

## Identity

### God communicates to us in terms we can understand.

Thus, men were given visions such as John was given in Revelation.

The vision of the holy city (the bride) conveyed an idea of a heavenly state or condition which really exists but is communication in such form as we can understand and appreciate.

This same is true regarding the identity of man and God.

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### Identification of humans

Identification at birth-usually by name

Male & female - Exodus 1:22; Baby Moses - Exodus 2:10; Baby Jesus - Matthew 1:18-22

Identification during life

Young Hebrew maid-here identity is base on her physical youth - 2Kings 5:2

Goliath- 1Samuel 17-is identified by his physical size--giant

Peter's identity - by voice & physical form - Acts 12:13-16

Identification by parentage - Saul son of Kish; Simon Barjona--son of Jonah

Identification by relationship - Abigail, wife of Nabal

Identification by place - Uriah the Hittite; Saul of Tarsus

In death identity not lost.

Body still identified by name - Acts 9:36-40; 8:2; 2:29

The spirit still identified by name - Luke 20:37-38; 16:23; Matthew 17:1-3; 1Samuel 28:11-14

Identity maintained in the resurrection.

In time - Lazarus John 11 - Dorcas Acts 9:36-40

At the end of time - 1Corinthians 15:35-44

### Identification of Angels

Angels known by name - Michael & Gabriel - Jude 9; Revelation 12:7; Luke 1:26

Angels could be identified upon sight-at least in some instances - 2Samuel 24:17

Angels were manifested to men as:

Men to Abraham-Genesis 18; to Lot & men of Sodom Genesis 19:1ff

Men in bright clothing - Luke 24:4; John 20:12; Acts 1:10

### The identification of Deity

*Romans 1:18-20*

Three Divine Beings: Father, Word & Spirit, having separate identity, exist from eternity. Identity only revealed through names or words

"The Word" became flesh. Identified as Jesus of Nazareth, etc.

Identified as Messiah by works, teachings, and prophecy.

Identified as resurrected Lord by physical features - John 20:24-29

After death, burial, resurrection, ascension identity not lost - Philippians 3:20-21; Acts 7:55-56; 26:16-18

King saw one like "son of man"-Obviously identified by appearance - Daniel 3:25

### God communicates to us in terms we can understand.

Identity relates to names, form, parentage, city, etc.

If our spirits have identity other than our name then God knows, but has not revealed that to us.

Many question we would to have answered:

Who is God? Where did He come from? Will we recognize others in heaven?

These for the most part must go unanswered for now, we will know later--some questions may never be answered.

How we will identify Father, Son & Holy Spirit awaits further answer

Secret things belong to God-We best leave them with God. - Deuteronomy 29:29