

Stranger danger

Jesus said God's Spirit "will guide you into all truth." John 16.13.

So, **first**, the Holy Spirit's task is to point us in the right direction. As a result, Jesus said, "He (the Holy Spirit) will glorify me." John 16.14.

Accordingly for twenty centuries, the Holy Spirit has indeed been honouring Jesus, seeking to help people avoid the danger of Jesus being a stranger to them.

Second, because there are so many gods in the world, the Holy Spirit guards us from also treating "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 1.3) as a stranger.

Third, Christian worship involves more than just admiring the beauty and majesty of God's magnificent Creation - it involves jointly recognising the personal presence of Jesus.

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name," Jesus explained, "I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18.20. He expects that wherever Christians worship he will never be a stranger.

Fourth, why should we make sure that Jesus is no stranger to us? Because "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" Acts 4.12.

No reason is more compelling than that.

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**Jesus should be no stranger. He knocks on the door of every human heart.
See Revelation 3.20.**

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