

What the Church of God Reveals about ... God

Today ...

Jer 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he **understands & knows Me**, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, & righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

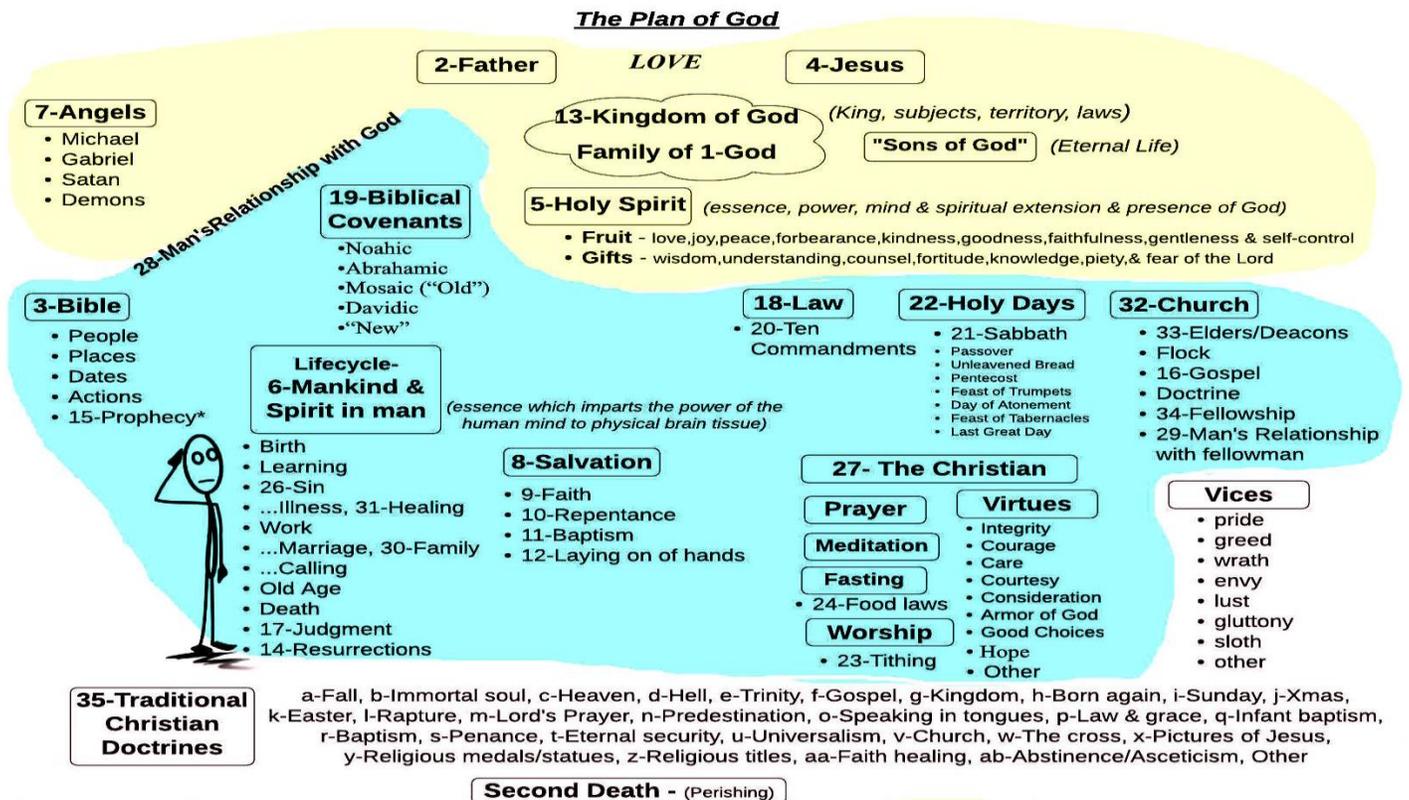
In God's Kingdom ...

Jer 24:7 Then **I will give them a heart to know Me**, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

Hey! ... Why do we need the CoG to reveal about God? What about "just me & MY BIBLE!"

- YHWH / the Tetragrammaton (rendered LORD) = ~**6,800** occurrences in the Hebrew OT
- Elohim ("God") = ~**2,600** occurrences in the Hebrew OT
- Adonai (Lord / Master) = ~**440** occurrences in the OT
- El & compound names (El Shaddai, etc.) = **many** occurrences (eg El Elyon = ~**28** times)
- In the NT (Greek) the most common divine name is Theós = over **1,000** times
- & Some compilations list **900+** distinct names/titles/descriptors for God!

