

**THE FATHER**

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**THE ONLY**

**SUPREME ALMIGHTY GOD**

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## INTRODUCTION

The information's that are contained in this document has been gathered from different sources. In order to complete this work, I myself, also added scriptures and comments, which are the result of my own researches. This work is dedicated to GOD my Father and to Jesus-Christ my Lord, Friend and Master. I hope this work will bring light to the reader about the identity of true GOD and of Jesus Christ.

### 1.1 "HE IS GOD" - NOT, "THEY ARE GOD"

In Scripture, *God is referred to using singular pronouns such as He, His or Him.*  
"Fear God, and give glory to *Him*, for the hour of *His* judgment is come" (Revelation 14:7).

Jesus called **His Father** "*the only true God*" (John 17:3).

**John 17:1-5** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "**Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, **O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

*Note: The entire chapter John 17 is Christ's prayer to His Father*

1Corinthians 8:6 Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. (RSV)

Ephesians 4:6 Paul also wrote, "one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all".

**John 17:7-11** [Father] Now they have known that **all things which You have given Me are from You.** For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as we are.

*Note: The Father is the “only true God.” The Father sent Christ. The Father gave Christ authority. The Father gave Christ His work. The Son’s work was to glorify the Father.*

John 14:28 **He said, “My Father is greater than all”**

1 John 5:20 We know also that the son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true-even in His Son Jesus Christ. He (God) is the true God and eternal life.

Mark 12:29 Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**”

*Note:* The problem with the translation of this verse in the NIV (that in fact supports the doctrine of the trinity) is that the word "Lord" is missing from the original, which is at the end of the vers. This opens the door for all the discussion about the plurality of the word "one", which in fact doesn't involve plurality at all.

**LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE - the Lord our God is one Lord**

**KJV+ - Deu 6:4** Hear,<sup>H8085</sup> O Israel:<sup>H3478</sup> The LORD<sup>H3068</sup> our God<sup>H430</sup> is one<sup>H259</sup> **LORD:**<sup>H3068</sup>

<b>KJV - the Lord our God is one Lord</b>	<b>NAS - ...is one Lord</b>
<b>NEB - ...is the only Lord</b>	<b>RSV - ...the Lord is one</b>
<b>JB - ...is the one Lord</b>	<b>NIV - ...the Lord is one</b>
<b>NKJ - ...Lord our God is one</b>	<b>Louis Second (French) - le Seigneur, notre Dieu, est l'<u>unique</u> Seigneur</b>

*Note: The Greek word “heis” (#1520) means “the numeral one” or the emphatic “only one.” “One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law” (Matt 5:18). The lawyer who spoke to Christ was quoting from Deut. 6:4. “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!” The Hebrew word ‘echad (#0259) means “one, same, single, first, each, or once. ” While it is true that one nation may be composed of many individuals, the Hebrew word used here is not used most often to refer to units composed of parts. And the Hebrew word for unity is a different word altogether. The context of Moses appeal to Israel in Deut. 6:4 is that the God of Israel is the only God. (Deut 5:9; 6:5).*

Galatians 1:4 [Christ] who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to **the will of our God and Father,**

Mark 16,19 Jesus ... was taken into heaven and sat down **at God's right hand.**

Eph. 1,20 The Father has made Jesus sit at his right hand.

Acts 7,55-56 Stephen saw Jesus in heaven at the right hand of God.

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the **only Lord God,** and our Lord Jesus Christ. (kjb)

## **1.2 THE FATHER - THE GREAT SOURCE**

“Yet for us **there is one God, the Father**, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist” (1Corinthians 8:6 RSV).

“**. . . one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in you all**” (Ephesians 4:6).

1Timothy 6:13-16 I urge you in the sight of **God (The Father) who gives life to all things**, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing, ***which He (The Father)*** will manifest in His own time, He (The Father) who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see**, to whom be honor and everlasting power.

*Conclusion: The Father alone possesses immortality, which He has given to His Son (by inheritance and by covenant). Christ then gives that immortality to us, by adoption.*

Revelation 1:4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace **from Him who is and who was and who is to come [the Father]**, and from the seven Spirits [angels] who are before His throne, **and from Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him [Christ] who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and **has made us kings and priests to His God and Father**, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **1.3 THE FATHER IS THE GOD OF CHRIST**

**The Father is the GOD of Christ** (Math. 27:46, John 20:17, Rom. 15:6, 1Cor. 11:3, 2Cor. 1:2-3, 2Cor. 11:31, Eph. 1:3, Eph. 1:17, Col. 1:3, Titus 1:4, 1Pet 1:3, Rev. 1:6, 3:12).

*Note: As surprising as it may be, Christ has, in fact, a God.  
Christ had a God while He was on earth,  
after His resurrection before to ascend to the heavens,  
and right now while He sits at the right hand of God.  
It does make a lot of sense because the Father is the Supreme God.*

Math. 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is: “**My GOD, My GOD**, why have You forsaken Me? (KJV)

John 20:17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to **My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.**’”

Romans 15:6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify *the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*.

1Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and **the head of Christ is GOD (the Father)**.

2Corinthians 1:2-3 Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**. Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

*Note: The Father is the GOD of Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.*

2Corinthians 11:31 **The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

Ephesians 1:3, Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Ephesians 1:17 I keep asking that **the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory**, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, praying always for you,

Titus 1:4 Grace and peace **from God the Father** and Christ Jesus our savior.

1Peter 1:3, Blessed be **the GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Revelation 1:6 and has made us kings and priests to **His God and Father**, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Revelation 3:12** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the **temple of My God**, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the **name of My God** and the name of the **city of My God**, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of **heaven from My God**. And I will write on him My new name.

*Note: we are now seeing Christ, after his resurrection, calling God His God.*

1Timothy 2:5 *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,*

1 CORINTHIENS 15:24-28, Then the end will come, when he (Christ) hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he (Christ) must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “He (The Father) has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God Himself, Who put everything under Christ.

*When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to Him (The Father) Who put everything under him (Christ), so that God may be all in all.*

#### **1.4 THE FATHER CREATED ALL THINGS THROUGH HIS SON**

We were created by the Father, through the Son (Ps. 134:3, 1Cor.8:6, Prov. 8:27, John 1:3,10, Eph.3:9, Col.1:12-16, Heb.1:1-3, Rev. 4:11, 5:6-7).

Psa 134:3, The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

1Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is one God, *the Father, of whom are all things*, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, *through whom are all things*, and through whom we live.

Proverbs 8:27-31 **When He prepared the heavens. When He established the clouds above ... When He assigned to the sea its limit. *Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman;*** And I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.

John 1:3 **All things were made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and **the world was made through Him**, and the world did not know Him.

Ephesians 3:9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in **God who created all things through Jesus Christ;**

Colossians 1:12-16 giving thanks to **the Father** who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of **the Son** of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over (Greek; of) all creation.* For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.**

Hebrews 1:1-3 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by **His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the worlds;** who being the brightness of His glory and the express image (or exact representation[in character] ) of His person [singular](Greek; essence), and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the **Majesty on high,**

Revelation 4:9-11 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to **Him who sits on the throne**, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before **Him who sits on the throne** and worship *Him* who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For **You created all things**, And **by Your will they exist and were created.**”



Revelation 5:6-7, Then, I saw a Lamb,...He (the Lamb) came and took the scroll from the right hand of ***Him who sat on the throne***.(God, the Father)

The creation is the product of the Father who has a series of attributes witch He shares by allocation with the sons of God.

