



ASCENSION

and

PENTECOST



THIS CHANGES

everything,

“⁵ There has never been a generation that has been given the detailed understanding of this glorious and divine mystery until now. He kept it a secret until this generation. God is **revealing it only now** to his sacred apostles and prophets **by the Holy Spirit...**”

⁹ My passion is to enlighten every person to this divine mystery. It was hidden for ages past until now, and kept a secret in the heart of God, the Creator of all.”

THE
UNVEILING
OF JESUS

Ephesians 3:5,9
Passion
Translation

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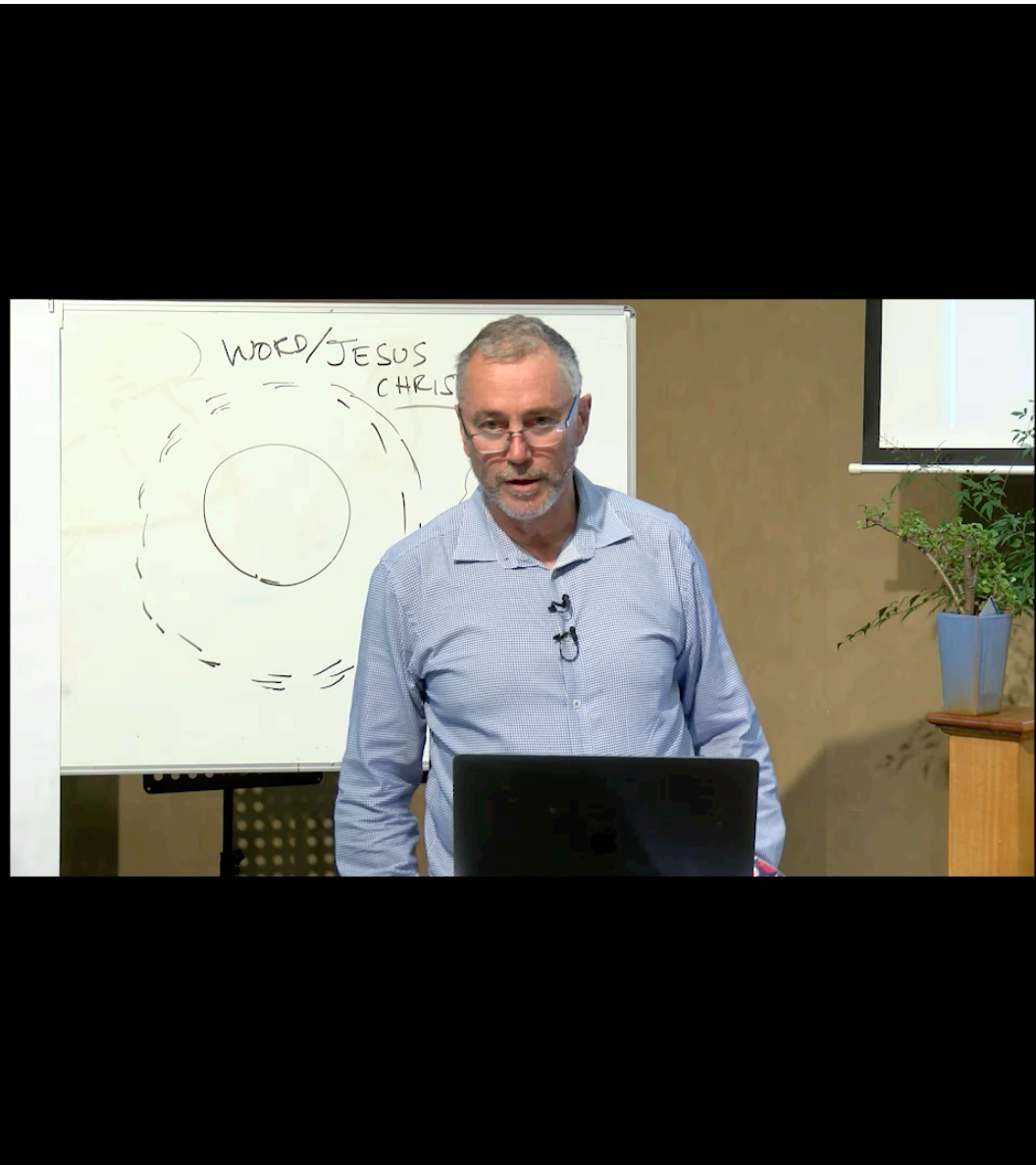
God hides nothing. His very work from the beginning is revelation, — a casting aside of veil after veil, a showing unto men of truth

after truth... until at length in his Son Jesus he unveils his very face.

