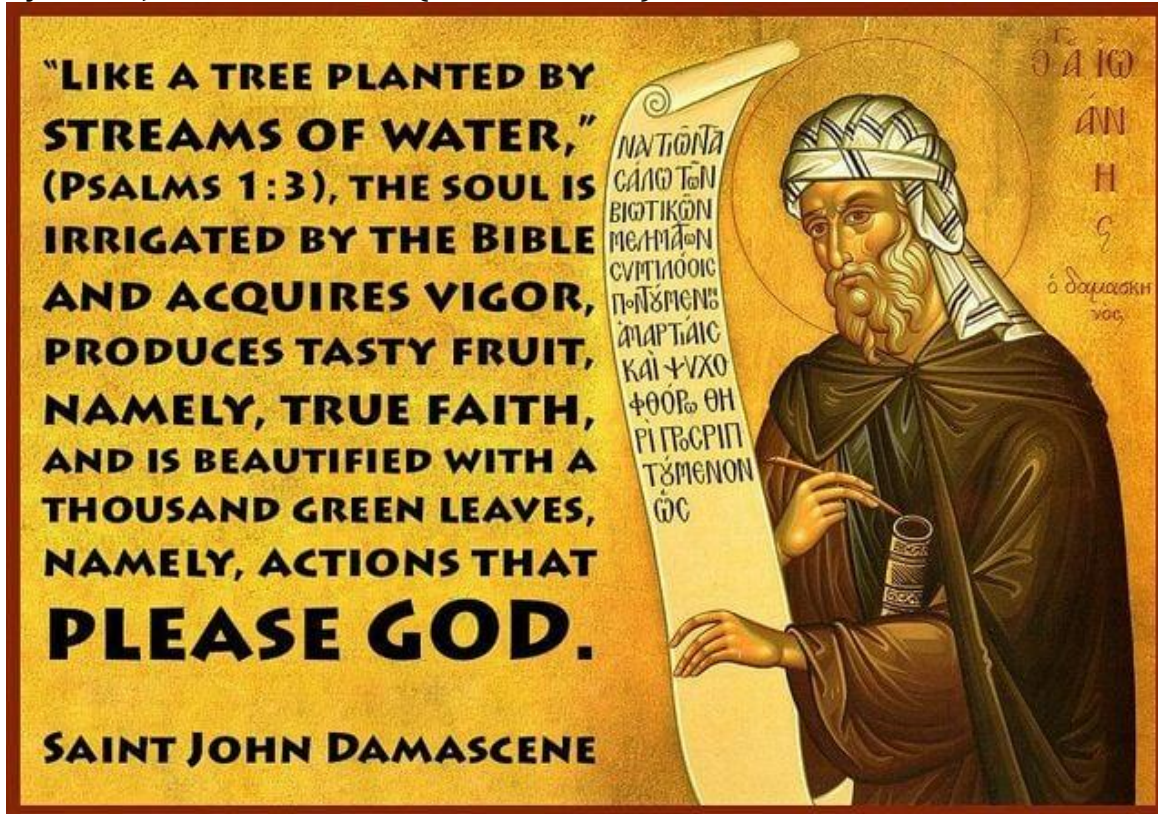


on The Goodness of GOD Incarnate in JESUS CHRIST

by Saint John Damascene (645 - 749 AD) – last of The Greek Fathers



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"Since it was by sin that death had come into the world, like some wild and savage beast, to destroy the life of man, it was necessary for The One Who was to effect a redemption to be sinless and not liable to the death which is due to sin..., " our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST.

"The Creator and Lord Himself took up the struggle on behalf of His Own creation. At the same time, The Goodness and Wisdom and Justice and Power of GOD were made manifest.

His Goodness, because He did not despise the weakness of His Own handywork, but when... [man] fell, had compassion on him and stretched out His hand to him.

His Justice, because, when man had suffered defeat, He did not have another conquer the tyrant, nor did He snatch man away from death by force. But He, The Good and Just One, made... [man] victor whom death had once enslaved through sin.

And His Wisdom, because He found the most fitting solution for this most difficult problem. For by The Good Pleasure of GOD The Father,

The Only-Begotten Son and Word of GOD, Who is in the bosom of GOD The Father, consubstantial [of the same substance] with The Father and with The HOLY SPIRIT, Who was in The Beginning and was with GOD The Father and was GOD, He, being in The Form of GOD, bowed down the Heavens and condescended to His servants.

And He, while being Perfect GOD, became Perfect Man and accomplished The Newest of all things, The only New Thing under the sun [man's salvation], by which The Infinite Power of GOD was clearly shown. For what is greater than for GOD to become Man?

So without suffering change The Word was made Flesh, of The HOLY SPIRIT and The holy and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of GOD, and He stands as Mediator between GOD and men.

He, The Only Loving One, was conceived in The Immaculate Womb of The Virgin, not by the will of man, nor by concupiscence, nor by the intervention of a husband, but of The HOLY SPIRIT.

And He became obedient to The Father by healing our disobedience with that which is like to us and which was taken from us, and by becoming to us a Model of that obedience, without which it is impossible to attain salvation." \*

MATTHEW 9:35-38

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35 And JESUS went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching The Gospel of The Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith He unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ye therefore The Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

\*[His Heart Was Moved with Pity." Saint John Damascene. The Magnificat, 12/04/2021 AD. Meditation of the Day, p 63-64.]