just so that there are no complaints due His followers, He even went to the cross Himself and died in an excruciatingly horrible way—just for you. You're that important and valuable to Him.

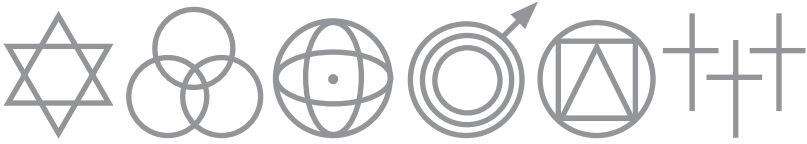
### **Judgment**

GOD is our judge and jury. There is no pleading innocent with Him unless you have accepted the tender mercy of Jesus Christ. The Bible is the Book of GOD's Law which He gave to us. The purpose of the Bible is to point out how sinful we are—it is our moral standard—the standard by which ALL will be judged by GOD upon death. Ignorance of the Law is no excuse; it exists in every single language on earth: on tape, on film, on CD, and

on DVD. Destroying Bibles will not nullify it. It is the written living Word of the Living GOD; and it is signed in the blood of Jesus. In GOD's court it is legally binding. Unless you repent [turn away from] and confess your sins [crimes against GOD and humanity], ask the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and accept Him as LORD, you will be held accountable for every sin there is. He said, that if you break even one commandment, you have broken ALL. Not accepting Him is like slapping GOD in the face for trying to save you. Hell is a reality; it is GOD's prison for those who refuse to accept His free gift of grace.

### **Holiness**

GOD judges us because He is Holy. He is the standard or norm, and if we want to be in His Presence for eternity, we must come clean, and the only way to get clean is by coming to Christ and asking His forgiveness. There is no sin in GOD. GOD is perfect; that's what it means to be Holy. Sin is filth, where holiness is clean, and sin is darkness where holiness is light. Sin cannot coexist with holiness. If you were summoned to come before the King, would you want to show up in stinking, filthy rags, covered head to toe with stains? No, and the King would require that you clean up first and be made presentable or you would never get to see Him.



## LORD Jesus Christ

There is nothing arbitrary about the name of our LORD, the Name above all names—Jesus Christ. While writing the New Testament epistles, the Apostle Paul most often referred to Him as the LORD Jesus Christ. Paul who was full of the Holy Spirit, was a Trinitarian and often conveyed his messages in multiples of three which we know today is the Biblical number of divine perfection. Listed below is the application.

<i>His name is...</i>	<b>LORD</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>Christ</b>
<i>He is described as...</i>	Omnipotent	Omnipresent	Omniscient
<i>He was acknowledged to be...</i>	King	Prophet	High Priest
<i>He is characterized as being...</i>	GOD	Personal	Sacrifice
<i>Which was demonstrated by His...</i>	Birth	Life	Death
<i>This makes Him our...</i>	Restorer	Savior	Redeemer
<i>And we are to follow the...</i>	Way	Truth	Life

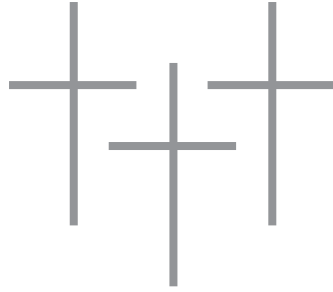
<i>In Whom we are to have...</i>		
Faith	Hope	Charity
<i>He is symbolized by the...</i>		
Lion	Lamb	Dove
<i>Because He is the...</i>		
Father	Son	Holy Spirit
<i>Metaphorically represented as...</i>		
Fire	Water	Wind
<i>Who is like unto</i>		
Vinegar	Salt	Oil
<i>And He is our...</i>		
Judge	Advocate	Propitiation
<i>By Whom we can experience...</i>		
Joy	Love	Peace

We were created by Jesus,  
through Jesus, and for Jesus.

He works in, around, and through us...  
In us to change us, around us to improve our circumstances,  
and through us to help those in need.

For He is the Kingdom,  
and the Power,  
and the Glory.

Amen.



## **The Way, the Truth, & the Life**

Jesus said that He was the Way, the Truth, and the Life, but what does this three-fold description of Himself really mean? Isn't there more than one way to GOD? Isn't the truth relative? Isn't living the good life what GOD wants for us?

