

Is Your God Alive?

“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.” Psalm 42:2

I've been a disciple of Jesus more than 40 years. Whenever I'm tempted to doubt God's reality, involvement in my life, or His love for me and others, I recall some of the divine revelations I've been privileged to experience:



- In one of these experiences, in 1973, God revealed His infinite love for me. It was overwhelming, like trying to drink the ocean...I had to ask Him to stop or I believe I would've literally drowned in His love.
- In another experience, in 1974, Jesus answered my prayer concerning my desire to become a minister, simply reiterating Matthew 28:20 to me. He said, "Follow Me, and I will be with you wherever you go." It wasn't the answer I expected or wanted, but that's why He is the Lord and I'm not.

These experiences have since carried me through many trials. Of course, there are others. They prove to me that God is alive, He loves me, and He is leading me daily according to His plan. He is the only Living God.

But, the vast majority of people in the world don't know the living God. Instead, they blindly follow what they've been taught since childhood, without questioning whether they're walking in God's truth or simply following a man-made religion.

And I'm not only referring to Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists. Most so-called 'Christians' don't 'know' the Living God either. Jesus said, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

For example:

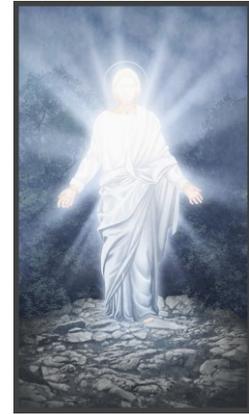
- Over a billion Catholics disobey God when they follow church tradition—worshipping idols and praying to 'saints' and Mary.
- Millions of Methodists, Baptist, Episcopal, and Presbyterians, etc., idolize their own sinful lusts, accepting homosexuality, abortion, and generally rejecting God's authority over them.

"What union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people." 2 Corinthians 6:16

God's Temple

The people who know God are now the 'living stones' of His temple. He lives in them, and they obey and worship Him alone. Their daily lives, speech, and actions worship Him continually; their lives are being conformed daily to His Word and His will. They're led by His Spirit—the Comforter, Teacher, and Lord of their life, who gives them eternal life.

Just as God's glory was hidden in the heart of Solomon's temple, God's glory is now hidden within His living stones.



Houses of Idols

In contrast, idolaters reject the authority of God's Word, and the voice of His Spirit who speaks in their conscience. To quiet the Spirit's voice and appease their conscience, they created all the religions and denominations that lead people away from obedience to God's Word and fellowship with His Spirit. All who follow these false teachers cannot know God. They're dead.

The Revelation of the Living God

Every idol and false teaching will be exposed and destroyed at the end of this age, when the [glory of God in His people is revealed](#).

So, don't remain in ignorance, sin and death! Idols have no life in them. They are worse than worthless...worshipping them brings a curse upon the worshipper.

Instead, be intelligent and choose to follow the Living God. You learn to know Him through His Word, which will lead you to submit yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Then, His life-giving Spirit will fill you, and you'll be able to abide in communion with the Living God within you. This is the only path to eternal life.