

The Manifestation of God.

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The keeping power and the **continuing purpose** of God, are given in Christ Jesus—the only source of information for any knowledge we may receive from God: “*And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God*” John 17:3. “*I have manifested Thy name*” or, “*I have revealed Your very self*” John 17:6.

And, when God the Son revealed Himself and came into this world, He did not come as, ‘man trying to reach up—to discover God’. But instead He came ‘down—willing to become Man’ with the purpose that, in His spotless body, He would become ‘sin’ for me in my place at the Cross!

Through the **inspiration** and **infallibility** of God’s Word, ‘Christianity’ begins with God, and when through the **illumination** of His Holy Spirit, we are willing to accept God on His terms, **then the Holy Spirit makes His Word alive and always points to the Person of Jesus Christ!**

Being in the Lord’s presence physically, the disciples were preserved and guarded, as being given by the Father: “*While I was with them in the world, I preserved and guarded them in Thy name; those that Thou gavest Me ... none of them is lost, but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled*” John 17:12 (Berkeley version). However, **Judas Iscariot was not guarded or given absolution, because of his lack of acknowledgement of the Lord Jesus Christ as, ‘the Manifestation of God’.**