

## **FIRESIDE CHAT. EPISODE 2 - I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD** **THE CREATIVITY OF GOD**

**My thoughts today are concerning the creativity of God.** A person who creates anything usually leaves a written document or steps of process to that which has been created. In the creation of our universe God did just that. Through inspiration He has compiled **a manual of instructions** to the human race for us to understand, and to follow his plan. It is called the holy bible.

**Genesis 1:1-5** in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night.

When I think about God, I ask myself who and what is God? When I read my bible, in the New Testament, the book of **John chapter 1:5** it tells me that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and the Word was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was the life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend (**understand**) it. Now I have to wonder how can I get **understanding**? Who and what is God?

In **John 4:24** it tells me that God is Spirit. Thus far we have been told that **God is Light and God is Spirit**.

The **Spirit** is like the wind. We cannot see the wind, but we can **hear** the wind, and we can see the **effects** of the wind, we can **feel** the wind, but we cannot actually see the wind, and so it is with his **Spirit** because God is all Light. (When we put light against light you would not be able to see any difference or one light from another. We might not be able to see God, but we can feel Him, and if we listen, we can also **hear** Him. We as believers can **also see the effects** that God has in our lives.

**Romans 1:20** explains, for since the creation of the world **God's invisible attributes** are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse. It is the understanding that there must be a purposeful intelligence that created this world because the world itself shows both **purpose and intelligence**.

When we come to the bible it is where God speaks to man, perfectly and comprehensively. Yes, God left through his creation of the human race, by the Inspiration of His Spirit, the book of instructions and knowledge, that would lead those who would seriously want to know their creator, would benefit by, and would fellowship with Him eternally.

Let us examine two scriptures that tell us that God is letting us know, by his Holy Spirit, that His intention is to reveal himself to his creation.

In the **Old Testament** it starts out with in the beginning God, and in the New Testament **John 1:1** it starts out with in the beginning was the Word. During the creation God spoke, and with great purpose, God spoke each facet of his creation into being. Here is the story of God's creation of the heavens and the earth. The focus here is the creation of the material world and uses the word Elohim, which is the standard Hebrew term for

DEITY, ELOHIM is the form called the plural of Majesty or the plural of Intensity, meaning the fullness of deity. John 1:1 continues with in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God. Vs 2 all things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was Life, and the Life was the light of men. In Genesis 1:1 the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters, then God said, (He **spoke and said**) let there be light. In (Heb. Chapter 1:1) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His Glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of his power.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah, we learn concerning the Word of His Power. This was a prophesy that was spoken concerning the Word of his Power. "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. (This was the rod, (root from David's line) (see Isaiah 53:2, 3-12, speaking of Jesus and how we shall know the one God sends to the earth to reveal Himself).

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him.

The Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of Understanding.

The Spirit of Counsel and Might

The Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord.

In this passage God was stating how we could recognize Him. He was stating the attributes of his power.

God stated to Moses in Exodus 3:14-15<sup>th</sup> this is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations. **I Am that I Am**. The I Am was sent to the children of Israel to deliver them from the chains of bondage. God is a God of the now. The God of the presence.

**Remember 1<sup>st</sup> John chapter 1** it stated that the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not understand it. God wanted so much for his creation to be able to relate, and have communion with Him that He had a plan to be implemented for this to happen. The worlds were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. In vs 14...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld as of His Glory, the Glory the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. The Word became flesh who was from eternity. God became human. Jesus Christ gave this designation of Himself...I Am the Light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of life. John 8:12. **I AM was God's designation of Himself in Ex, 3:14**. In John 8:16 Jesus said "I AM with the father who sent me." (Duet 17:6; 19:15.) The law of Moses required two witnesses for a testimony to be true (John 8:18) Jesus said, **I AM** one who bears witness to Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me. (Both Jesus and the Father, through the signs which followed Jesus' teachings bore testimony to Jesus words and His works). To a world stumbling about in the darkness of sin Christ offers Himself as a constant guide. Light also symbolizes Holiness. Jesus was claiming to be God. Jesus is truly the light of the world and those who seek Him with an honest heart will surely find Him. Jesus calls out to one and to all who sit in

darkness, devoid of understanding. "Come unto me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest, I AM the light and shine out of the darkness to seek and to save those who are lost and undone. "Come to Me and find rest for your souls."

**John 3:16** tells us "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting Life. This is the will of God for all people. To be with Him and have eternal Life, but because God is a just God there must be a penalty for disobedience to His call, and that penalty is death and eternal separation from Him. But God made a way where there was no way. He provided the way through taking human form and paying the price of man's disobedience, the death of the cross, overcoming the penalty of death in his human resurrection, and granting to mankind the gift of eternal Life in Jesus the Christ. It is in the price that Christ paid for the human race, that when we repent of our disobedience of wanting to be our own God for ourselves, and receive His free gift of forgiveness, death is done away, and then we receive the gift of his Holy Spirit and eternal Life. (The gift is absolutely free). Our God is Life and He grants to us who will choose His Ways, Eternal Life. We become one with Him for all eternity, in Jesus the Christ. We are born again spiritually, and for all eternity, to live in His Presence.