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The Revelation of God Produces a People

- God’s burning desire to be known begins with the revelation of Himself, but it does not stop there.
- God has revealed Himself so He can be known by a people who search Him out and in the process become like Him.
- God’s revelation of Himself is producing a people who will be compatible to Him.
- The goal of discipleship is to become like God; therefore, it must begin with beholding God—encountering the revelation of God in the person of Jesus.
- As we have seen, when Paul summarized the will of God, He began with the idea that all of creation is a stage fashioned by God to make His Son known:
 - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
 - For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
 - And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
(Colossians 1:15–17, 19–20)

“...the Father... who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us... having predestined us to adoption as sons... In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”

Ephesians 1:3-8

The above scriptures were the premise of his prayer and all other apostolic prayers he would pray for the church.

Today being fasting Wednesday, let us fast and pray to understand the truth and declaration that “we are already blessed with spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.” Even if we do not ask for blessing, it’s already ours! It’s been given even from the foundation of the earth. He chose us already even then!