### **Jesus is the Way**

*The way of Jesus is love.*

GOD the Son/Jesus is love. He lived a life full of love for others, everything He did, He did in love. He also spoke in love, but before you put Him in a tiny box called, "love," you should know that Jesus was NOT tolerant, He was forgiving, and always told others to "go and sin no more." He wrathfully overturned the tables of the religious thieves operating within His temple, even going so far as to take a whip to them, yet this was done in love, and for love too, as He disciplines those He loves as any good parent would to keep them from evil ways. Jesus is our role model for proper behavior—the Way in which we should go, and the only Way to get to Heaven.

### **Jesus is the Truth**

*The truth of Jesus is revealed in the Bible.*

Because Jesus *is* the living Word of GOD, He is mysteriously and inextricably linked to the Bible—also the living Word of GOD. All Scripture was given by the Holy Spirit of GOD or is GOD-breathed and alive. To know that the Bible is true, you have only to verify the fulfillment of its prophecies down through the millennia where it concerns the Jews, even to the present day.

The Holy Bible proves itself accurate again and again as new archaeological evidence emerges, as old prophecies are fulfilled, and as lives are changed forever simply by reading and applying its teachings.

The truth of the Bible never changes even though we do. It is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and it will never pass away. It will always hold us to a higher standard of morality whether you believe it or not, and it is not relative to anything but lies. That means that everything that is opposed or contrary to the truth of Jesus Christ and the Bible is a lie.

The truth is also what remains in the absence of all else. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End—He existed prior to creation and will continue to exist when creation comes to an end. Jesus is ultimate truth and absolute reality; He is the great I AM.

### **Jesus is the Life**

*The life of Jesus was a life of service and self-sacrifice.*

Jesus *is* life. He is our bread and water—the Bread of Life and the Living Water. Through Him everything was made, including us. Yet He humbled Himself and came down to earth, so that we could better understand and relate to Him. His was a life of self-sacrificing service to us even to death on the Cross. Jesus taught us the basics of right from wrong, healed our diseases, demonstrated His power in signs and wonders, then bore our sins and delivered us from death that we might have eternal life with Him in Heaven—the life He intends for us all—the life He wants us to live. Jesus does not want us to live the good life, but rather to live a life of good.

*“Follow Me, for I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life:  
no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”*

—Jesus  
(spoken with love)

## An Invitation

**N**ow that you know all about GOD, how would you like to meet Him and experience Him for yourself? There is no greater adventure in life than knowing the Creator of the universe. Whether you ski down Mt. Everest, jump out of airplanes without a parachute, or even walk a tightrope across the Grand Canyon, nothing—no risk on earth, compares to walking with the LORD by faith, because it is a fearsome thing to fall into the hands of the Living GOD. Anyone who tells you that the Christian life is boring; is not following Jesus.

A person may act like a Christian, but not be one, or may be a Christian, but not act like one. Anyone who goes to church may claim to be a Christian, but going to church doesn't make you a Christian, only a personal, and Spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ does. Being religious does not make you Spiritual, being Spiritual makes you religious.

This is not about going to church, becoming religious, or any so-called Christian(s) who may have intentionally hurt you; it is about having a close, personal relationship with GOD who loves you. If you're not sure of your salvation in Christ, or if you would like to have such a relationship with Christ, then say the following prayer:

*Lord Jesus,  
I want to know You, so I confess and repent of my sins.  
Forgive me and wash me clean.  
Come into my life, and make Your Presence known.  
I accept You as my LORD and Savior. Amen.*

If you have prayed this prayer, May GOD bless you and keep you close to Him all the days of your life as you walk with Him. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Can anyone explain GOD?

Is there really only one true GOD?

Is GOD a mystery we can't hope to understand?

**H**ave you ever wondered about GOD? If so, then you're not alone. Millions of people the world over wonder about GOD. Does He really exist? How can there be a GOD when there is so much suffering in the world? Is GOD a He, She, or It? Who or what in the world is GOD?

In *A Guide to GOD*, you will learn the answers to these questions and more. You will discover that GOD is not relative, that GOD is indeed good, that there is only one GOD, and that no others exist. Moreover, that GOD has a human name—a Name above all names, and that He alone is worthy of your praise.

You may not know GOD, but He certainly knows you and it is His desire to reveal Himself to you in ways you've only imagined.

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**“If only I'd had this book, it would have saved me a whole lot of grief!”**

—Lulu M. Flatt, author of *Ruminations: stories, thoughts, and ideas about GOD you can chew on*



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