



Come Out Come Out, Wherever You Are!

Sometimes don't you just wish that God would come out of hiding? Wouldn't it be nice to see Him face to face, or even a hand written note? Scripture tell us that the reality of God is not as hidden as we might think!

NATURE

Scripture tell us (John 1:18) "No one has ever _____"

While it also reminds us that (Psalm 14:1) that the one who denies his existence is a _____.

since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Romans 1:19-20 (NIV)

There are many who will say that God and nature are the same. This belief is wide spread to varying degrees today. For us we need to clearly see the difference between the "creator: and the "created."

Read: Col. 1:17; John 1:3

CONSCIENCE

One of the unique things missionaries have discovered among absolutely every tribe and people group is the common understanding that there is a God. Something or Someone greater than themselves is seen in every culture.

Paul writes of the power of Conscience in Romans 2:14-15

UNIVERSAL BELIEF

While there is a universal belief in a god, this does not by the call of conscience lead us to Christ.

“For example, the heathen who put their trust in power and dominion elevated Jupiter as the supreme god. Others, who were bent on riches, happiness, or pleasure, and a life of ease, elevated Hercules, Mercury, Venus, or other gods. Pregnant women elevated Diana or Lucina, and so on. So everyone made his god that interest to which his heart was inclined. So even in the mind of the heathen to have a god means to trust and believe. But their error is this: their trust in false and wrong. For their trust is not placed in the only God, beside whom there is truly no God in heaven or upon earth.” (Large Catechism of Martin Luther, 1 Commandment, 18,19
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WHAT ELSE DOES NATURE & CONSCIENCE TELL US?

Acts 17:27

Romans 1:20

Proverbs 3:19

Acts 14:17

Romans 2:15

WHAT DOES IT NOT TELL US?

Read Acts 17:16-23

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS INFORMATION?



Next Week:

Join us for a special gathering time from 9:40-10:30 in **Room 222** as we welcome the choir from Lion's Gate Christian Academy along with the 7th & 8th Grade class from Cross View. Light Breakfast will be served.

Our study will continue on February 28.

National Youth

Gathering Meeting:

February 28th from 11:45-12:30 PM {following 2nd Service} we will have a Meeting for Parents and Students in Room 218.

Ash Wednesday:

This Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent with a special worship service for Ash Wednesday. Worship is at 6:30. We will have pizza in **Room 222** prior to worship and gather after Worship for Do Hard Things.