Then begins a fresh unveiling, for the very work of the Father is the work the Son himself has to do, — to reveal. His life was the unveiling of himself, and the unveiling of the Son is still going on, and is that for the sake of which the world exists. When he is unveiled, that is, when we know the Son, we shall know the Father also. The whole of creation, its growth, its history, the gathering total of human existence, is an unveiling of the Father.

He is the life, the eternal life, the Only.

— George MacDonald
(*Paul Faber, Surgeon*)



8. This loving relationship we have in Jesus with Father, Son and Spirit is displayed in the “New Covenant”.

The pre-creation dream is given a structure into creation.

¹⁰ **“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD:**

I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

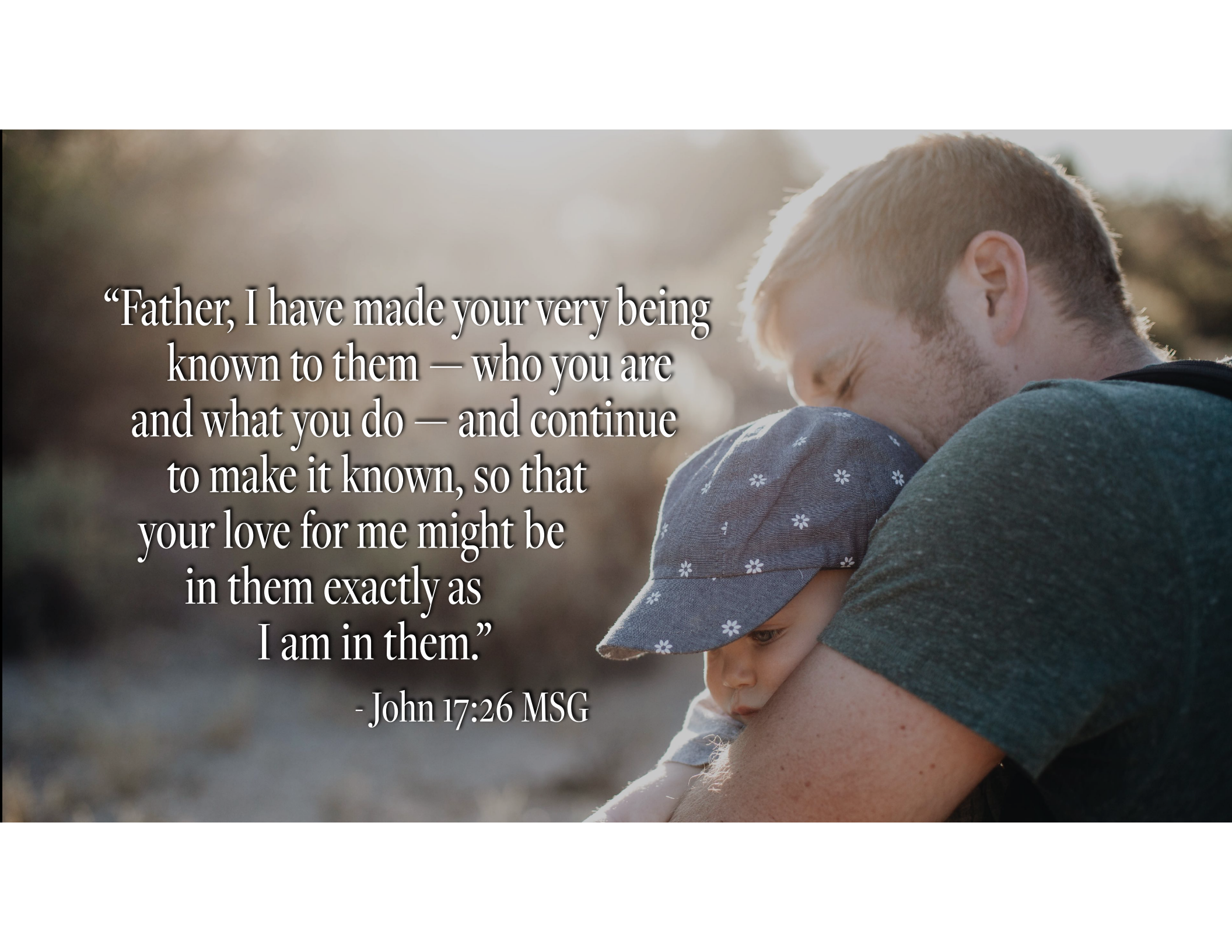
¹¹ **None of them shall teach his neighbour, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.**

¹² **For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”**

(Heb 8:10-12, Jer 31:31-3)

Note: It has 3 clauses:

1. (v10) We have their Laws in our hearts and minds, i.e., The

A photograph of a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark green t-shirt, holding a baby. The baby is wearing a blue cap with white floral patterns. The man is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting with trees and a bright sky.