But God the Father alone is:

Self-existent and therefore immortal (1Tim. 6:16)

Omniscient (Isa. 46:10; Ps. 147:5; Mat. 24:36; 1Tim. 1:17)

Omnipotent (Mk. 14:36; Lk. 1:37)

Immuable (Jas. 1:17; Mal. 3:6)

The one true God and the source of eternal life (Jn. 17:3; 1Jn. 5:20)

He dwells in unapproachable light and no man has seen Him or ever can see Him (1Tim. 6:16) being spirit (Jn. 4:24)

And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. (John 5:37)

He is the creator of all things, through Christ. By God's will all things exist, being created at, and for, His pleasure (Ps. 134:3; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:2; Rev. 4:11). He is the source of life (Ps. 36:9; Jn. 5:26).

## **1.5 GOD ALONE CANNOT DIE OR BE TEMPTED**

1Timothy 6:13-16 I urge you in the sight of **God who gives life to all things**, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see,** to whom be honor and everlasting power.

James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." *For God cannot be tempted* by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

*Note: But on the other hand, Christ was tempted.*

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Hebrew 2:18 Because he himself (Jesus) was tempted...

Hebrew 4:15 But we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

*Note: If Christ was God (the Almighty), it would have been impossible for Him to die or be tempted. But he was tempted, and He died at the end of His ministry.*

## 1.6 MEANING OF THE WORD "THEOS"(God, god, gods)

**The word God (Greek: Theos) could have different meanings, depending on the context.  
(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon)**

**Examples; God, god, divine being or divinity,**

- 1- Theos is used as a general appellation of deities or divinities.
- 2- Theos is used of Christ
- 3- Theos is used when speaking of the only and true God.
- 4- ***Theos is used of whatever can in any respect be likened to God, or resembles Him in any way:*** Hebraistically i.q. ***God's representative*** or vicegerent, of magistrates and **judges,**

**In the same way, in the Old Testament the word Elohim is being used.**

(From Wade Cox (Christian Churches of God):

Eloah is singular and only used for God the Father.

Elohim is applied to any being within the Godhead or government of God which, of course, also includes God the Father who is The God or *ha Elohim*.

It is used of God the Father (Deut. 4:35; Ps. 45:6-7).

It is used of Christ (Ps. 45:7).

It is used of men appointed to specific positions by God, like Moses (Ex. 7:1) and the judges (Ex. 22:8).

**HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES TO SHOW THE DIFFERENT WAYS THE WORD "THEOS" IN GREEK IS BEING USED (Strong's Ref. Number 2316).**

- John 10:34 in your law, you are **gods** (Theos)
- Acts 7:40 make us **gods** (Theos) to go before us
- Acts 14:11 The **gods** (Theos) have come down in human forms
- Acts 19:26 ...He says that man-men **gods** (Theos) are not gods at all.
- 1Cor. 8:4-6 ...and that there is no **God** (Theos) but one. For even if they are so-called **gods** (Theos), whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many **gods** (Theos) and many lords), yet for us there **is but one God** (Theos), **the Father**... and one Lord, Jesus-Christ.
- 2 Cor. 4:4 The **god** (Theos) of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of **God** (Theos)
- Gal. 4:8 Formerly when you did not know **God** (Theos), you were slaves to those who by nature are not **gods** (Theos)

**The word Elohim is used the same way in the Old Testament.**

- PS. 82:1, 6 God (Elohim).stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods (Elohim). 6, I said,"You are gods (Elohim)., and you are all children of the Most Hight...

**Note: Also, in the new Testament, all the references to God or the god(s) use the same Greek word "Theos" 2316.**

**Christ came on the earth to reveal the Father and to reconcile us with the Father. He was not speaking on his own but was speaking according to what the Father was saying to Him. (John 14:10) My teaching is not mine, but His Who sent me” (John 7:16) I have come in My Father’s name” (John 5:43)**

*Note: Christ was for sure a divine being, but in His role, Jesus was really God's representative, He was His Spokesman - the Word of God - and he was divine (a divine being). But Jesus was not the Almighty God.*

*Because there is only one God (which is the Father), the Greek word "Theos" (translated God) when applied to Christ, has a different meaning than the "Supreme God"*

### **Lets look at different translations:**

1808: and the word was a god. *The New Testament in an improved version, Upon the Basis of Archbishop Newcome’s New Translation: With a corrected text.*

1864: and a god was the Word. *The Emphatic Diaglott, interlinear reading, by Benjamin Wilson.*

1935: and the word was divine. *The Bible—an American translation, J. Smith and E. Goodspeed*

1946: and of a divine kind was the Word. *Das Neue Testament, Ludwig Thimme.*

1950: and the Word was a god. *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures.*

1958: and the Word was a God. *The New Testament, by James L. Tomanek.*

1975: and a god, (or of a divine kind) was the Word. *Des Evangelium nach Johannes, Siegfried Schulz.*

1978: and godlike kind was the Logos. *Das Evangelium Johannes Schneider.*

### **And now lets look in French:**

1928: et le Verbe était un être divin. *La Bible du centenaire, l’évangile selon Jean, by Maurice Goguel.*

1963: et la Parole était dieu. *Les Saintes Écritures—Traduction du monde nouveau.*

Joseph Henri Thayer, a theologian and scholar who worked on the American Standard Version, stayed simply: The Logos was divine, not the divine Being himself.

And Jesuit John L. McKenzie wrote in his dictionary of the Bible: John 1:1 should be translated... the word was a divine being.

*Note: So, we see that the correct translation shows that Christ is not the Supreme God.*

## 1.7 HISTORICAL STATEMENTS

From: **Sketches of the Church**

From AD 33 to the Reformation

by Rev. J. C Robertson, M.A.,

Canon of Canterbury

Now the success which **Justin** had as a teacher at Rome had long raised the envy and malice of the heathen philosophers; and, when these new laws against the Christians came out, one Crescens, a philosopher of the kind called "Cynics", or "doggish" (on account of their snarling, currish ways), contrived that Justin should be carried before a judge, on the charge of being a Christian.

The judge questioned him as to his belief, and as to the meetings of the Christians; to which **Justin answered that he believed in one God and in the Savior Christ, the Son of God**, but he refused to say anything which could betray his brethren to the persecutors

...but **Polycarp** thought, as he entered the place, that he heard a voice saying to him, "Be strong and play the man!" and he did not heed all the shouting of the crowd. The governor desired him to deny Christ, and said that, if he would, his life should be spared.

But the faithful bishop answered "Fourscore and six years have I served Christ, and He hath never done me wrong; how then can I now blaspheme **my King and Savior**?"

*Note: Polycarp said that Christ was his King and Savior. (not his God)*

From: **Alexander Roberts and James Donaldson, editors.**

**Ignatius said:**

Stand fast, brethren, in the faith of Jesus Christ, and in His love, in His passion, and in His resurrection. Do ye all come together in common, and individually,(15) through grace, in one faith of **God the Father, and of Jesus Christ His only-begotten Son, and "the first-born of every creature,"**

..., and are entrusted with the ministry of Jesus Christ. **He, being begotten by the Father before the beginning of time,**...

And in another place, "**The Lord created Me, the beginning of His ways**, for His ways, for His works. Before the world did He found Me, and before all the hills did He beget Me."(15)

### **THE EPISTLE OF IGNATIUS TO THE TRALLIANS**

(This was written to show how the Trinity was trying to get into the Christianity)

**CHAP. VI.--ABSTAIN FROM THE POISON OF HERETICS. (and the Trinity)**

**They also calumniate** His being born of the Virgin; they are ashamed of His cross; they deny His passion; and they do not believe His resurrection. **They (the false Christians) introduce God as a Being unknown; they suppose Christ to be unbegotten;** and as to the Spirit, they do not admit that He exists. **Some of them say that the Son is a mere man, and that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are but the same person,** and that the creation is the work of God, not by Christ, but by some other strange power.