Hopefully ... the Church of God can HELP US ... by organizing / summarizing info about God



Time: (Past - History - Creation, 25-Hebrew Calendar ... Present - (World events) ... (Future - 15-Prophecy*) ... Eternity ...)

1. Names and Titles of God

Names of God in the Bible (<https://lifehopeandtruth.com/god/who-is-god/names-of-god/>)

List of the Names of God		
Hebrew or Greek Name	Basic Meaning	First Scriptural Use
<i>Elohim</i>	Mighty Ones	Genesis 1:1
<i>El</i>	Strong, Mighty, Mighty One	Genesis 14:18
<i>El Shaddai</i>	Almighty God, Most Powerful	Genesis 17:1
<i>El Elyon</i>	The Most High God	Genesis 14:18
<i>El Olam</i>	The Everlasting, Eternal God	Genesis 21:33
<i>El Mosha'ah</i>	God of Salvation, God the Deliverer	Psalms 68:20
<i>Adonai</i>	Master, Superior, the Highest Authority	Exodus 23:17
"I AM"	The God who has existed for eternity and has no beginning or end	Exodus 3:14
<i>YHWH</i>	The Eternal, the Self-Existing God	Genesis 2:4
<i>YHWH Rapha</i>	The Eternal Who Heals	Exodus 15:26
<i>YHWH Jirah</i>	The Eternal Will Provide	Genesis 22:14
<i>YHWH Nissi</i>	The Eternal Is My Banner	Exodus 17:15
<i>YHWH Tsidkenu</i>	The Eternal Our Righteousness	Jeremiah 23:6
<i>YHWH Tsaba'</i>	The Eternal of Hosts/Armies	1 Samuel 1:3
<i>YHWH Shalom</i>	The Eternal of Peace	Judges 6:24
New Testament		
<i>Theos</i>	God, One who is divine (Greek equivalent to <i>Elohim</i>)	Matthew 1:23
<i>Kyrios</i>	Master, supreme in authority (Greek equivalent to <i>Adonai</i>)	Matthew 1:20
<i>Despotes</i>	Master, Lord	Luke 2:29
<i>Iesous</i>	"Jesus" Greek version of Yahshua (or Joshua), meaning "The Eternal is salvation"	Matthew 1:1

What are some of the 900+ distinct names/titles/descriptors for God

Advocate / Comforter	Judge of Israel	Sun of righteousness
Alpha & Omega	Judge of quick & dead	Teacher / Master
Author & Finisher	Just / Righteous One	Teacher of righteousness
Author & Finisher of our faith	King of kings & Lord of lords	The Advocate
Author of life	Lamb of God	The Beloved
Author of our salvation	Light of the world	The Branch / Shoot from the stump of Jesse
Author of Peace	Lion of the tribe of Judah	The Cornerstone
Author of wisdom	Lord of all	The Everlasting
Branch	Lord of glory	The God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
Bread of Life	Lord of the Sabbath	The God of glory
Bridegroom / Husband	Mediator	The Good Master
Bridegroom of the Church	Messiah	The Holy One
Bright & Morning Star	Physician	The Holy One & the Just
Chief Cornerstone	Plant of renown	The Holy One of Israel
Cornerstone	Prophet	The One who is, who was, who is to come
Deliverer	Propitiation	The Resurrection & Life
Door / Gate	Rabbi	The Righteous Branch
Everlasting Father	Redeemer	The True God
Firstborn	Refuge	The True Vine
Fortress	Root of Jesse	The Word of God
Head of the Church	Rose of Sharon / Lily of the valley	Unquenchable fire / Consuming fire
Helper	Shepherd & Bishop of souls	Way, the truth, & the life
High Priest	Shield	Word
Horn of David	Son of God	
Horn of salvation	Son of Man	
Judge	Suffering Servant	
Judge & Avenger		



