

Trinity Sunday
The Mirror of God
John 14:6-11
June 15th, 2025

I. Introduction: Knowing God

John Calvin's Genevan Catechism begins by asking "What is the chief end of human life?" And the student answers: "To _____ God by whom men were created." We were made by God to know God—and to know Him *personally*. The Geneva Catechism, like other good catechisms, helpfully summarizes Scriptures' teaching. This answer reflects what our Lord Himself has said (e.g., Jn. 17:1-3) We were made in order to know Him, and in this is found _____. Moreover, knowledge of the one true God is intimately and wholly and necessarily bound up in knowing _____. Those who do not know the God and Father of Jesus Christ do not know the true God. And those who do not know the true God, do not have true life.

II. Text - John 14:6-11

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Jesus is the way and the truth and the life because in Him we have the Father. By knowing Jesus, we come to know God Himself. As through a _____ where we behold the reflection of someone or something, so through Jesus who is the Mirror of God we behold the perfect reflection of God the Father. For Jesus is "the Brightness of the glory of God and the express image of His person" (Heb. 1:3). Jesus directs us into the knowledge and life of the one true God who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *and* He shows us the *way*. The way to this life *is* Jesus Himself. For if we have come to know Him, we have come to know the one True God, and if we see Jesus, we behold the brightness of God's glory.

With Christ the sun rose and broke the horizon, and now the Light of the world fills the cosmos. We have the Light of God shining about us, and in His light we have life, for Jesus has made known to us the true and life-giving knowledge of God.

III. Rest for the Restless

This means that our search is over. All mankind is made to know God, made to love God, to walk in His ways, to behold His glory. Augustine famously opened up his autobiography, *Confessions*, saying, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." This was as true then as it is now, as true for him as it is for each of us. Hear the Good News: We were made for Him—and He has come near. God has declared Himself to us. God the Son has taken on flesh. He bridged the chasm. He came near, and He illuminates the

world with His knowledge. He illuminates the world by opening a way for us to know God and so have life in knowing Him. Our restless search has ended, and we get to rest in Jesus.

The Book of Proverbs calls us to seek wisdom, to get understanding, to find insight, and here our God has come and sought us out. He has found us. He has drawn near and declared Himself to us—all because He loves us. He made us for Himself and desires us to be blessed in Him. (See Isa. 55:-1-2).

IV. The Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ

God has drawn near, now look upon the glory of God in the face of Jesus. Get to know Jesus and as you do so, know God. It is not enough to rejoice that the search is over. It's not enough to rejoice that you have in your very possession the Mirror of God—the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person. We have to actually look at Him.

As Christians we can become like Philip. We can get all excited that Jesus is the Word of God, Jesus is the Wisdom of God, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, through Him we can know God. But then we never actually get to know Him, so that Jesus says to us, like He did to Philip, "How long have I been with you, and yet you have not known Me?"

How do we get to know Him? We begin with study and trust. You can't trust what you don't know, and that's useless knowledge which you can't stake your life upon. You can study who Jesus is by looking into His Word. Listen to Him speak to you, hear His voice, and behold His works. The Scriptures reveal to us not just what God *was* like, but who He was and is and forever shall be. He is a Rock, and we can depend on Him. But we have to get to know Him.

As we come to Trinity Sunday, we come to culmination of the Church _____, and the climax of God's revelation in Jesus Christ. The Church Calendar contains the monuments in the life of Christ, which are monuments in the life of God's history with us, His people; it is the history of *God-With-Us*, _____.

V. Little Mirrors

As our minds and our years are impressed with the image of our God in the face of Jesus Christ, so the Spirit works this image upon us. The Spirit empowers us to be little *Christs*, which means little mirrors reflecting the glory of Almighty God. In Jesus the exact imprint of the Father is found, and so also in us, is His image being perfected. This is, after all, the end of salvation—that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brethren (Rom. 8:29).

God is reflected in the face of Jesus Christ, and in all who become members of Him, so that when the world sees us—when they see disciples of Christ, and in turn, they see _____ (1 Jn. 4:12-13). This is all made possible by the _____ who dwells in us.

VI. Come & Welcome to Jesus Christ