

Revealed in the Flesh

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"These things I write unto you, hoping to come unto you shortly; but if I tarry long, so that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And by-confession, great is the Mystery of Godliness: God, Who was Revealed in the Flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, proclaimed in the nations, believed in the world, taken up in glory." (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

Word interpretations:

God, Who: from the greek word **Theo** which means: God - the Supreme Being who created all things, and owns all things, and sustains all things. Or from the Greek word **Hos** a relative pronoun which means: who, whom, whose, whoever, whatever, which, this, that. ('God' or 'Who' is used in different ancient manuscripts) However, In context both refer to God being revealed in the human person of, Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

Revealed: from the Greek word **ephanerothe** which means: was-revealed; made visible, made clear; to reveal, to manifest, to make known; from **phaneroo** - to illuminate, to enlighten, to reveal through revelations. God is the One who has Revealed His Son: through prophets, angels, His Holy Spirit, and through Jesus Himself!

Flesh: from the Greek word **sarx (sarki)** which means: flesh, body, human nature. The flesh is not always evil in Scripture: it is used positively in relation to 'becoming one flesh' in marriage (Eph 5:31) – as well, in context here, the sinless human body of Jesus (Jn 1:14; 1 Jn 4:2,3). Indeed, flesh (what is physical) is necessary for the body to live out the faith the Lord works in (Gal 2:20). When used in a negative sense - refers to making decisions (actions) according to self – i.e. done apart from faith (independent from God's in working). Thus what is "of the flesh (carnal)" is by definition displeasing to the Lord. Jesus came in the Flesh to save us from our carnal sinful flesh!

The context is a bit different from where it says, "*and the Word was **made** flesh, ...*" as in John 1:14 where the word '**made**' means: 'to cause to be, or to come into being.' Although Christ Jesus was born, as a infant, **as God incarnate**, His 'revealing' to people **as** God incarnate came in stages:

Via Prophecy: "For unto us **a Child is born**, unto us **a Son is given**: and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, **Mighty God, Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Via an angel: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this: When His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child **by the Holy Spirit**. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, **the angel** of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto yourself Mary as your wife: for that who is conceived within her **is of the Holy Spirit**. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shalt call His name Jesus (God Saves); for He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done, so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us**." (Matthew 1:18-23-25)(Isaiah 7:14) (see also Luke 1:28-35)

Via a host of angels to the Shepherds: (see Luke 2:8-14)

Via a Star in the east to the Wise Men: (see Matthew 2:1-12)

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Via the Holy Spirit: "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was **revealed** unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen **the Lord's Christ**. And he came by the Spirit into the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him after the custom of the law, then he took **Him** up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people: a Light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the **Glory of Your people Israel!**" (Luke 2:25-32)

Via His forerunner John the Baptist: "The next day John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming unto him, and he said, '**Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world**. This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man (Jesus) who came (int being) before me:' for He (Jesus) existed before me. And I did not know (or recognizer) Him. But, so that He should be **revealed** (phaneroó) to Israel, therefore have I come baptizing with water.' And John bore record, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not: but He (God) who sent me to baptize with water, the Same said unto me, 'Upon whom you shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the Same is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I saw, and bare record **that this is the Son of God**.'" (John 1:29-34)

Via Jesus Himself: "Jesus answered, 'If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing; it is My Father who honors Me; of whom you say, that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him; but I know Him: and if I should say, I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like unto you. But I do know Him, and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad.' Then the Jews said unto Him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?' Jesus said unto them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I Am.'" (John 8:54-58)

" 'My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man **pluck them out of My hand**. My Father, who gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to **pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and my Father are one**.' Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, 'Many good works have I showed you from My Father; for which of those works do you stone Me?' The Jews answered Him, saying, 'For a good work we do not stone You; but for blasphemy; and because **You, being a man, make Yourself God**.' Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your law, I said, 'Ye are gods?' If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came to, and the scripture cannot be broken; do you say of Him (Jesus speaking of Himself), whom the Father has sanctified, and sent into the world, "You blaspheme;" because I said, "**I am the Son of God**?' If I do not the works of My Father, then do not believe Me. But if I do (do the works of God), though you do not believe Me, (at least) believe the works: so that you may know, and believe, **that the Father is in Me, and I in Him**.'" (John 10:27:38)

Via John the Apostle wrote: "**Who** (speaking of Jesus) was from the beginning, **Who** we have heard, **Who** we have seen with our eyes, **Who** we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life. For the Life **was-revealed** (*ephaner thý*), and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that **Eternal Life, Who** was with the Father, and was **was-revealed** (*ephaner thý*) unto us. **Who we have seen** and heard we declare unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write unto you, so that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of **Him**, and declare unto you, that **God is Light**, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:1-7)

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Via the attesting Signs and Wonders and Miracles of Christ Jesus Himself: (please find many marvelous examples within the four Gospel Accounts of Jesus the Christ)

The verse John 1:14 continues, "... and (He) dwelt among us, and we **beheld** His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth" Here the word 'beheld' (meaning: to look closely at, to look upon, to behold, to see with our eyes or understanding) has a meaning more contextually related to the word 'revealed' in this study. We have seen **and beheld** the Glory of God incarnate **revealed**, to us, in the person of Jesus the Christ; and what we have seen is a Savior full of Grace and Truth!

An important Contextual Note:

...great is the Mystery of (our) Godliness: Jesus is our Mystery of Godliness through whom we are reconciled, and made holy, blameless, and beyond reproach, and thus gaining divine godliness in His sight. This great Love from God was revealed to us, and accomplished for us when the Father sent His Son, as a flesh and blood human being, to be the propitiation for our sins on the Cross! Consider the following:

"In this **was-revealed** (*ephaner thÿ*) **the Love of God toward us**, that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. **In this is Love**, not that we loved God, **but that He loved us**, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10)

"And you, who were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind through wicked works, yet now **He** has reconciled **you** **In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight**; if you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you have heard, and which was preached in all creation which is under heaven; of which I Paul have been made a minister. And now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ for His Body's sake, which is the Church; of which I was made a minister, according to the stewardship of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God: **the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now is revealed** (*ephaner thÿ*) **to His saints; to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this Mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the Hope of Glory**:" (Col. 1:21-27)

Jesus Was Revealed in the Flesh

Jesus is God incarnate – conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is God's hidden Mystery...

...who has now been revealed in human form as our Savior-God, and as Emmanuel – God-with-us!

Jesus has been revealed to us as the Son of God, and as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Jesus has been revealed to us as One with the Father, and eternally self-existing with the Father!

The Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Jesus Christ is one and the Same...
...the Three in One – The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Thank You Heavenly Father for Your great Love for us, by sending Your Beloved Son to be the propitiation for our sins! Thank You Lord Jesus for Loving us so much, that You endured the Cross for the Joy that was set before You – even our salvation from sin, and now also our great Joy in which we rejoice always in You !!!
Again, Thank You Lord Jesus Always and Always! Amen and Amen!