2. Existence of God - Proofs that God Exists

Proofs That God Exists		WCG-01	WCG-02	CGI-01	UCG-01	UCG-02	UCG-03	LCG-01	RCG-01	RCG-02	CogWA1	CogWA2	CBCog-1
1	Creation requires a Creator (no past eternity of matter)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Life requires a Lifegiver - a living Creator	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	Creation requires supreme intelligence	Y							Y				
4	Design requires a designer (Watchmaker, Complexity) Teleological	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Law requires a Lawgiver (not random or accidental)		Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
6	Laws are also upheld & sustained		Y										
7	Fulfilled Prophecy (ability to enact His will)		Y		Y			Y			Y		
8	Answered Prayer (miracles)		Y					Y					
9	First Cause (in the chain of "cause & effect") Cosmological			Y								Y	
10	Fine tuning of our planet (slight changes = no life) Goldilocks				Y	Y			Y		Y		Y
11	Failure of Evolution (or other explanations)				Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	Support of Science & proper reading of scripture						Y						
13	God's Way of Life works (Moral Argument)						Y						
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3. Nature or Being of God (Essence) (<https://www.cgicanada2.org/media/stp/STP+section+1.pdf>)

GOD

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

God is the eternal, omnipresent, all-powerful, supreme Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe. God is one, **composed of spirit** and comprising a family revealed presently as consisting of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. God is a loving, kind, merciful being who wants to share His magnificent existence by reproducing Himself through man.

Psalm 19:1; 50:1, 6–7; Isaiah 44:6; Nehemiah 9:6,16–17; John 1:12–13; 3:16; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1–2; 1 John 3:1–2; Jeremiah 9:23–24

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God's Nature and Character

In any discussion about who and what God is, we must not lose sight of the most important truth about God—that God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son are beings of *infinite love*. John perfectly summarized Their divine character and **nature** when he wrote that “God is love” (1 John 4:8, 16).

The love of God is selfless, outflowing concern for the good of others. When He showed His glory to Moses, God revealed Himself as “the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin” (Exodus 34:6-7, NIV).

Love is the foundation of the character and law of God. It is the basis of everything that God has revealed to mankind in the Holy Scriptures (Matthew 22:35-40). Paul called love the greatest Christian attribute (1 Corinthians 13:13). It is the first aspect of the fruit of God's Spirit that he mentions (Galatians 5:22). Love is the bond of perfection, binding everything together in perfect unity (Colossians 3:14, NIV). It is the fulfilling of God's

divine law (Romans 13:10).

This amazing quality of godly love even encompasses love for one's enemies (Matthew 5:44-45; Luke 6:35).

Upon repentance, we can begin to exhibit this kind of love through the Holy Spirit. God wants us to learn to think as He thinks and do as He does.

In exercising this kind of love, we express the image of God (reflecting His character), even though we are still human. Paul encourages us to “let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5), who perfectly personified God's love to the point of giving His own life for us.

One of the Bible's best-known passages tells us that “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). God not only wants to grant us the priceless gift of eternal life, but He also wants to share all things with us in His divine family (Hebrews 2:6-8; Romans 8:16-17). Time and time again the Scriptures reveal that God perfectly personifies love.

4. Attributes of God



I. Incommunicable Attributes of God - *that belong to God alone*

Attribute	Meaning	Scripture (NKJV)
Self-Existence (Aseity)	God exists from Himself; depends on no one.	Exodus 3:14 – “I AM WHO I AM.”
Independence	God needs nothing from creation.	Acts 17:25 – “Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything...”
Eternality	God has no beginning or end.	Psalms 90:2 – “From everlasting to everlasting, You are God”
Immutability	God does not change.	Malachi 3:6 – “For I am the LORD, I do not change.”
Infinity	God is without limits in His being or knowledge.	Psalms 147:5 – “His understanding is infinite.”
Oneness	God is one; His being is not divided into parts.	Deut. 6:4 – “The LORD our God, the LORD is one!”
Omnipresence	God can be reached anywhere	Psalms 139:7–10 – “Where can I go from Your Spirit?”
Omniscience	God knows all things.	1 John 3:20 – “God... knows all things.”
Omnipotence	God is all-powerful.	Revelation 19:6 – “The Lord God Omnipotent reigns!”
Sovereignty	God rules over all things.	Psalms 115:3 – “He does whatever He pleases.”