## JESUS IS THE SON OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD

### 2.1 CHRIST WAS THE LITERAL FIRSTBORN SON (SPIRITUAL) OF GOD (THE FATHER)

*There are a handful of scriptures that might lead one to conclude that Jesus Christ is God. However, this is due to a lack of understanding of the role of the "Logos" in the creation of the world. Jesus Christ served in His pre-human existence as the "arm of Jehovah" the one who served along side of the Father carrying out His will.*

Revelations 3:14 In His own words Jesus calls Himself "**the beginning of the creation of God.**" This tells us that Jesus had a pre-human existence in heaven along side His Father, our God (KJS AV)

Louis Second 1910 : Écrits à l'ange de l'Église de Laodicée: Voici ce que dit l'Amen, le témoin fidèle et véritable, **le commencement** (beginning) de la création de Dieu

Colossians 1:12-16 giving thanks to **the Father** who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of **the Son** of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn (Prototokos over [of: (Greek), every creature, KJAV] all creation.** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.**

Matthew 16:16-18, Peter said, "You are the Christ, **the Son of the living GOD,**" and Jesus said, "Upon this rock (**the knowledge that Christ is the Son of God**) I will build my church."

### The word Prototokos (4416) means firstborn or first begotten.

- Matth. 1 :25 First begotten son replace son. Was changed in the most recent texts.
- Col. 1 :15, 18 The firstborn of all creation and the firstborn of the dead.
- Heb. 1 :6 The first begotten
- Luc 2:7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, ...

In Proverbs 8:22-30, this passage shows Christ Himself speaking of His preincarnate existence with His Father. The passage is a corollary on wisdom, but in:

1Corinthians 1:24 and 30, **Christ is called "the wisdom of God."**

Col.2;3, in whom (Christ) are hidden all the treasures of **wisdom** and knowledge.

The “Word” of God in John 1:1-3 is the same concept to a Hebrew as “the wisdom” of God. This is the revelation of Himself, which God has sent.

The speaker of Proverbs 8 says, “***I was brought forth.*** (repeated twice)”

This is the same expression used to say “***I was born.***” Christ said, “***I came forth from the Father*** (at first) and have come into the world” (John 16:27).

**Proverbs 8:22-31 The Lord (Father) brought me (Heb.#7069 means: to erect,) forth as the first of His works, before His deeds of old; I was appointed (#5258 by analogy, to anoint) from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began.**

When there were no oceans, ***I was given birth***, when there were no springs abounding with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, ***I was given birth***, (***Heb.#2342, to twist or whirl (in a circular or spiral manner)***) before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world.

I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon of the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

31 **Then I was the craftsman at His side.** I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in His presence. (NIV)

31 (NKJ) **Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman;** And I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.

Verses 32-36 Now, then, my sons, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. ***For whoever finds me finds life and receive favor from the Lord.*** But whoever fails to find me harms himself; and who hate me love death.

*Note: Are we saved by Christ or by an attribute (wisdom)?*

Proverbs 9:1-5 ...***Come eat my bread and drink my wine I have mixed.***

*Note: Who has said, in the new Testament, that we have to eat His body (which is symbolized by the bread), and drink His blood (which is symbolized by the wine). The answer is: Christ.*

1 Cor. 2:6-8 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7- But we speak the Wisdom of God in a mystery (Christ is the Mystery of God, Col. 1:27, 2:2), the ***hidden Wisdom*** which God ***ordained*** before the ages for our glory, ***Which*** (the Wisdom-Christ) none of the rulers of this ages knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Colossians 2:2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures and knowledge. (NIV)

Colossians 1:26-27 The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, **which is Christ in you**, the hope of the glory.

### *The call of the Wisdom (Christ)*

Proverbs 1:20-23 Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.

21 She cries out in the chief concourses, all the openings of the gates in the city, she speaks her words:

22 How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For Scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge.

23 Turn at my reproof; surely I will pour out my spirit on you.

### *Christ was also the Son of God before His coming in the flesh*

Proverb 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven or descended? ...

What is His Name, and *what is His Son's name*, if you know?

For God so loved the world that he gave his **only begotten Son** (John 3:16).

*Note: This favorite verse tells us that the One Whom God "gave" to the world was "His only begotten Son". Jesus was already the begotten Son of God when the Father gave Him to us in the Incarnation!*

John 3:17 For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

*Note: This clearly states that Jesus was the Son of God when He was sent "into the world", ie. the Incarnation!*

Galatians 4:4 But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.

*Note: Jesus was God's Son when He was "sent forth" from the Father to be born of woman. Christ did not become God's Son at His human birth, He already was God's Son!*

1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that **God sent his only Son** into the world, so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

1 John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.



## **2.2 CHRIST IS THE IMAGE OF GOD, NOT GOD HIMSELF**

Colossians 1:15- **He is the image (Strong 1504) of the invisible God, the firstborn over [of: (Greek), every creature, KJ AV] all creation**

**IMAGE (Strong 1504) definition (by Thayer):** The image of one; one in whom the likeness of any one is seen: to Christ, on account of his divine nature and absolute moral excellence.

Hebrews 1:1-3 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by **His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom** also He made the worlds; **who being the brightness of His glory and the express image (or exact representation[engraved in character,- Strong 5481]) of His person [singular](Greek; nature)**, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the **Majesty on high**,

### **Note: The Use of the Term Hypostasis**

*Hypostasis* is in origin a Stoic term which corresponds to the Platonic term *ousia*. They both mean in effect *essence of being*. They have derived a religious use from the Trinitarian arguments which sought to define the Godhead by resort to use of the terms in distinction. The Stoic *hypostasis* was used to represent a manifestation of the Deity. The Platonic term *ousia* was used to represent the Godhead complete. The Godhead was then confined to three manifestations as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each of these manifestations was considered to be merely ways in which the one entity chose to represent itself. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit were then considered co-equal and co-eternal manifestations of the one being. The distinction was advanced that when one acted all acted thus there was no possibility of separate behaviour. Thus, the absurd notion is advanced that the hypostases are distinct but not separate.

There are a number of instances of the term *hypostasis* occurring in the New Testament and also from the Septuagint (LXX). The term appears in Psalm 68 (69):3 (LXX).

It also appears in Ezekiel 43:11. The concept of the term is as:

a setting or placing under; thing put under, substructure or a foundation: Ps. lxxviii (lxxix) 3; [*tou oikou*], Ezek. xliiii,11... (*Thayer's Greek English Lexicon*, pp. 644-645).

The second meaning is that of:

that which has foundation, is firm; hence, a. *that which has actual existence; a substance, real being: ...* b. *the substantial quality, nature, of any person or thing*

Thus it is used in Hebrew 1:3 where the Son represents the reality of God.

