

At-onement with God

At-onement with God comes through the inflowing of the Divine Love into the soul and transforming it from divine image into divine substance. Through this process, divine nature is imparted (2 Pet. 1:4), the new birth occurs (John 1:13; 1 Pet. 1:3, 23), and one becomes conscious of their immortality, having experienced the true resurrection that Jesus spoke about (John 11:25). One also becomes a child of God not just by creation, but by sharing the same soul substance (Rom. 8:9, 14, 17) which makes them an immortal divine angel and a new creature (2 Cor 5:17; Gal. 6:15).

Who Is Chosen

The opportunity for At-onement with the Father, which is God's plan for salvation that Jesus came to teach when he came to earth, is available to all humanity. God is eager to bestow upon every person His Divine Love. But He will only make such bestowal if the individual follows the prescribed plan of praying for the Divine Love. There is no other way for man to become at one with God than by partaking of His divine nature and attributes. And this can only occur through sincere aspirations of a person's soul for the Father's Love.

Unfortunately, however, not all will choose to accept this wonderful offer and gift. The Bible states that "Many are called (invited) but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14). This is not because the Father decides and chooses who shall be saved, but because man fails to choose the path to heavenly bliss and immortality that is ever open to him. That is the reason why most humans will only reach the sixth sphere in the Kingdom of the Perfect Man and few will enter the Celestial Kingdom where only those who possess the Divine Love reside.

Who Can See God

As individuals keep longing for and praying for the Divine Love, their soul comes to possess in ever-increasing amounts the qualities that the Father possesses. This then expands the soul and increases soul perceptions and understanding of the truth.

One cannot see God or His form, or truly comprehend His nature through the physical senses. Even a spirit with a high development of their mind and intellect cannot see God because they lack a significant soul development. *God can only be seen through soul perceptions* which come as a result of the soul being transformed by the Divine Love imparted by the Holy Spirit. (It has to be noted that the words "see" and "form" are only relative to human comprehension and would apply in a different way in spirit and soul dimensions.) Earnest sincere prayer to the Father will bring about this soul development. With such prayer will come faith, and with faith will come the substance of the belief and the realization of our oneness with God.

One of the beatitudes in Jesus' sermon states that the pure in heart shall see God (Matt. 5:8). This can be understood in the sense that we become pure in heart as our souls are purified by God's Love and His qualities become a part of us. Then we can "see" God, or, rather, perceive His attributes in our souls. This is also the result of the faith that comes from the opening of the perceptions of the soul.

Just because humans without the Divine Love in their souls cannot see God, it does not mean that He does not see them. He knows and takes account of all their thoughts (Ps. 94:11; 139:2; 1 Cor. 3:20).

At-Onement in This Life

It is possible to achieve at-onement with God in this life if one keeps praying for and receives enough Divine Love in their soul.

Jesus realized his at-onement with God, with which came the consciousness of immortality, and the possession of the divine nature. If we follow his teachings, we can achieve the same while still in the physical body.

James Padgett was also told that he had partaken of God's immortality and that it depended only on himself how fast he could progress towards a complete transformation of soul. We don't need to wait until we come to the spirit world to make a rapid progression, as wonderful progress can be made here and now.

Finally, all the aspects of at-onement mentioned in the first paragraph are in the Bible spoken of as present reality applying to this life.

Reference: *Angelic Revelations of Divine Truth*, Vol. 1, Chapters 4 and 5