

## THE DIVINITY

Every man on earth has a very deep desire in his heart and this is something inherent to all creation, the desire to worship. This deep thirst to worship, is truly a part of the nature of every living being. This is the reason why there have been mythological stories that relate the exploits of certain divinities.

Mythology, as the word indicates, means only myths, things that men have fabricated from everything. Why? Having this thirst to worship in his heart, man had to look for something to worship in order to quench this thirst. That is why, he invented divinities. He must have something to worship because his inner-self is demanding for it.

This thirst is as real as the thirst that a man feels to drink something. In reality, if a man senses the need to drink, it is because his body is in a state of lack; that means there is something calling for water in his body. If there were nothing in his body asking for water, he will not seek to drink water and nature also shows that man can resist hunger and not thirst, because all of us know that the human body is made up of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of water.

This is why man needs to drink; but it happens that this desire to drink comes from deep within man and when it is made manifest, man must seek to quench it, then, he will run for a drink, for alcohol, for coffee, for tea, for soft drinks, etc.

All this because man seeks to quench his thirst that comes from his interior, something that is part of him. Remark that despite all the

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drinks that he could consume, none of them could quench his thirst, no matter the form in which it is presented or its content.

Why? Because they are only substitutes. They do not correspond to what his body is asking for; for the body knows what it needs.

The body does not need alcohol, the body needs water, what the body demands is vital and it has need of the real thing to function well. All the substitutes that could be given to the body cannot contribute to its good function but to its destruction.

It is exactly the same thing with the thirst to worship, it is something that man must quench, for it is vital, it is part of his nature, and he must worship something because his interior demands it. If the soul of a man demands for something to worship it is because the soul possesses a divine nature. And his existence depends on what is divine, meaning the contact with the divine, for in reality man was created for worship. He must worship. In the same way that the body is asking for water because it is constituted of more than 60% of water, and if it asks for it, it is because true water exists somewhere. If water does not exist, the body will not demand it, but because water exists somewhere that is why the deepness in man calls for it.

For the soul, this desire is to worship, and all that constitute the soul are not substitutes but true. So the soul asks for the true worship that will quench its thirst and will give it rest and give it life. Because of this desire to worship which is found in man and to quench it, man invented for himself gods, for god means: an object of adoration, something that is worshiped. It is because we worship it that we call it god. This is where mythology and the emergence of many divinities came from.

This is how we discover through an ancient piece of writing, which is the book of the Acts, that Paul, the apostle of the lord Jesus Christ, arrived in Athens during his missionary trips. There he realises that

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these writings below relates to us :

*“ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.*

*Then certain philosophers of the epicureans, and of the stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babblers say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preach unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.*

*And they took him, and brought unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?*

*For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we will know therefore what these things mean.*

*For all the Athenians and strangers who were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.*

*Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.*

*For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription: to the unknown god.*

*Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you”.*

Acts 17: 16-23

It clearly shows that these men were idolaters; they seek to quench their thirst by worshipping

Idols, meaning divinities made out of all sorts of things by the hands of men, the idols of silver and gold. But their thirst was not quenched by this. The proof is that they made a lot of them (the god of fertility, the god of war, the god of beauty, etc). We could drink alcohol, beer and soft drinks in different forms; nothing will be able to replace real water

It is the same thing with adoration, we can fabricate firtrees, Buddha ,Indian divinities, African European, and Oriental gods etc. The soul of man can never be satisfied no matter all the yoga exercises or meditation or levitation. The thirst of the soul will never be quenched by the fore mentioned practices.

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Why? Because the soul recognises its creator. The one who created him had made it in such a way that his thirst can only be quenched by true worship. Thus, this man of God the apostle Paul could say to the Athenians:

*“God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men’s hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.*

*And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and had determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord if haply they shall feel after him, and find him though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*

*Foreasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device.*

*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he had appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead...”. Acts 17: 24-31*

These men were worshiping idols because of their ignorance, not knowing the true God that created them. For God created man for a purpose. This is to worship him and to have fellowship with him. The holy scriptures declares that:

*“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breath into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”. Genesis 2: 7 .*

And it is written in the epistles of Paul to the Corinthians:

*“The first man Adam was made a living soul”. 1 Corinthians. 15: 45*

We can note that man does not come from nothingness, because nothing can come from nothingness, nothingness can only have nothingness, and nothing else. On the contrary man has a begin-

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ning because he is part of the creation. Now, if there is a creation, there must be a creator, and it is he who presents himself by saying: "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things. Drop down, ye heavens, from above and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I the Lord have created it.

*Woe unto him that striveth with his maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth.*

*Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, what makest thou? Or thy work, He had no hands? Woe unto him that saith unto his father, what begetteth thou? Or to the woman, What have thou brought forth?*

*Thus saith the Lord, the holy one of Israel, and his maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the works of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded".* Isaiah 45: 5-12

Concerning creation, we learn from the holy scriptures:

*"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breath into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul".* Genesis 2: 7

And to give us more precision, the holy scriptures continue in the first epistle of Paul to the Corinthians:

*"And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul;"*  
1 Corinthians 15 : 45

The scriptures clearly states that: *"The first man "*

It is not then "the Neanderthal", or the Homo sapiens or the descendant of monkeys or the result of the evolution of things, as the scientists or the philosophers say.

Here, we learn the true origin of man. That man was created by God. But for what purpose?