*Note: Men are trying to represent God in their mind. So God satisfies the desire by providing a representation or image of Himself in Jesus-Christ. Christ represents His love, His Power, His Wisdom and His grace.*

*We are also becoming conformed to the image of God's Son which is the Image of God.*

## **2.3 CHRIST EXISTED IN THE FORM OF GOD, NOT AS GOD**

[Christ] “who, ***being in the form*** of God, did not consider it robbery [#725 a thing to be seized] to be equal with God” (Philippians 2:5). (NKJV)

*Note: Christ existed in the form of God. This is plain.*

*Some have interpreted the phrase “did not consider it robbery” to mean that Christ did consider Himself equal with God. This Translation is not accurate. Other translations do not convey this meaning.*

### **Consider other translations:**

**NIV** Philippians 2:6 “Who, being in very nature God, *did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,*”

**NAS** Philippians 2:6 “who, although He existed in the form of God, *did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*”

**NAB** Philippians 2:6 “who, although He existed in the form of God, *did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*”

*Note: Christ did not consider it a thing to be seized to be equal with God. He was content with His position as the Son of God, and the representative or “word” of God. Lucifer on the other hand, sought to take the place of God by force.*

*While on this earth, Christ went out of His way to say that He did not consider Himself equal with God His Father, He said:*

*“My Father is greater than all” (John 14:28).*

*“My teaching is not mine, but His Who sent me” (John 7:16).*

*I do “the works which the Father has given Me to finish” (John 5:36).*

*“The Son can do nothing of Himself” (John 5:19).*

*“I have come in My Father’s name” (John 5:43).*

*Christ acknowledged to Peter that he was the son of the living God (Matth. 16:16) and the demons called Him the Son of the Most High God. (Mark 5:7)*

**Note: The demons certainly knew who Jesus-Christ was, don’t they!**

## **2.4 THE AUTHORITY WHICH JESUS HAS IS BEING GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS FATHER (GOD)**

Matt. 9:6 But that you may know that the son of man *has authority on earth* to forgive sins.

Mark 2:10 But that you may know that the son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

Matt. 28:18 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Luke 5:24 But that you may know that the son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

John 5:22-23 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted (committed) all judgement to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

John 10:18 ... This command I have received from My Father.

John 5:27 And He has given him authority to judge because he is the son of Man.

John 17:2 For you (Father) granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to those you have given him.

Phil. 2:9 God has exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name.

Eph. 1:20-21 The Father made Jesus sit at his right hand far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name.

Eph. 1:22-23 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church...

Micah 5: 4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his GOD.

I CORINTHIENS 15:24-28, Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "He has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" Has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God Himself, Who put everything under Christ. ***When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to Him Who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.***

***Note: At the end of the plan of creation, Christ will give back the Kingdom to the Father. He then will be subjected to His God and Father.***

## **2.5 CHRIST IS THE ANGEL (OR MESSENGER) OF THE LORD, THE MESSENGER AND THE SERVANT OF GOD**

Exodus 3:2 There the angel (*in grek, angelos - means messenger*) of the Lord appeared to him in the flames of fire from within the bush.

Acts 7:30-35 After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. 31, When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went to look more closely, **he heard the Lord's voice**: I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look. 33, Then the Lord said to him, take off your sandals; the place where you are standing is holy ground. 34, I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have become come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back in Egypt.

35, This is the same Moses whom they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, **through the angel who appeared to him in the bush**. He led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years.

*Note: Here we see clearly that God delivered Israel by the means of the angel who appeared in the bush. We see verse 31, that this angel was the Lord's voice.*

*The Angel was in fact giving to Moses the message that God gave to Him. When He said I am the God of your father..., it is not because He was God, it is because He reported the message of God himself.*

**Remember, no one has ever seen God or heard His voice at any time.**

**1 Cor. 10:3-4** They all ate the same food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

*Note: Because God was going to deliver Israel through the angel in the bush, we see clearly that the angel and the rock were the same person. He (the Angel) delivered and fed Israel.*

**Christ said :** **My Father is greater than all** (John 14:28).

*My teaching is not mine, but His Who sent me* (John 7:16).

*I do the works which the Father has given Me to finish* (John 5:36).

*The Son can do nothing of Himself* (John 5:19).

*I have come in My Father's name* (John 5:43).

*Note: From these verses, it is clear that Christ was doing the work of His God and Father. He has always served His God and carried His messages to the humans. Now He acts as our High Priest before God.*

**NIV** Philippians 2:6 Who, being in very nature (or form) God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature(or form) of a **SERVANT**, being made in the likeness, and being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-even to the death on a cross!

Zach. 3:8 Listen, O Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my **SERVANT, THE BRANCH**.

Isaiah 52: 13, See, My **servant** will act wisely, he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

Isaiah 53:11 ..., by his knowledge my righteous **servant** will justified many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Matthew 12:18 Behold! **My Servant** whom I have chosen, **My Beloved** in whom my soul is well pleased! I will put *My Spirit* upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

## **2.6 RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY HIS FATHER**

Acts 3:15 and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. (Acts 4:10)

Acts 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 8:11 **But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ** from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead.

Ephesians 1:17-20 that **the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory**, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, **according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places**,

## **2.7 GOD IS NOT ALONE TO FORGIVE SINS AND TO JUDGE**

**The Father forgives** (Matt 6:12,14,15).

*Christ also forgives sin, because He received all authority from His Father*, (John 5:22, 27; Matt 28:18) but nowhere in Scripture do we read that we are forgiven by the Spirit.

**The apostles also received authority to forgive sins .**

John 20:23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.

**The 12 apostles will be sit on 12 thrones to judge the nations.**

Matt. 19,28 ...will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22,30 ...sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Rev. 20,4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge.

**Note: Satan Also, has received authority on earth**

Luc 4:6 (Satan said to Christ) And he said to him, I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.

## **2.8 THE FATHER AND HIS SON, AND THE SONS OF GOD AS BROTHERS OF CHRIST**

We “**abide in the Son and in the Father**” (1John 2:24).

**Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son**” (1John 1:3).

Jesus said, “**I and My Father are one**” (John 10:30).

He prayed that those who believed would be “one” with the Father and Himself and as Himself is one with His Father (John 17:11,21,22,23).

*Note: Christ did not say that He was also “one” with the Spirit, or that we would ever be “one” with the Holy Spirit.*

Jesus spoke these words lifted His eyes to heaven, and said: ‘Father the hour is come. Glorify Your Son that Your Son also may glorify You, . . . And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent. (John 17:1,3)

Colossians 1:18 ...He is the beginning and the *firstborn from among the dead*...

*Note: On the top to be the firstborn of all creation, Christ is the first Son of God to be resurrected.*

Revelation 21:7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Romans 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs - *heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ*...

*Note: We are like Christ, being children of God and heirs of God. We have the same inheritance as Christ. If Christ would be God, we would be God too, because we are his brothers. But the bible tells us that we are all (Christ and us) sons of God, not the Almighty God.*



## **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **3.1 THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT WORSHIPED**

No command is found in Scripture that we are to glorify, give thanks to, pray to, or exalt the Holy Spirit. There is no account of any created being offering worship to the Holy Spirit by name. Christ came to teach us the truth about God, yet He never taught that we are to worship the Holy Spirit. It would have been a big mistake if He would have failed to do so.

Ten times in the New Testament, Paul wrote “**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**”

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth . . . I heard saying, ‘Blessing and honor and glory and power be **to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb**, forever and ever! (Revelation 5:13).

*Note: It is hard to believe that it was an oversight on Paul’s part, not to have mentioned the Spirit also in these passages. In the New Testament Scriptures, two divine beings are glorified - the Father and Christ.*

### **3.2 CHRIST NEVER PRAYED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Christ prayed only to His Father, and never spoke to another divine being by name. He instructed His disciples to pray to the Father, in the name of the Son** (Matthew 6:10, John 15:16, John 16:23).

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13).

“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He (Christ) poured out this which you now see and hear” (Acts 2:33).