“Father, I have made your very being
known to them — who you are
and what you do — and continue
to make it known, so that
your love for me might be
in them exactly as
I am in them.”

- John 17:26 MSG

“The Sort of Human Who Ascends” (by Kenneth Tanner, May 21, 2023)

Imagine a human life born into the world the way we all are born into the world, coated in vernix and blood, vulnerable to all that brings us harm, lain on a mother’s breast. Imagine a human life born, like most humans, into a poor family with parents who sweat for their daily bread,

a human life threatened from the start by homicidal mania... Imagine that when Jesus comes home as a young boy to the village of his parents, people stare at him, and whisper “bastard.” Schoolboys taunt him, ask him if Mary knows his real father...



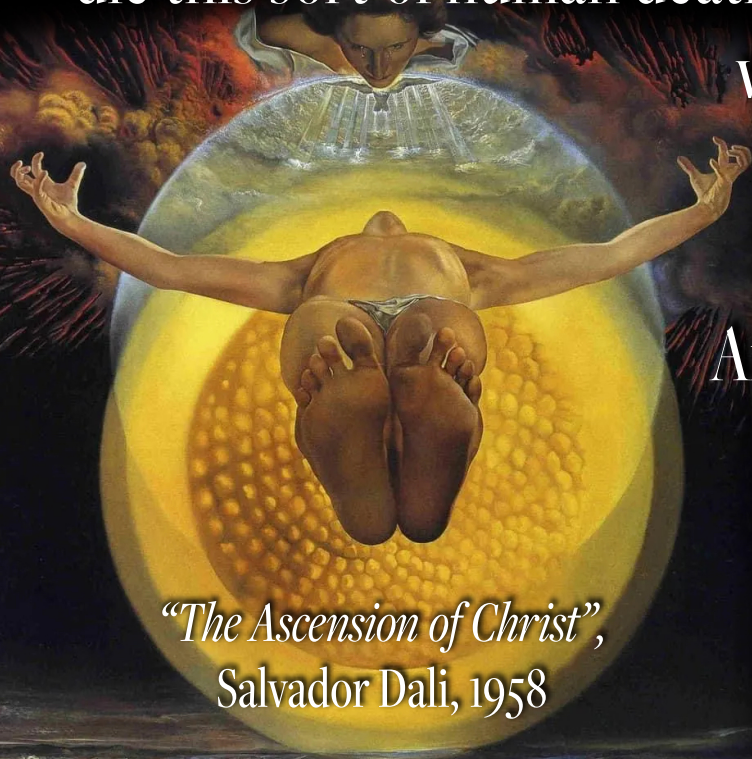
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...Imagine a human that does not seek equality with God but is among all humans as servant. Imagine a human life that refuses the sword and tells us to love our enemies. Imagine a life that does human things divinely and divine things humanly. Imagine that living this kind of human life leads the church of his time and the rulers of his moment to plot against him and to snuff out his way of becoming human, to shame anyone in the future from even trying to be human as God is human. Imagine a human that forgives our entire species even as we reject and despise and murder God...



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..**Now, imagine** that this is the sort of human life that ascends to the right hand of God. Imagine that what it means to live this sort of human life and to die this sort of human death is to ascend—to become forever the measure of what it means to be God and what it means to be human, for this Son who is given to us descends to become human and ascends to remain human. And despite all appearances to the contrary his way of being human, his way of humility, is now the way things are with the world, and now death has no power over his ascended life or ours.



“The Ascension of Christ”,
Salvador Dalí, 1958

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...His humility causes our humanity to ascend with him so that right
right now what is truest about you and me is that our lives are hidden
with Christ in God, that we are seated in Christ next to the Father;

that we are in him there, and that he is in us here,
and that with him we are One with the Father by the Spirit.

This is but one facet of the great mystery of Ascension,
that complex, neglected, beautiful, and consequential
reality that Christians trust and that we celebrate today.

Have patience. In time, God is kind with us and will help us know
this reality and to live this reality, right now and forever.

