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The Love-Life Agency

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MACHAIRA

(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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THE PERFECT PICTURE OF LOVE

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation" Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

Until the appearing of Jesus, God was a mystery. Many people didn't have rich understanding of God, who He is and how He loves to relate with us. And even now there are people who lack the understanding of who God truly is. You don't have to travel to the moon to understand God. You don't have to wait till you depart from this earth to see God. God has revealed Himself explicitly to us. God came to man in the form of man (Jesus, yet He was fully God) to make Himself visible to us.

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory." 1 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV).

Through Christ Jesus, God is revealed in a clear and detailed manner, without any ambiguity, or leaving no room for confusion or doubt. When you focus on Jesus you see God in His full reality in life and nature. Jesus is the perfect picture of God.

When you truly behold Jesus, you don't need to ask of the Father. Look at what Jesus Himself told Philip:

"Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" John 14:9

Why?

The author of Hebrews explains:

"His Son is the radiance of his glory, the very image of his substance..." Hebrews 1:3 (WEB)

When you see Jesus, you have seen God's express image. To understand God's character, glory, love, nature, plans, intentions and thought patterns, look at Jesus. Our Lord Jesus brings us the perfect picture of God's love. Man lost the true picture of God and failed to see God in His true essence and expression. Jesus came to change or correct man's wrong picture of God. He did not come to change God's picture of man. God has the original picture

of us. He always had a perfect picture of Love. Man created a wrong picture about God. They thought of a condemning God but God saw a people He can make righteous in Christ. He saw a people He has to make perfect despite their imperfection. God was not looking for a people He will condemn. He saw a people He must save. While men were yet sinners Christ saved them (Romans 5:8). For God so loved the world that He gave Himself (John 3:16). God has no hatred towards man. He never condemns man. He always makes His salvation available.

It's the nature of sin and consciousness of sin that leaves man in condemnation, NOT GOD!

Any man that believes in God's provision of Grace is not condemned but JUSTIFIED.

GOD WANTS YOU TO RECEIVE HIS GIFT WITHOUT YOUR SELF-EFFORT.

Your labour (Self-effort) to please God is as a result of your "condemnation consciousness"; but His Grace-received is as a result of His Perfect Love you've beheld. (John 3:16-18). Shalom!

DIG DEEPER:

(Colossians 1:14-16; John 1:1-18; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:20; John 8:19; 12:45; John 10:30).

WE PRAY

That we may grow more and more in the knowledge of Christ, that we may understand the perfect love of Christ

BIBLE READING

Day 80: Judges 11-13

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- God loves me.
- I see His love in Christ.
- I grow in the perfect understanding of God through Christ.
- I enjoy the love of God in Christ.
- God sees me in His love.
- I am not hated by God, I am not condemn by God.
- I am not an enemy of God. I am loved by God.
- Jesus showed me how God loves me.

OH Hallelujah, GLORY TO GOD!!!