*Note: We are to pray for the spirit, never to the spirit. The Holy Spirit is the gift of God the Father.*

### **3.3 THE HOLY SPIRIT IS “HIS SPIRIT”**

Singular pronouns indicating possession, source, or relation, are used extensively with the word spirit throughout Scripture. The Holy Spirit is called “**His spirit,**” “**My spirit,**” “**the spirit of the Lord,**” “**the spirit of God,**” “**the spirit of Him**” or “**Your spirit.**” This suggests that the Holy Spirit is the omnipresence and power of the Father and/or of Christ. In Matthew 12:18, Luke 4:18, and

Romans 8:11, **the Spirit is the Spirit of the Father.**

1Peter 1:10-11 refers to the “Spirit of Christ” as the inspiration of Old Testament prophets.

*Note: There is no Scriptural command to thank the Holy Spirit.*

*We thank the Father for sending us His Spirit.*

*We pray in the Spirit, but are never instructed to pray to the Spirit.*

“**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,** ... (1Peter 1:3).

“... **giving thanks to the Father** who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light” (Colossians 1:12).

“**The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,** who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying” (2Corinthians 11:31).

“**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,** who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?**” (Luke 11:13 NAS).

### **3.4 THE SPIRIT OF THE FATHER LIVES IN US**

“... **one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.**’ Ephesians 4:6

*Note: The Father is “over all” and “through all” and “in all.” The same Being who “sits on the throne” is omnipresent by His Spirit.*

“But if **the Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, *He* who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you**” (Romans 8:11).

*Note: The Spirit of the Father dwells in Christ and the Father raised Christ from death (1Peter 1:3; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:17-20).*

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever” (John 14:16).

*Note: Why does Jesus have to ask His Father to give the other Comforter? Why would the Father need to “send” or “give” a being Who is equal with Himself? No, The Father gives His own Spirit to us through Christ.*

*The word in Greek for “another” means “another just like the first” - “a duplicate.” The spirit of Christ is Christ with us in Spirit, rather than in bodily form. Yet it is still Christ, who comforts us.*

*Consider different translation for Comforter (no.3875)*

KJV - Comforter  
RSV - Counselor  
NEB - Advocate  
JB - Advocate  
NAS - Helper  
NIV - Counselor

*Note: In Greek, the word means: one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant; an advocate.  
(Thayers Greek Lexicon)*

### **3.5 THE SPIRIT MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US**

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now **He who searches the hearts** knows what the mind [intent and purpose] of the Spirit is, because **He makes intercession** for the saints according to the will of God” (Romans 8:26-27).

*Notes: First: The Spirit makes intercession for us, and the One who knows the mind of the Spirit makes intercession for us. Are there two intercessors? Christ is the only mediator between God and men (1Tim. 2:5). If We say that the Holy Spirit is another divine being or person Who makes intercession for us, then we have more than one intercessor.*

*Second: If the Spirit intercedes in behalf of the saints, with whom is He interceding? With the Father? Why would both Christ and the Spirit intercede with the Father? If the Spirit is just as fully God as the Father (according to the doctrine of the Trinity) then would not Christ need to intercede on our behalf with the Spirit, because He is the Mediator “between God and men?”*

*Christ searches the hearts of men. He gives to us His Holy Spirit. That presence comes to each person with comfort and inspiration tailored to his or her needs. The Spirit presence of Christ inspires our prayers, so that we will pray for that which is best. In this sense, it is still Christ who intercedes for us. When we pray for what is good, Christ can then present those prayers to His Father in heaven. This is what it means to pray “in the Spirit” (Eph. 6:18, Jude 20,21). Jesus is our Advocate with the Father (1Jo. 2:1) He stands at the throne of God. The Spirit presence of that same Jesus is our Comforter. The Greek word translated “Comforter” or “Helper” in John 14:16, John 14:26, and Heb. 13:6, is translated “Advocate” in 1Jo. 2:1.*

*“We have only one channel of approach to God. Our prayers can come to Him through one name only - that of the Lord Jesus our advocate. His Spirit must inspire our petitions. The Lord Himself must kindle in our hearts the burning desire, if our prayers are to be acceptable. The Spirit of Christ within must help us to pray, making intercessions for us, “with groanings that cannot be uttered.”*

...Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is *at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.* (Romans 8:34)

“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’ (Galatians 4:6).

### **3.6 THE SPIRIT SEARCHES THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD**

“But God has revealed them [the good things He has prepared] to us through *His* Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, even the deep things of God. For what man knows the things [thoughts] of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? **Even so (in the same way:** NIV) no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God” (1Corinthians 2:10-11).

*Note: If the Spirit searches the deep things of God, does that make the Spirit another being? Of course not! Paul is making the point that the Spirit is (part of) God Himself, who knows all things. Only a man himself knows his own thoughts. So also, only God Himself knows His own thoughts. The Holy Spirit is the mind of God Himself. His Thoughts and Power [the invisible omnipresence] are parts of the Almighty God. God the Father and His Spirit together constitute One Divine Omnipotent Being, Who exists in as an omnipresent Spirit.*

*Note: “And of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not even the angels, but My Father only.” (Matt 24:36) If the Spirit is a third coequal being who knows the things of God, then Christ should have said, “no not even the angels, but only My Father and the Spirit.”*

### **3.7 THE SPIRIT OF THE FATHER, AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST**

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His” (Romans 8:9).

“And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’**” (Galatians 4:6 NAS).

“For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and **the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**” (Philippians 1:19). “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **that He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Ephesians 3:14-18).

*Note: The Spirit of the Father dwelling in, and flowing through His Son, enables Christ to dwell in us. Both the Father and the Son live in us. Their nature becomes also our nature as we partake of divinity.*

*Note: God is the Father of the whole family both in heaven and in earth. Every being owes his existence to the Father.*

### **3.8 THE FATHER DWELLS IN CHRIST, AND CHRIST DWELLS IN US**

[Jesus prayed to His Father:] “**I in them, and You in Me**; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that *You* have sent Me, and have loved them as *You* have loved Me” (John 17:23).

*Note: We have fellowship with the Father and the Son (1John 1:3). We “abide in the Son and in the Father” (1John 2:24). **John does not say that we abide in the Spirit**, or that we have fellowship with the Spirit.*

### **3.9 THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO US THROUGH CHRIST**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **he saved us**, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of *his* own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, **which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior** (Titus 3:4-6 RSV).

Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear (Acts 2:33).

*Note: The Father gave the gift of the Spirit to Christ, Who then gave it to men.*

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire**” (Matthew 3:11 Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33).

So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ And when He had said this, **He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’** (John 20:21-22).

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

Before His death ***Christ had promised His disciples***, “I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; ***I will come to you***” (John 14:16-18).

Who is this Comforter, Who stood “with” them even as He spoke, but would soon “be in them?” Who could take the place of their beloved Jesus?

None could take His place. “And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts**, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” (Gal. 4:6). The Spirit of His Son, the vital presence of their master, would be with them always.

*Note: **The Holy Spirit is Jesus, in spirit.** He is “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27).*

**Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is**, there is liberty (2Cor. 3:17).

The first Adam became a living being. **The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit** (1Cor. 15:45).

He who descended (into the grave) is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things (Ephesians 4:10).

*Note: **The Comforter is Christ Himself - not Christ in body, but Christ in spirit. He is with us and in us!***

Through Jesus, the Father has poured upon us His Holy Spirit (Titus 3:4-5, 1John 4:12-13, 1John 3:23-24). ***This is the Spirit which “proceeds from the Father”*** (John 15:26), **through Christ to men**. Jesus said, “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13).