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The Bible gives us a clear answer in the book of Genesis (which means, the beginning):

*“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth”. Genesis 1: 26-28*

In the gospel according to Matthew, it was also announced to us the reason for man’s creation:

*“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shall worship the lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him”. Matthew 4: 8-11.*

The soul was created to worship and it must find the true worship to live, for its creator says:

*“Behold, all souls are mine: as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die”. Ezekiel 18: 4*

Idolatry is a sin: *“Thou shall have no other gods before me.*

*Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shall not bow down thyself to them , nor serve them: for I the lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments”. Exodus 20: 3-6*

Sin is unbelieve towards the word of God, this unbelieve leads to disobedience and disobedience brings about a curse and the curse brings about a separation with God and the separation with God brings about death. First is the spiritual death and secondly the physical death.

That is why God said:

*"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shall hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shall surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.*

*Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how shall we then live? Say unto them As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel". Ezekiel 33: 7-11*

It is really the desire of God that every man be saved, as the holy scriptures can testify:

***"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" 1 Timothy 2: 3-4.***

All that man needs is salvation, the eternal life of God. Because when God created man, he did not create him that he should die but that he should live and it is sin that brought death :

*"And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received atonement. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" Romans 5: 11-12.*

But the will of God is that none should perish but that man should live and for him to live, he must know the truth.

*"...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". John 8: 31-32*

*"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth". John 17: 17*

It is only in the word of God that we can know the truth; in what concerns the origin of man, the origin of sin, the consequences of disobedience, the final destination of idolaters, and unbelievers, non-believers, and the place of the blessed, where the biblical believers will be with God .

The Yahweh of the Old Testament made Himself known as the only true God. Rich in mercy and in goodness .When man fell into sin, God provided the possibility for him to come back to him so that he can live eternally:

*" Behold, the lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear". Isaiah 59: 1-2*

And in the New Testament the bible says :

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our lord". Romans 6: 23*

It is then that the good news was announced to us in the gospel of Luke:

*" And, lo, the angel of the lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto us is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

*And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

*And it came to pass, as the angel were gone away from them into heaven ,*

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*the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem , and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.*

*And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them”.*

Luke 2: 9-20

He is the salvation that man had need of and that the holy scriptures had announced since ancient times:

*“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the holy ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the holy ghost.*

*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God, God with us”.*

Matthew 1: 18-23

He, in reality, will save his people from their sins. He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. The purifying victim for the sins of the entire world.

Jesus-Christ the Lord had paid the redemption’s price. We were slaves to sin, we did not know the true God, worshipping what was not divine.

*“Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God..” Galatians 4: 8-9.*

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But how did we know the true God? The bible declares:

*“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good **things** ...”. Romans 10: 12-15*

It is through the preaching of the word of God that we come to the knowledge of the truth. It is through the preaching of the word of God that we can know the will of God, so that we can put it into practice. It is through the preaching of the word that we can know Him and also His will towards men. That is what the ( sent ) apostle Paul declared in his preaching :

*“ Then Paul, stood up, and beckoning with his hands said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.*

*And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot. And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.*

*And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse , a man after my own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. Of this man’s seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a saviour, Jesus: When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John fulfilled his course, he said, whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes at his feet I am not worthy to loose.*

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*Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.*

*And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. But God raised him from the dead: And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.*

*And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee.*

*And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Wherefore he said also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy one to see corruption.*

*For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye cannot be justified by the Law of Moses.*

*Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work that ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you. And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.*

*Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.*

*And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.*

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*Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed". Acts 13:16-48*

And the apostle John also declares to us:

*"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the father, and with his son Jesus Christ". 1 John 1: 1-3*

The love of God to all men was manifested in Jesus-Christ our Lord:

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he had not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God". John 3: 16-21*

Here is the **"Free Gift of God"** to all men, the solution to all the problems of men. Jesus Christ is the answer of God to all humanity. He is the salvation of God to all men and whosoever believes in him

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is justified by him in all things that you could not be justified. It is also through him that the forgiveness of sins is announced to all men:

*“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins”*. Acts10: 43

It is in him that the soul can quench its thirst, he is that living water that can quench the thirst of men, it is the true rest for the soul, for he said:

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light”*. Matthew 11: 28-30

The apostle Peter writes, saying:

*“Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that faded not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

*Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls”.*

1 Peter 1: 3-9

It is the grace that God has manifested to all men. The way provided by God for the salvation of all souls, the assurance of life everlasting.

**Jesus Christ** is the way that was to bring man back to his creator, it was in him that God was pleasing to dwell in to redeem man .

That is why the holy scripture declares: “

*To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”. 2 Corinthians 5: 19*

By his sacrifice on the cross at Calvary, he really paid the price for the redemption of our souls.

*“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who had raised him from the dead.*

*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it”.* Colossians 2: 8-15

The question of sin has been settled once and for all by the perfect sacrifice accomplished at Calvary. The Lord Jesus came out victorious from the dead. He has triumphed. He is the powerful winner and his victory is our victory because we are his seed. Henceforth, man has the possibility to come back to his creator through the way that he has opened:

*“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he had consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised “. Hebrews 10: 19-23*

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Fellowship with the creator of souls has been restored, so man can have true worship, he can now enter into the presence of God and worship with all his heart. For we are in the truth and it is the lord Jesus Christ that gave us the intelligence to know the truth.

*"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one touched him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols". 1 John 5: 18-21*

It is the pure truth that the Holy Scriptures unveils to us: **Jesus Christ is the true God, and life eternal.**

In fact, there is only one God, one faith, one Lord, one spirit and also one baptism.

*" The Yahweh of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New Testament".*

This is the divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The God that created man made himself man to redeem man, who was lost. This is true love.

Let the peace and grace of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ be with you.

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