

## The Six Marks of a Disciple of Jesus”

### Part 1: “Pursuing Intimacy with God!”

John 17:3, 20-26; Genesis 17:7-8; Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 42:1-2, 63:1-5, 73:23-26; Matthew 6:21; Philippians 3:10-12



Introduction: Almost all people KNOW there is “ something missing ” in their lives, but don’t know what it is!!

As He prays in **John 17**, Jesus reveals the one thing that can and will “ satisfy your soul: ” Intimacy with GOD !!!

*Intimacy with God is the gift of God’s grace through the work of His Spirit, producing faith in Jesus and joyful obedience to His commands.*

#### I. Intimacy created ...

God created Adam and Eve to live in an intimate relationship with HIM, their Creator.

God created Adam and Eve to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him.

#### II. Intimacy destroyed ...

Having sinned by disobeying God’s commands, Adam and Eve hid from each other and tried to hide from GOD!!

Intimacy was lost for all mankind in that one choice to listen to the voice of the “ tempter ” rather than the voice of their Creator.

#### III. Intimacy longed for ...

There is, within every person, the NEED for a spiritual connection where there is true oneness.

The tragedy of the human condition is the longing for something that most people don’t even know exists !

**Psalm 42:1-2; 63:1:**

#### IV. Intimacy promised ...

**Genesis 17:7-8:**

To Abraham and his descendants God was going to reveal Himself, and through the “ Seed ” of Abraham, God would point the way to intimacy with HIM, their Creator.

**Exodus 33:12-13:**

Through the Tabernacle and the Temple God revealed that a sacrifice must be made, blood must be shed, sin must be atoned (paid) for and the barrier must be removed for sinful man to enter God’s presence!!

A few received God’s Spirit and began to experience what others could only long for: INTIMACY with God! **Psalm 73:23-26, 63:2-5; Jeremiah 9:23-24 ...**

**Galatians 4:4-7:** “God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “ Abba ! Father ! ” (See also Romans 8:15-17)

#### V. Intimacy RE-CREATED!!

Jesus had to give Himself as THE sacrifice for sin for those He came to save in order to restore all who believed into an intimate relationship with our Creator!

**John 17:1-3, 20-26:** (John 14:6) ...

If you have believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior and confessed Him as your Lord ... trusting in His sacrifice on the cross for forgiveness and life ... then you ARE ONE with the Father!!

**Romans 8:1, 15-17, 28-30, 37-39:**

Intimacy requires true knowledge that is found in God’s Word !

**Philippians 3:12-14:** “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!”

#### VI. Intimacy REALIZED!!

**Hebrews 11:13-16:** “God ... has prepared a city for them!” (vs. 16).

**Revelation 21:3:** “ ... He will  dwell  with them ... ” (vs. 3).

**Revelation 22:1-5:** “They will see  His   face  ... ” (vs. 4).