

## GOD WAS MANIFEST BUT *IS* GOD MANIFEST?

2 Kings 2:14 – Where is the LORD God of Elijah?

2 Corinthians 5:16 – Christ no longer known after the flesh

1 Timothy 3:16 – God was manifest

The first manifestation of the LORD when you got saved was a “hand out”. If you want the LORD to continue to manifest himself to you must (1) desire it, (2) and be holy and will-less.

I’m sure there were times in your life when “God was manifest” in your life. I’m sure that the LORD manifested himself to you the day you got saved. The question I ask you tonight, “*Is* God manifest” in your life today? Or “was he manifest” in your life and no longer today? I don’t know about you but I want God to be manifest in my life!

Tonight we are going to talk about what keeps the LORD from manifesting himself to us. We also are going to talk about what brings about the manifestation of the glory of the God of Israel and what we must do on our part, if we want to see Jesus manifest in our lives today. Lastly we will look at the different ways in Scripture that God manifests himself to his people.

Manifest: Plain, open, clearly visible to the eye or obvious to the understanding; apparent

### **Manifest:**

John 1:31-34 The purpose of the baptism of John was to manifest Jesus to all Israel

Romans 1:19-31 God has manifested himself to the world through creation (Psalm 19:1)

2 Corinthians 2:14

God manifests the sweetness of the knowledge of Christ in every place. How so? By praises to God, repentance from dead works to serve the living God, by singing the songs of Zion, by brotherly love, by joy, by peace (i.e. fruits of the Spirit)

2 Corinthians 4:8-12 The life of Jesus manifest in our bodies

2 Timothy 1:8-10

1 Peter 1:18-23 Jesus was manifested for us (1 John 3:5, 8)

### **Manifestations:**

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Different manifestations of the Holy Spirit

### **Manifested:**

John 2:11 Jesus manifests his glory through miracles

John 17:6 His name – meaning his attributes and character and ways

Romans 3:21-22 God’s righteousness is manifested in Jesus Christ

Titus 1:3 – God manifests his word through preaching

1 John 4:9 God’s love manifested through Jesus coming into the world

**Reasons why “God was manifest” and no longer is:**

Sin (Psalm 5:4-5, 66:18, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Isaiah 59:1-2)

Revelation 2:1-5

The church at Ephesus left their first love. They had good works, they labored, they had patience, they couldn't stand evil people, and they were able to spot out false teachers and false apostles, BUT they left Jesus. They were so busy working and doing they forgot about Jesus. And the LORD says they need to remember from where they had fallen and repent and do the first works or Jesus would remove that church. YOUR FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING! Always maintain that and enjoy it!

Walking in the flesh and after the old man

Working and doing with the wrong heart attitude (Isaiah 58:1-14) or in your own strength

Murmuring and complaining

No desire for the LORD

Lack of a will to love, serve, obey God (Baloney prayer: “Lord make me willing”)

- Psalm 119 David's I will's

You are friendly with the world (1 John 2:15-17, James 4:4)

You get rid of his word (1 Samuel 4:21-22)

**What causes God to manifest himself:**

You want God to manifest himself to you and be real in your life?

John 14:21-24, 16:27

He that keeps his commandments loves Jesus and is loved of Jesus and the Father, and Jesus will manifest himself to that man!

John 15:9-114 Continue in his love, do what he says and he will call you a friend

1 John 1:3-10 Walking in the Light

Psalm 24:3-10 (Revelation 3:20), Being holy and clean and looking for him and opening up the door to him

Psalm 22:3 He inhabits praise!

Luke 24:32-36 Talking about Jesus

Matthew 20:30-34 Crying out to Jesus regardless of what men say

John 17:6 By understanding the name of the LORD (knowing his person)

Leviticus 9:1-24 By Sacrificing the way God says to do it (Romans 12:1-2)

Numbers 20:3-6 Interceding on other's behalf

2 Chronicles 5:6, 11-14 Sacrifice mingled with sanctified priests singing loud and proud

Being full of the Holy Ghost (Acts 7:55)

In short, you need to be holy (Psalm 29:2) so God can fill you with the Holy Ghost and then the LORD will manifest himself to you!

**Being Filled with the Spirit:**

- We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit and this leads to singing unto the LORD and being thankful for all things (Ephesians 5:18-20)

- People that are full of the Holy Ghost preach the word (Acts 2:1-11, 4:8, 31; 9:17-20), have joy (Acts 13:52) have faith (Acts 6:5)

- How do you get filled with the Holy Ghost?

God calls you for a specific task (Exodus 35:30-31)

Spend time in prayer and are willing to be led of him (Luke 3:21, 4:1)

ObeY God and be where God wants you to be (Acts 1:1-5, Acts 2:1-5)

Requires strengthening of the inner man, being rooted and grounded in love, and the knowledge of the love of Christ leads to being filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:14-19)

You need to be righteous and have nothing to do with darkness (Ephesians 5:8-11)

### **Your relationship needs to be right with the Lord in order to be filled**

#### **How God manifests himself:**

Exodus 16:7-12 By providing our need (Philippians 4:19)

John 2:11, 11:40 By performing miracles in the lives of people!

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Spiritual gifts and abilities

2 Corinthians 2:14 By the effects that the knowledge of Jesus has on the saints  
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Titus 1:3 – Through preaching of the word of the Lord

Exodus 24:15-18, 40:34-35, 1 Kings 8:11 The presence of the LORD fills a place

Exodus 33:18, 34:5-8 The LORD comes by proclaiming his name and attributes

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 Answered prayer, which leads to worship

Psalm 63:1-2 In Church

Through reading the Scriptures (2 Corinthians 3:17-18, 1 Corinthians 13:12, James 1:23) The Spirit of the LORD will change you into Christ's image if you behold the face of your Saviour in the Holy Bible! (Pat M's on the mirror. In the morning you look in the mirror and your mind knows what you ought to look like so you start conforming to that image, i.e. comb your hair, brush teeth, deodorant – cause you stink AMEN, etc. Same with the Spirit of God)

Galatians 5:22-25 – When you display this characteristics, the Spirit of the LORD is being made manifest

#### **Summary:**

After salvation, it is up to you whether or not you want God in your life, whether or not you want him to be manifest or not. Sin keeps the LORD from being manifest in your life and also hinders you from growing in the Lord and being filled with the Holy Ghost. What causes God to manifest himself is pretty much obeying the LORD because you want to out of a loving, thankful, appreciative heart and saying, "not my will, but thine be done." And there are many different ways the LORD can manifest himself to you. Do what is right in the sight of the LORD and praise Jesus, sing the songs of Zion, and serve the LORD with gladness and be joyful, and talk to him in prayer and ask the LORD to fill you up! AMEN!