

"TELL THEM WHO I AM"

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Luis told about an outreach in Santa Cruz, where tragically two teen age girls, 15 and 16 years old just killed in an accident. The girl's mother said: "The girls saw the face of Jesus for the first time ever."

God wants to know each one of us and for us to know him in such a way that the moment of our death is a joy.

Psalm 103: 1-14 "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust".

John 17:1-5 "After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began".

WHAT IS GOD REALLY LIKE?

- He is a person
- He delights to reveal himself, as supernaturally triune (the Trinity)
- ...and as the almighty creator
- He is spirit (we worship him in spirit and truth)
- He is life (and the light of men)
- He is holy (Be holy because I am holy)
- He is the judge of all the earth (loving and righteous)
- He is good
- He offers eternal life to those who trust him
- He is love (expressed most of all when Jesus gave himself for us on the Cross)
- He is, and wants to be, your father (He loves you with an everlasting love)
- He is merciful and patient (slow to anger; he remembers that we are but dust)

WHAT WILL HE DO FOR YOU?

- God hears and answers your prayers (take him seriously)
- He keeps his promises (some conditional, some unconditional)
- He will save you and be your father. (He waits for you with open arms)