Christ has received from the Father the gift of His Spirit. This gift has enabled Christ to baptize us with His own Spirit (Matt. 3:11, John 20:21-22). **Every spiritual gift is given to us by the Father, through Christ the Son** (Acts 2:33, Eph 4:7-8). We are strengthened by the Spirit of the Father in our inner being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts, (Eph 3:14-18)

*Note: and through this gift we become the extension of Christ in this world.*

The Father has given this world into the hands of Christ. He is the only Mediator between God and man (1Tim. 2:5). When the great war between good and evil finally comes to an end, when every enemy of God is either reconciled or destroyed, then Christ will deliver to His Father the kingdom He has won. Then Christ Himself will be subject to His Father, “for the Head of Christ is God” (1Cor 11:3). For eternity to come, God Our Father will be all in all (1Cor. 15:14-18).

Matthew 12:18 Behold! **My Servant** whom I have chosen, **My Beloved** in whom My soul is well pleased! **I will put My Spirit upon Him**, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

*Note: The Father gave His Spirit to His Son.*

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit [Christ] says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw my works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways. So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest’” (Hebrews 3:7-11).

*Note: Christ said, “Come unto Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). In the Old Testament the Spirit was Christ speaking. And He of course spoke for His Father. When the Spirit said, “Thus saith the Lord,” this was Christ saying, “Thus saith the Father.”*

“But the Holy Spirit [Christ] also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, “This is the covenant that I [the Father] will make with them after those days, says the Lord [the Father]: I [the Father] will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more [I will be reconciled to them]” (Hebrews 10:15-17).

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, ***I will come in*** to him and dine with him, and he with Me. **To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Revelation 3:20-22).

*Note: The Spirit (Christ) says, “Hear My voice . . . sit with Me on My throne, as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. The words of the Spirit, are the words of Christ, spoken to our mind and heart. He is the Word of God. Compare Rev. 2:1 and 2:7, Rev. 2:8 and 2:11, Rev. 2:12 and 2:17, Rev. 2:18 and 29, etc.*

### **3.10 THE RIVER OF LIFE FROM THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB**

“Then he showed me **the river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, **flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb**” (Revelation 22:1 RSV).

The “river of life” is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which flows from the Father and the Son.

“He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘**Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.**’ , which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:38 RSV).

*Note: We are “baptized” in water, and we are baptized with the Holy Spirit. (Mark 1:8)  
Christ gives to us “living water” which cleanses our heart and then flows out from us. (John 7:38)*

*We are washed and made spiritually clean by “water and the word.”(Ephesians 5:26)*

*The “early rain” and “latter rain” symbolize the outpouring of the Spirit. (Hosea 6:3)*

*Water for Israel flowed from the smitten rock (Exo. 17:6).*

*We drink of the “water of life.” (Revelation 21:6)*

*The “river of life” flows from “the throne of God and the Lamb” (Revelation 22:1).*



## **WHO SHOULD WE WORSHIP?**

### **4.1 ONLY THE FATHER SHOULD BE WORSHIPED**

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and **glorify your Father in heaven**” (Matthew 5:16).

[Christ] “who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, **according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen**” (Galatians 1:4-5).

“that ye may with one mind and one mouth **glorify God, even the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6 KJV).

“For this reason **I bow my knees to the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Ephesians 3: 14-15).

“**Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen**” (Philippians 4:20).

“. . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father**” (Philippians 2:11).

“Whenever the living creatures **give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne**, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders **fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him** who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ‘**You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created**’” (Revelation 4:9-11).

### **4.2 CHRIST WORSHIPS HIS GOD (the Father)!**

Hebrews 2:12 He Says (Jesus), “I will declare your name to my brethren; In the midst of the congregation ***I will sing praise to You.***”

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, ***and the song of the Lamb***, saying: Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the saints!

#### **4.3 GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER**

“... **giving thanks always for all things to God the Father** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (Ephesians 5:20).

“We **give thanks to the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you” (Colossians 1:3).

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father** through Him” (Colossians 3:17).

“At that time Jesus answered and said, “**I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth**, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes” (Matthew 11:25). “Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, ‘**Father, I thank You** that You have heard Me’” (John 11:41).

**Note: There is no Scriptural command to thank the Holy Spirit.  
We thank the Father for sending us His Spirit.  
We pray in the Spirit, but are never instructed to pray to the Spirit.**

“**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1Peter 1:3).

“... **giving thanks to the Father** who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light” (Colossians 1:12).

“**The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying” (2Corinthians 11:31).

“**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).

#### **4.4 CHRIST HONORED AND GLORIFIED**

“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders **fell down before the Lamb**... Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!**” (Revelation 5:8-12).

“... that **all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father**. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (John 5:23).

“. . . but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen**” (2Peter 3:18). (See also Hebrews 1:6 and Philipians 2:11).

**As the sons of GOD, we worship him TO THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER**  
(Phil. 2,9-11).

*Note: We should not honor Christ in the same way that we worship the Father. The Father only must be the **Objet (Being)** of our adoration.*

*Remember the first commandment: Christ said; You will worship OUR God **only**. (and serve Him only)*

*Even Christ worships his God and Father.*

#### **4.5 WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

In many places in the New Testament, Jesus is distinguished from God. Jesus himself denied being God (Mk. 10:17-18). He claimed that his Father was the "only true God" (Jn. 17:1-3). He called this Being "my God" (Mat. 27:46; Jn. 20:17). The New Testament in many other places refers to God as the God of Jesus Christ (2Cor. 1:3; Eph. 1:3,17; Col. 1:3; Heb. 1:9; 1Pet. 1:3; Rev. 1:6; 3:12; etc.).

*Christ sings praises to His God* (Heb. 2:12; Rev. 15:3). He comes under the authority of God and acts at his behest (1Cor. 11:3; 15:24-28). God (without any qualification of the term) is said to be invisible, never seen or heard by humans, and alone is immortal (1Tim. 6:16; Jn. 1:18; 1Jn. 4:12; Jn. 5:37; 6:46). Jesus' own eternal life was given to him by God (Jn. 5:26) and is dependent upon his continuing obedience to God. (Jn. 12:49-50).

If the words of the Bible are to have any meaning, then we *must conclude* that Jesus is not the *one true God*. That is, he is not God in the sense that God is God. God the Father is his God, which means that the Father is the object of Christ's worship and He is the source of Christ's existence. Christ was *made God* in the sense that he is a generated Being who possesses the divine nature of God, one in whom God dwells through the Holy Spirit, and one who acts for God in the capacity and functions of God. He is a Son of God in *exactly* the same way as the rest of the heavenly Host are Sons of God and in *exactly* the same way that humans will become Sons of God in the resurrection.

However, in spite of the clear witness of dozens of passages of Scripture, many people still become confused when reading the New Testament because they can see a number of passages where Jesus is worshipped and/or called "God".

That he is "worshipped" (Mat. 2:2,8,11; 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; etc.) signifies that he is the representative of God. The problem lies partly in the differences between the Hebrew and Western mindsets, and partly in the intention of the Greek of the New Testament. There are a number of Greek words translated as *worship* in the New Testament.

**The most significant of these and the term relevant to this study is the word *proskuneo*.**

The New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon shows that it has the meanings:

- 1) to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence
- 2) among the Orientals, esp. the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence
- 3) in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication
  - 3a) used of homage shown to men and beings of superior rank
    - 3a1) to the Jewish high priests
    - 3a2) to God
    - 3a3) to Christ
    - 3a4) to heavenly beings
    - 3a5) to demons

When we use the term *worship* we tend to apply it in the sense of reverence to a singular Deity who is worthy of our total admiration, adoration, affection, love, service, and to whom we pray and before whom we kneel. However, in Semitic or Oriental culture to prostrate oneself before another was a sign of respect and homage. Prostration did not have the same meanings associated with it as when we use the term *worship* today. This becomes apparent when we compare some of the New Testament passages where the term appears.

