HE WANTS TO BE KNOWN!

Why the Father sent Jesus and Holy Spirit

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From the very beginning of the Bible, we see a story unfold of a Father who passionately wants to be known and loved. He consistently demonstrates His unwavering love and power to His people and reveals His goodness and covenant promises, hoping to win their hearts.

GOD, THE FATHER

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Exodus 34:6-7

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God <u>merciful and gracious</u>, <u>slow to anger</u>, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <u>keeping steadfast love</u> for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

Numbers 23:19

God <u>is not man, that he should lie</u>, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Deuteronomy 4:24

For the Lord your God is a <u>consuming fire</u>, a <u>jealous God</u>.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the <u>faithful</u> God who <u>keeps covenant and</u> <u>steadfast love</u> with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Deuteronomy 20:4

For the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.'

Jeremiah 51:15

It is he who <u>made the earth by his power</u>, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

Psalms 18:30

This God—his way <u>is perfect</u>; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

Psalms 75:7

But it is God who <u>executes judgment</u>, putting down one and lifting up another.

Psalms 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord <u>bestows favor and honor</u>. <u>No good thing</u> does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Psalms 139:1-3

O Lord, you have <u>searched me and known me!</u> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you <u>discern my thoughts</u> from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Job 12:10

In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.

Job 42:1-3

Then Job answered the Lord and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

Ezekiel 38:23

So I will show <u>my greatness and my holiness</u> and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord.

Throughout the New Testament, God's nature and character is repeatedly affirmed and expanded.

John 4:24

God is <u>spirit</u>, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

Acts 17:24-27

The God who <u>made the world and everything in it</u>, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having <u>determined allotted periods</u> and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.

Romans 1:19-20

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, <u>his eternal power and divine nature</u>, <u>have been clearly perceived</u>, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

James 1:17

Every <u>good gift and every perfect gift is from above</u>, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there <u>is no variation or shadow due to change</u>.

1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that <u>God is light</u>, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 4:8

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Conclusion:

God is the Creator of everything made; a loving Father who is fully in charge. He longs for His children to KNOW HIM and fellowship with Him. Throughout the Old Testament narrative, though His people listen at first, they slowly back away out of fear. Their fallen nature compels them to distrust this unseen God and lean to their own understanding. He even sends prophets to speak for Him to reveal His love and purposes for them, and yet because of their fallen nature and the enemy's deception,

His people cannot receive His messages. The propensity of men is to do things their own way. Thus, they/we shut Him out.

In order for His creation to truly KNOW Him – He knew He would have to REVEAL HIMSELF AS FLESH. He determined to send His Son so that we could SEE the Father up close and personal.

JESUS, THE SON

Matthew 1:23

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. (which means, <u>God with us)</u>.

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word (Jesus' function – not just His name), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 5:19-20

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

John 14:9-10

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Acts 4:11-12

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the

cornerstone. And there is <u>salvation</u> in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

1 Corinthians 8:6

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Philippians 2:5-8

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but <u>emptied</u> <u>himself, by taking the form of a servant,</u> being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Colossians 2:9-10

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God, and there is one <u>mediator</u> between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.

Hebrews 1:3

He is the <u>radiance of the glory of God</u> and <u>the exact imprint of his nature</u>, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to <u>sympathize with our weaknesses</u>, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 12:2

Looking to Jesus, the <u>founder and perfecter of our faith</u>, who for the joy that was set before him <u>endured the cross</u>, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ <u>also suffered</u> once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

1 John 4:9

In this the love of <u>God was made manifest among us</u>, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

Conclusion:

Jesus was the perfect representation of the Father and spoke on His behalf. He demonstrated the Father's love, goodness, and absolute victory over sin and satan. Jesus was compelled by His love for the Father. He consistently preached that all glory must go to our Father in heaven. He never took glory unto Himself.

He paved the way for us to reconnect to God. He also showed us what our true potential was when we dared to trust the Father and obey without hesitation. But, He also knew the ONLY way we could do this was through the PERSON of Holy Spirit...

HOLY SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:26-27

And I will give you a <u>new heart</u>, and a <u>new spirit</u> I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

John 14:26

But the <u>Helper</u>, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will <u>teach</u> you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 16:8

And when he comes, he will <u>convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and</u> judgment.

John 16:13-14

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will <u>quide you into all the truth</u>, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the

<u>things that are to come</u>. <u>He will glorify me</u>, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Acts 1:8

But you will <u>receive power</u> when the Holy Spirit <u>has come upon you</u>, and <u>you will be my witnesses</u> in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 2:3-4

And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to <u>speak in other tongues</u> as the Spirit gave them utterance. (verse 11 ...we hear them telling in our own tongues <u>the mighty works of God.)</u>

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Romans 5:5

And hope does not put us to shame, because <u>God's love has been poured</u> into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit <u>helps</u> us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself <u>intercedes for us</u> with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

1 Corinthians 2:13

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Now there are varieties of <u>aifts</u>, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of <u>service</u>, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of <u>activities</u>, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the <u>manifestation</u> of the Spirit for the

common good. (wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues).

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the <u>fruit of the Spirit</u> is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Conclusion:

Holy Spirit came as the third person of the Trinity to REVEAL the Father's heart and purpose. He gives glory to the Son who, in turn, gives glory to the Father. It is Holy Spirit who REMINDS us who God our Father is, and TEACHES us to walk and think like Jesus. It is also Holy Spirit who empowers us to succeed and fulfill everything we were born for.

Together, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are determined to MAKE HIM KNOWN and to demonstrate Perfect Love – so the world will SEE and KNOW.

Recommended Reading: Disappointment with God by Philip Yancey.