Num. 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Ps 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

1. Nu 23:9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.
2. Nu 23:14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.
3. Nu 23:28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.

1Sa 15:29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

Eze 5:11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

Eze 24:14 I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

1Ki 17:24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

1Jo 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

1Jo 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1Jo 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

De 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

33:27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

Da 2:47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

6:20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Jos 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

2Sa 22:33 God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

Ps 116:5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

62:7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

94:22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

It is God who saves a person; the person does not save himself, no matter how capable he is or how much good he may do.

How is God able to save men? By Christ. God took Christ and *presented Him* to the world as the wisdom of God.

1. Christ is the wisdom of God given to the world so that men might know the way, the truth, and the life of God. God sent Christ to earth as the Word (*logos*) of God. He was the perfect expression of what God wanted to say to man. Everything Jesus Christ said and did was exactly how God wants man to speak and do. Jesus Christ is the Word of God to man

a.  God sent Christ to earth to make it possible for the fullness of the Godhead bodily to dwell in us.

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" ([Col. 2:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Col+2%3A9)). In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" ([Col. 2:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Col+2%3A3)).

b.  God sent Christ to earth as the Revelation of God. God wanted man to see exactly who He is, what He is like, and how He expects man to live. Therefore, God revealed Himself to man in the person of Jesus Christ. That He might reveal Himself in 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 1:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+1%3A3)).

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" ([John 14:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+14%3A6)).

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" ([John 14:9-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+14%3A9-10)).

I and my Father are one" ([John 10:30](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+10%3A30)).

If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him" ([John 10:37-38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+10%3A37-38)).

c.  Christ was the very embodiment of the glory of God.

 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" ([2 Cor. 4:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+4%3A6)).

What all this means is that a man must come to Jesus Christ if he desires to know God, for Jesus Christ is the wisdom of God revealed to the world. God has given His wisdom to the world through His Son, Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ...

•  God's wisdom has spoken to the world.

•  God's wisdom has revealed itself to the world.

•  God's wisdom has lived before the world in human flesh.

Man now knows the way, the truth, and the life of God. Man is now without excuse.

2.  Christ is the righteousness of God. Righteousness shows just how wise God really is. Man is not perfect, but imperfect and unrighteous. Therefore, man by his very nature cannot live in God's presence, for God is perfect and the very embodiment of righteousness. How then can man ever become acceptable to God and be allowed to live in God's presence? Jesus Christ is the answer, for He is the righteousness of God; that is, God sent Jesus Christ to earth to live the *perfect, ideal*, and *sinless* life. Jesus Christ never sinned, not even once. Therefore, He stood before God and before the world as the Ideal Man, the Perfect Man, the Representative Man, the Perfect Righteousness that could stand for and cover the righteousness of every man.

When a man believes in Jesus Christ—really believes—God takes that man's faith and counts it (his faith) as righteousness. The man is not righteous; he and everyone else knows it. But God counts his faith and belief as righteousness. Why would God do such an incredible thing? Because God loves His Son that much and God loves man that much. God loves so much that He will take any man who honors His Son by believing in Him and count that man's faith as though it were the real thing: righteousness. Very simply stated: Jesus Christ is the righteousness of God. He is the only way a man can become righteous and acceptable to God.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" ([2 Cor. 5:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+5%3A21)).

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" ([Hebrews 4:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A15)).

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" ([Hebrews 7:25-26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+7%3A25-26)).

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" ([1 Peter 2:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+2%3A24)).

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" ([1 Peter 3:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+3%3A18)).

3.  Christ is the sanctification of God. Sanctification also shows just how wise God is. Sanctification means two things.

a.  Sanctification means to be set apart unto God. Jesus Christ set His

life apart to live for God, and He lived for God perfectly and righteously. Therefore, His act of sanctification is able to stand as the Ideal, Perfect, and (Representative) Revealed sanctification for man. When a man believes *in* Jesus Christ, God takes that man's faith and counts it for the man's sanctification. God counts the man as one of His, as *set apart* unto Him.

 By the which will [God's will] we are sanctified through the offering of th body of Jesus Christ once for all" ([Hebrews 10:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+10%3A10)).

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" ([Hebrews 13:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+13%3A12)).

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied" ([1 Peter 1:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+1%3A2)).

b.  Sanctification means holiness: to live a holy and righteous, pure and clean life. God puts the Spirit of Christ—the very life and energy and

power of Christ—into the heart and life of the believer. God sends the Spirit of Christ, who is the Holy Spirit, to actually live in the body of the believer. Therefore, the believer has a supernatural power to live for God. As he follows in the footsteps of Christ, living more and more like Christ did, he becomes more and more sanctified—set apart unto God, living a more holy life than the day before.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" ([1 Cor. 3:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+3%3A16)).

Flee fornication. Every sin that man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your spirit, which are God's" ([1 Cor. 6:18-20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+6%3A18-20)).

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" ([2 Tim. 2:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ti+2%3A21)).

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" ([Hebrews 12:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+12%3A14)).

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" ([1 Peter 1:15-16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+1%3A15-16)).

4.  Christ is the redemption of God. Redemption shows the wisdom of God to the world. As the Ideal, Perfect, and Representative Man, whatever Jesus Christ did would stand for man. Therefore, when Jesus Christ died, His death became the Ideal and Representative death for all men. This is what is meant when Scripture says that Jesus Christ died for man. He died as the Perfect and Ideal Man, as the Substitute and Representative Man for all men. As the Ideal and Perfect Man, He was able to bear the punishment for every man's sins. Through His death Jesus Christ redeems (delivers) us from sin, death, and punishment. He is the *redemption*, the deliverance of God for this world.

 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" ([Romans 3:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+3%3A24)).

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" ([Galatians 3:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+3%3A13)).

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" ([Ephes. 1:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+1%3A7)).

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" ([Col. 1:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Col+1%3A14)).

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" ([Titus 2:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Tit+2%3A14)).

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" ([Hebrews 9:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+9%3A12)).

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" ([1 Peter 1:18-19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+1%3A18-19)).

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" ([Rev. 5:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A9)).

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