In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant in Matthew 18:21-35 we read:

The servant therefore fell down, and **worshipped** [*proskuneo*] him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. (v. 26, KJV).

So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' (v. 26, RSV).

The servant prostrates himself before his lord and master to receive forgiveness of his debt. The concept is not that the servant is worshipping his lord as we would understand the term today, but that he was prostrating himself in humility and supplication. In the same manner, people would prostrate themselves before the High Priest (as contemporaneous records show) because he represented God. People would prostrate themselves before the nobles, kings, and prophets of God (cf. Gen. 50:18; 1Sam. 25:23; 2Sam. 18:18; 19:18; 2Kings 1:13; Esth. 8:3; etc.). And so it is in this sense that the disciples and others prostrated themselves before Christ. It was not that they thought that he was Almighty God there in person. Rather, he was God's prophet and messenger, the anticipated Messiah who was to claim the throne of his father David.

For more verses where the word *worship* is applied, go to the appendix 1.

## **Study Part II**

Comment: from Michel Danis

After I understood this incredible Truth, another question came into my mind. My question was: Who was exactly Jesus-Christ in the Old Testament.

To continue this study and understand more Who was Jesus-Christ and the Role He had in the Old Testament, I invite you to read the document THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.

You will find interesting discoveries and you will be amazed by the revelation in it.

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## CONCLUSION

A prayer,

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, not God the Son, and that we are his brothers as sons of God.

The fact of knowing that Christ was and is the literal firstborn of God **MAGNIFIES** Jesus's sacrifice and the love that God the Father has for us.

God the Father had pictured the love that He has for us - by sacrificing His own Son – foreshadowed by Abraham's and Isaac story. God chose to take this example, the example *of a father and a son* - not the example of twin brothers that existed forever and that one was above the other - **TO SHOW US HOW MUCH HE LOVES US.**

God gave His only Begotten Son to pay the debt for our sins. This was done by sacrificing His own Son for us. His Son, whom He had spent a big part of His Eternity with, was dead (absence of life). His son was absent at the physical level and at the spiritual level. God was cut off from the presence of Christ for 3 days and 3 nights. This is the real and deep meaning of God's and Christ's sacrifice.

This is a wonderful and incredible example of love from the Father. Could we imagine His pain when he sacrificed His Son for us? The fact is that; by saying that Christ is God, we actually minimize the sacrifices of the Father and of His Christ. It's an insult!

We have One God, which is the Father (1Cor.8:6), and this removes all the confusion that exists about God's nature. Isn't it wonderful to know that Christ is the real Son of the Almighty God?

So now when I pray, I pray to the Father, through the Son and by the Holy Spirit. I also pray directly to my Savior Jesus that intercedes for me. When I pray, my focus is not tangled or unclear and my access to God is clear.

I also believe that Christ was and is sustained by our Father. That's the reason why He was able to die and be resurrected to immortal life. The Father is the Source of all life. So, since the moment that Christ had been created, He gives life to everything through Christ. The Father will also sustain (give us and provide immortal life) us through Christ forever. We will be Kings like Christ is King.

In conclusion, I will tell you that I have prayed for 5 years to know God's nature, and I believe He answered my prayers. There is much more to say and discover, but for now I believe that I have to share what I have discovered with the reader. I hope that Christ will reveal Himself to you as He really is -*The Son of God* -, and also that He will reveal to you the Father - *The Only true Almighty God* -.

After all, this has always been his task, hasn't it?

Grace, knowledge and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ, forever and ever.

Amen!

## APPENDIX 1

### MEANING OF THE WORD WORSHIP

*Another example of the use of proskuneo* is in relation to the promises given to the Philadelphia Church in Revelation 3:

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship [*proskuneo*] before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. (v. 9, KJV).

Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie - behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and learn that I have loved you. (v. 9, RSV).

This passage, unfortunately, has been misconstrued by some to make the claim that Christians in the resurrection will be God as God is God - absolute, transcendent, and on the same plane of omnipotence and omniscience as God the Father. This is *not* the intention of the passage.

In verses 11-12, Christians are told that they will bear and carry the names of Christ, Christ's God, and New Jerusalem. This means they will carry the authority of Christ and his God and God's government which will be centered in New Jerusalem. They will go forth to the nations and others carrying these names and, therefore (in keeping with Oriental and Semitic thinking), will have former persecutors fall down in prostration before them. They will not be the object of singular worship or prayer in the stricter Western sense of the term, even as Christ himself is not the object of prayer. (We pray to God his Father, but through Christ's name or authority.)

One last passage to consider is Revelation 22:8-9:

And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. (KJV).

This passage has been used by some, in conjunction with Revelation 3:9 and other verses, to show that Christians will be exalted to the position of God, above angels. Again the intent is misconstrued. The angel who was showing John the various visions appears, in fact, to have been Christ. Remember, the term *angel* simply means *messenger*. In the original Greek text there are no punctuation marks. Translators add quotation and punctuation marks to help make the translated text more readable. However, they also can introduce biases when doing this. In the RSV the impression is created from verses 6-7,9-16 that an angel speaking on behalf of Christ is talking with John. However, this may in fact be a misconstruction created by the translators when they added the punctuation marks.

The Interlinear Bible makes no distinctions between the angel and Christ:

And he said to me, These words are faithful and true. And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to His slaves what must happen quickly. Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one keeping the words of the prophecy of this Scroll. ... And he said to me, Do not seal

the words of this Scroll, because the time is near. ... And, behold, I am coming quickly, and MY reward is with Me, to give to each as his work is. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last. (vv. 6-7,10,12-13).

Verse 16 appears to create the impression that Jesus sent an angel to John:

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. (KJV).

However, the term *you* in this passage is in the plural and not a reference to John, but rather to the Churches. It is entirely possible that the intent of this passage is that:

I Jesus have sent my messenger [meaning John] to testify to you [servants of God] these things in the churches. ...

In which case, Christ was the Angel or Messenger of God to John and John was the Angel or Messenger of Jesus to the Churches. This seems the most likely meaning of the passages from other parts of the Book, but has been misconstrued and mistranslated by Trinitarians who cannot conceive of Christ as any less than Almighty God himself.

Regardless, *even if* the angel which spoke with John was not Christ, it shows us something interesting about the term *proskuneo*. John was in his 90s and had lived a long life as a strict monotheist. He knew that to worship (in the modern sense) any other but God would be sinning and be to place another God before the one true God. However, the fact that John instinctively chose to prostrate or *proskuneo* himself before the angel indicates to us that to John's way of thinking and understanding, *proskuneo* was *not* the equivalent of worship in the modern sense. In falling before the angel, John was not making him the object of his prayer and devotion. That angel told John not to do this because he was John's fellow servant (as are Christ and all the holy angels).