II. Communicable Attributes of God *shared with humans in a limited way*

Attribute	Meaning	Scripture (NKJV)
Holiness	God is morally perfect; He calls us to holiness.	1 Peter 1:16 – “Be holy, for I am holy.”
Righteousness	God always does what is right.	Psalms 145:17 – “The LORD is righteous in all His ways...”
Justice	God is perfectly just; He instructs us to do justice.	Micah 6:8 – “To do justly...”
Love	God is love; believers imitate His love.	1 John 4:8 – “God is love.”
Mercy	God shows compassion; we reflect mercy.	Luke 6:36 – “Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”
Grace	God gives unearned favor.	Eph 2:8 – “By grace you have been saved”
Goodness	God is good and does good.	Psalms 34:8 – “Taste & see that the LORD is good”
Patience (Longsuffering)	God is slow to anger; we grow in patience.	2 Peter 3:9 – “The Lord... is longsuffering toward us.”
Wisdom	God is all-wise; He gives wisdom.	James 1:5 – “If any of you lacks wisdom... God... gives to all.”
Truth / Faithfulness	God is true and faithful.	Deut. 32:4 – “A God of truth... righteous and upright is He.”
Jealousy (holy zeal)	God’s zeal for His people; believers reflect godly zeal.	Exodus 34:14 – “For the LORD... whose name is Jealous...”
Wrath (against sin)	God’s righteous anger against sin.	Romans 1:18 – “For the wrath of God is revealed”
Compassion	God shows tender mercy; we imitate it.	Psalms 103:13 – “As a father pities his children...”

5. The Trinity

Doctrinal Statement on the TRINITY - <https://www.cgicanada2.org/media/stp/STP+section+7.pdf>

The concept of a closed or restricted Godhead composed of three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is non-biblical. The Godhead is a Family, presently revealed as composed of only the Father and the Son, which will eventually include all those who have been given salvation through Christ. The Holy Spirit is not a distinct person or individual entity but the power, mind, and essence of God.

John 4:24; 10:30; Galatians 1:3; Revelation 11:15; 1 Corinthians 8:6

Is God a Trinity? UCG

3 Introduction

Even though it's one of mainstream Christianity's most widely accepted and revered doctrines, theologians admit that the Trinity is largely incomprehensible.

6 Is the Trinity Biblical?

Surely a teaching as widespread and popular as the Trinity is scriptural, isn't it? Yet time and again, theologians and researchers admit it isn't found in the Bible.

11 The Surprising Origins of the Trinity Doctrine

Few understand how the Trinity doctrine came to be accepted—several centuries after the Bible was completed! Yet its roots go back much farther in history.

25 How Is God Revealed in the Bible?

A true understanding of God comes from only one source—God's revelation to mankind, the Bible. What does it reveal about God the Father and Jesus Christ?

45 How Is God One?

Scripture tells us that "the LORD our God, the LORD is one"—from which some believe three persons exist as one God. But is this really what the Bible reveals?

53 Is the Holy Spirit a Person?

Many assume the Holy Spirit is a third divine person in the Trinity, along with the Father and the Son. But a closer look at the Bible reveals problems with this view.

65 The Holy Spirit: God's Transforming Power

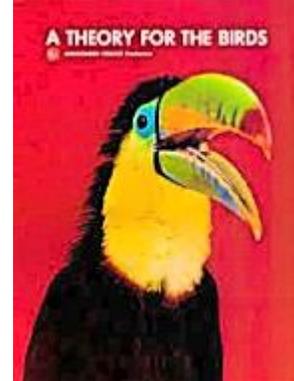
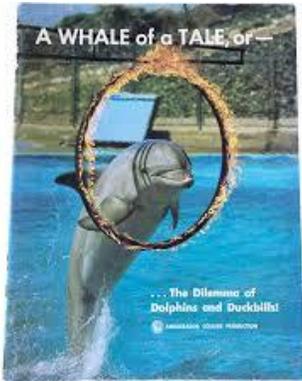
Contrary to Trinitarian teaching, Scripture reveals the Holy Spirit not as a person, but as something much different—the divine power through which God acts.

72 God's Purpose for You

Why were you born? Do you understand why you exist? The Trinity doctrine obscures the amazing truth, clearly revealed in Scripture, of God's purpose for you!

6. Works of God

- God's actions in relation to creation and the world.
 - **Decrees:** His eternal purposes
Eph 1:11(NCV) In Christ we were chosen to be God's people, because from the very beginning God had decided this in keeping with his plan & he is the One who makes everything agree with what he decides and wants.
 - **Providence:** His continual governance and care (Ps 104; Matt 6:26–30).
 - **Miracles, redemption, judgment,** etc.
 - **Creation:** His bringing all things into existence (Gen 1–2).



7. Revelation of God

- How God makes Himself known.
 - **General revelation:** in nature and conscience
Psa 19:1-4 The heavens tell the glory of God, and the skies announce what his hands have made. Day after day they tell the story; night after night they tell it again. They have no speech or words; they have no voice to be heard. But their message goes out through all the world; their words go everywhere on earth.
Rom 1:18-21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful
 - **Special revelation:** through Scripture and the person of Christ
Psalms 119:160 The entirety of Your word is truth
2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
Heb 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds

8. The Will and Purposes of God - moral and sovereign will, His plans, and decrees.

- **Salvation** for mankind

1 Tim 2:3–4 For this is good and acceptable...who **desires** all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

2 Pet 3:9 (*God is*) not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance

1 Thes 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification...”

- **God’s Will Is That We Give Thanks**

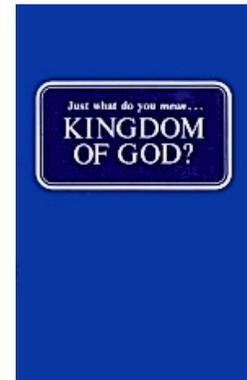
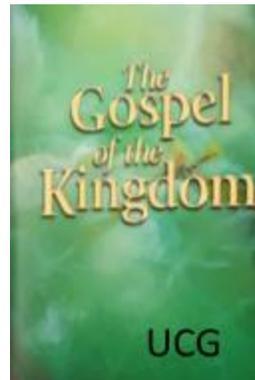
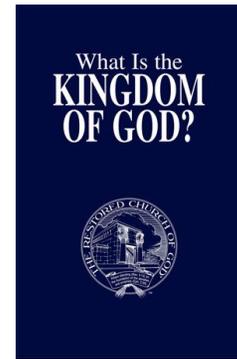
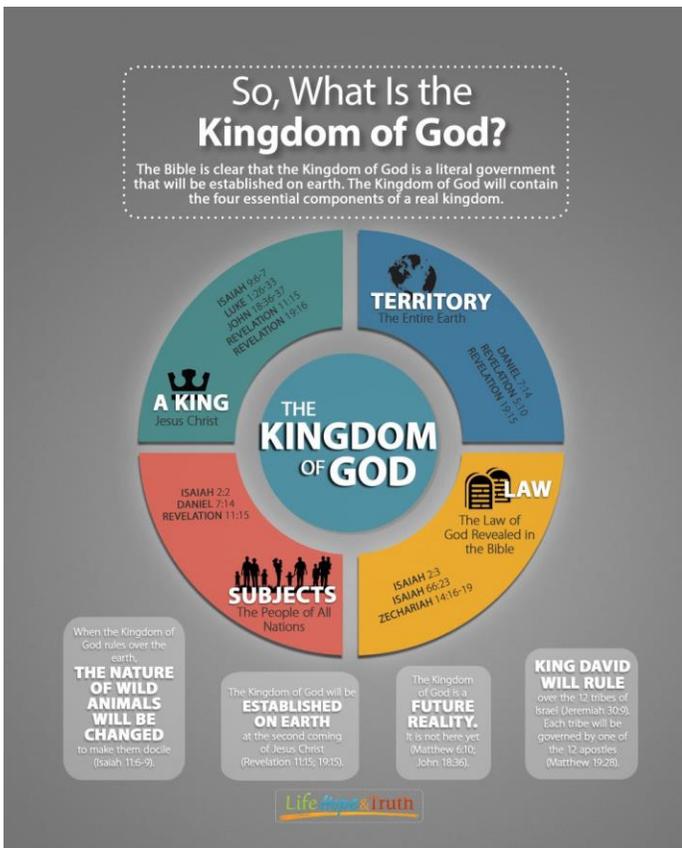
1 Thes 5:18 ...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you

- **God’s Will Is That We Do Right**

1 Peter 2:15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

9. The Kingdom of God & the Government of God - His rule over creation, Israel, the Church, and eternity - Includes themes of kingship, covenant, law, and final judgment.

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10. Presence of God

- God's immanence (nearness) and transcendence (exaltation above creation).
- How He dwells among His people

Exo 20:18-19 Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but **let not God speak with us, lest we die.**"

Isa 45:15 Truly You are God, who **hide Yourself**, O God of Israel, the Savior!

Exo 33:14-16 And He said, "My Presence will go with you (*Moses*), and I will give you rest." Then he (*Moses*) said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Rev 21:1-4 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. & I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and **He will dwell with them**, & they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them & be their God. & God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

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Will the Church of God ever be successful ... at helping people to Know God??

Jer 31:34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they **ALL shall Know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, & their sin I will remember no more."