## APPENDIX 2

### MAINSTREAM CHRISTIANITY'S TEACHING

The bulk of all Christianity teaches unequivocally that Jesus is God. This claim is made without qualification. Typically, it is said that Jesus is 100% man and 100% God: that Jesus was fully God, and never ceased to be God while on earth. And usually, when it really gets down to the nitty-gritty, it is said the whole issue (the Trinity) is a mystery

#### Inherent Flaws:

1. **The fundamental truth of the Bible is that God is One.** Any teaching that in any way appears to deviate from or undermine this profound truth must be very firmly substantiated. The doctrine of the Trinity pretends to be such a teaching, **yet it is entirely absent from the entire Old Testament.** This doesn't make sense.
2. Mortality and Immortality are mutually exclusive characteristics. *If Jesus is God, he couldn't have really died, for God is immortal by nature.* Likewise, if Jesus died, he couldn't really be God, for God cannot die. Immortality is not a fluctuating quality! A being is either mortal or immortal. You can't have it both ways with this. Either Christ died, and he is mortal, or he's God and can't die. Pick one alternative, as holding both is simply untenable. Traditional Christians typically respond to this point with the idea stated above in the introduction, that Jesus was fully human and fully God. But look at the next point.
3. For the temptations of Christ to have been in any way real, there had to exist the **possibility** that he sin. If Christ is God, it is **impossible** that he could have sinned, for God is perfect by nature. Jesus pointed this out in Mt 19:17, marking the distinction between himself and God (only ONE is good...).  
If Christ **was** God, and therefore couldn't sin, all his 'temptations' were faked. And for those affirming the 100%/100% idea, do you really see God locking Himself into a nature that could potentially sin? Finally, James explicitly states that God **cannot be tempted** by evil (1:13-15).

## APPENDIX 3

### BIBLE WORDS ADDED OR CHANGED TO SUPPORT THE TRINITY

#### IN ORDER TO MAKE US BELIEVE THAT CHRIST IS GOD

**In John 1:18, We read in the NIV version: No one has ever seen God, but <sup>5</sup>God the one and only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known.**

*Note of my Bible NIV*

<sup>5</sup> [Or the Only Begotten]

In the the KJ AV, we read: No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared Him.

Literal translation of the bible writes: No one has seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He reveals Him.

*Note: As you could see, the word God in this verse was added to be applied to Christ. It seems that men want to tell us something that is not in the original.*

**In 2 Peter :1-1, the sense of the verse is changed in the NIV because the word "our" is moved before the word God. The result is that the sense of the verse is twisted and supports the theory that Christ is God.**

**2 Peter 1 (NIV) 1:1** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:  
2: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

**2 Peter 1 (The Webster Bible) 1:1** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:

1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

**2 Peter 1 (King James AV) 1:1** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:

1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

**2 Peter 1 (KJV w/ Strong's #s) 1:1** Simon [4826] Peter [4074], a servant [1401] and [2532] an apostle [652] of Jesus [2424] Christ [5547], to them that have obtained [2975] (5631) like precious [2472] faith [4102] with us [2254] through [1722] the righteousness [1343] of God [2316] and [2532] our [2257] Saviour [4990] Jesus [2424] Christ [5547]:

1:2 Grace [5485] and [2532] peace [1515] be multiplied [4129] (5684) unto you [5213] through [1722] the knowledge [1922] of God [2316], and [2532] of Jesus [2424] our [2257] Lord [2962],

## APPENDIX 4

### CONTRAVERSIAL SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:6 – 6- For us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government WILL BE on his shoulders. And he WILL BE called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace...  
7- ...The Zeal of the Lord Almighty WILL accomplish this.

a) Isaiah states that he "*Will be* called" (i.e., in the Kingdom Age, vs. 7), not that he *is now* "The mighty God, The everlasting Father. This is a future event that must occur, it is not happened yet. Though Christ is a God and Will be called a Mighty God doesn't make him The Almighty God, who is God the Father.

b) "Mighty God" - Jesus Christ will be the "mighty God" in the Kingdom Age when he comes with *the power and glory of his Father*. (Matt. 16:27). Christ is altogether worthy of this title. Of an angel, it is written, "my name is in him",<sup>1</sup> (Exod. 23:21). But the Son of God has obtained a more excellent name than the angels (Heb. 1:4, R.S.V.) and is, therefore, worthy to bear the divine titles. But this does not imply he is "Very God" any more than it did for the angel who bore the divine name before the children of Israel.

c) "Everlasting Father" - Christ in his reign as King will bear the title, "everlasting Father" for at least the following two reasons:

He will be a father to the mortal nations in the Kingdom Age. Isaiah prophesied, Isa. 22:21-24, he **shall be a father** to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah . . . and they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house.

Like the relationship between a father and son, Christ will exercise justice, wisdom, might, and knowledge (Isa. 11) toward the mortal population. Father-like characteristics are illustrated in the letters of the Apostle Paul:

1 Cor. 4:14, 15, I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers . . .

1 Thess. 2:11, As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children.

Although believers are usually referred to as "brethren" (e.g., 1 Thess. 2:14; Heb. 2:11) it is not inappropriate to term them "children". For example: "I and the children which God hath given me." (Heb. 2:13 cf. Isa. 8:17, 18). Christ is the father of these children since he is the means whereby they are born anew. (John 3:3, 7). This is the seed which Christ shall see and be satisfied. (Isa. 53:10, 11 cf. Psalms 45:16 - The Messianic character of this Psalm is indicated by vs. 6 and Heb. 1:8, 9 where it is quoted in a context referring to Christ.)

c) Satan is called a father by Christ. John 8:44-You belong to your *father*, the devil, and you want to carry out your *father's* desire...for he is a liar and the *father* of lies.  
So, it is clear that different person can carry the title of father.

## **John 16:27**

**John 16:27** (NIV) They knew certainty that **I came from you** and they believed that you sent me.

**John 16:27** (New American Standard Bible) 16:27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that **I came forth from the Father**.

**John 16:27** (Good News Bible in Today's English Version) 16:27 for the Father himself loves you. He loves you because you love me and have believed **that I came from God**.

**John 16:27** (New King James Version) 16:27 "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that **I came forth from God**.

**John 16:27** (The Bible In Basic English) 16:27 For the Father himself gives his love to you, because you have given your love to me and have had faith that **I came from God**.

**John 16:27** (Darby Translation) 16:27 for the Father himself has affection for you, because ye have had affection for me, and have believed that **I came out from God**.

**John 16:27** (KJV w/ Strong's #s) 16:27 For [1063] the Father [3962] himself [846] loveth [5368] (5719) you [5209], because [3754] ye [5210] have loved [5368] (5758) me [1691], and [2532] have believed [4100] (5758) that [3754] I [1473] **came out [1831] (5627) from [3844] God [2316]**.

**John 16:27** (New Revised Standard Version) 16:27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that **I came from God**.

**John 16:27** (Revised Standard Version) 16:27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that **I came from the Father**.

**John 16:27** (Douay-Rheims Bible) 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved me, and have believed that **I came out from God**.

**John 16:27** (Young's Literal Translation) 16:27 for the Father himself doth love you, because me ye have loved, and ye have believed that **I from God came forth;**

**John 16:27** (The Webster Bible) 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that **I came from God**.

**Jean 16:27** (Synodale) car le Père lui-même vous aime, parce que vous m'avez aimé, et que vous avez cru **que je suis venu de la part du Père**.

### **Definition(s):**

1) to go or come forth of

1a) with mention of the place out of which one goes, or the point from which he departs

1a1) of those who leave a place of their own accord

1a2) of those who are expelled or cast out

2) metaph.

2a) to go out of an assembly, i.e. forsake it

2b) to come forth from physically, arise from, to be born of

2c) to go forth from one's power, escape from it in safety

2d) to come forth (from privacy) into the world, before the public, (of those who by novelty of opinion attract attention)

2e) of things

2e1) of reports, rumours, messages, precepts

2e2) to be made known, declared

2e3) to be spread, to be proclaimed

2e4) to come forth

2e4a) emitted as from the heart or the mouth

2e4b) to flow forth from the body

2e4c) to emanate, issue

2e4c1) used of a sudden flash of lightning

2e4c2) used of a thing vanishing

2e4c3) used of a hope which has disappeared

**From Thayer's: ...Who by His incarnation Christ who left His place with God in heaven.**