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Bible Study

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A BASIC BIBLE STUDY ON THE SUPREME DEITY OF JESUS

## **THE GOD OF THE BIBLE**

### **JESUS CHRIST**

For 2000 years man has pondered the nature of God Almighty and how Jesus Christ relates to God. Throughout the centuries, theologians have established many different teachings based upon speculation, council majority, and tradition. Many contradictory teachings have been conceived, and many have erred from the truth. A serious error, indeed!

In this lesson, we will examine the God of the Bible. We are determined to worship the *true* God. We will see that the Creator—the LORD Jehovah of the Old Testament—revealed Himself to His creation in a human body—that of the Lord Jesus Christ. The purpose: to shed His blood and die for the sins of the world.

*To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

*— 2 Corinthians 5:19*

## THE ONENESS BIBLE STUDY

### THE SUPREME DEITY OF JESUS

- Part I -

One God, One Creator, And No Other Gods

In the Old Testament, God declared there was only ONE God:

Deuteronomy 6:4

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD

Exodus 20:2-3

2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

The Bible also declares that He (God) is the Creator:

Genesis 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Furthermore, God declares that He (God) was the ONLY Creator. Some people today teach that there were co-creators, but God Himself refutes this false teaching:

Isaiah 44:24

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself

He created all things by Himself—there were no other creators nor co-creators. The Bible plainly states this truth here—for there is NONE ELSE.

Isaiah 45:18

18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is none else*.

Let's examine some of the facts above:

1. There is one God and thou shall have no other gods before Him.
2. That one God is the maker of heaven and earth.
3. God created ALL things — alone, by Himself, and there is none else.

In the New Testament, we are introduced to Jesus Christ. We see that there is still only one Creator. Here we see the apostle Paul writing to the church about the Lord Jesus Christ:

Colossians 1:14-18

- 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:
- 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

From this passage above we may conclude that:

1. Paul is speaking of Jesus, for he mentions "redemption through his blood" (v. 14) and that "He is the head of the body, the church" and the "firstborn from the dead." (v. 18)
2. ALL things were created by Him and for Him. (v. 16—stated twice!)
3. ALL things consist (continue to stand or exist) by the One who created them. (v. 17)

The disciple John—also writing of Jesus—taught the very same message:

John 1:3, 10-11

- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

John states the following biblical truths:

1. John is definitely referring to Jesus for "He was in the world" (v. 10) and "He came unto His own." (v. 11)
2. Jesus came unto His own. (v. 11)
3. Jesus MADE the world (v. 10) and Jesus made ALL things. (v. 3)
4. Since there is only one Creator—God and God alone; and since Jesus Christ created all things, we can conclude that that one Creator is Jesus and that Jesus is God.

- Part II -  
One Savior

With some very strong language, God lets His people in the Old Testament know who the Savior is:

Isaiah 49:26

- 26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

God makes it clear that there is only ONE Savior and that He is the ONLY Savior.

Isaiah 43:11

11 I, *even* I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior.

Isaiah 45:21

21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me.

Hosea 13:4

4 Yet I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no savior beside me.

From these passages above, we conclude that:

1. There is no other God but the Lord (a theme repeated throughout the Bible.)
2. God is the Savior.
3. God is the ONLY Savior and there is NO SAVIOR BESIDES GOD.

Some churches teach that there are multiple or co-saviors, but the Bible clearly teaches that there is just One. Who is that ONE Saviour? The LORD God, Jehovah—the ONLY Savior. So who did the New Testament writers declare the Savior to be? Let's see what the apostle Paul wrote:

Philippians 3:20

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

JESUS is the Savior. Paul did not call Jesus a Savior—he called Him THE Savior! Was Paul in error? Was he teaching heretical doctrine? No, for we shall see that the other New Testament writers were in perfect harmony with the apostle Paul. For example, the apostle Peter declared:

2 Peter 1:11

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Fact: There is one Lord and Savior proclaimed in scripture and the apostle Peter said that that is Jesus Christ. Peter did not say a Savior—he said OUR Savior.

Jude 1:25

25 To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Fact: Peter said "Our Savior" is Jesus Christ. Jude tells us "Our Savior" is also "the only wise God!" There's only one God and one Savior—Jesus. That's what the Bible teaches.

Titus 2:13-14

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Paul calls Jesus the GREAT GOD and our Savior! (v. 13) He's not referring to two persons here, for he then uses the singular personal pronoun "himself." (v.14) Many other verses in the Bible support the fact that Jesus is the one appearing! (See 1 Tim. 6:14, 2 Tim. 1:10 2 Tim. 4:1,8, 1 Peter 1:7.)

From the passages we just read, we can conclude the following facts:

1. There is one Lord, one God, and one Savior.
2. Jesus Christ is the Lord, the Savior, our Savior, the great God and our Savior, and the only wise God! Note: even the name "Jesus" means "Jehovah is become our Savior."

- Part III -  
One Father

The Bible also teaches that there is ONE Father. Father simply means "generator" or "creator." Since God is our one true Creator, He stands alone as our one true Father. The prophets of old acknowledged this truth in their writings:

Isaiah 63:16

16 Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting.

Malachi 2:10

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Two simple facts are easily established in the verses above:

1. There is ONE Father.
2. The LORD is that one Father.

The Jews of the New Testament are in agreement with the prophets of the Old Testament on this point in the next verse. The apostle Paul confirms it again in the second passage below:

John 8:41

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

Ephesians 4:4-6

4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

The prophets of old who knew this one God as "The Father," foretold of the day He would come to be their Savior. Isaiah's Messianic prophecy ties the Old and New Testaments together—the Son who is yet to be born will be their mighty God and the everlasting Father! Let's see what the prophet had to say about Jesus 600 years before His birth:

Isaiah 9:6

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Here we see the birth of the Son who is the mighty God, born of a woman, taking on human flesh and come down to earth to save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1:20-23

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be the Father. Jesus didn't dispute Isaiah's claim, as some do today. He confirmed it!

John 14:7-10

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Show us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Facts found in Jesus' statements:

1. Jesus said to His disciples that they have both known and seen the Father. (v. 7)
2. Next, Philip asked to see the Father (obviously not quite grasping the extent of Jesus' bold claim). (v. 8)
3. Jesus explains to Philip, if you've seen Jesus, you have seen the Father. (v. 9)
4. It was not "God the Son" (implying another deity) doing the miracles as some claim today, but rather it was the Father who was in Jesus doing the works. (v. 10)

These truths are further substantiated in the following verses:

2 Corinthians 5:19

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Colossians 2:8-10

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power

We can safely conclude the following according to the Word of God:

1. God was in Christ.

2. God was manifest in the flesh.

3. In Him (Jesus) dwelt ALL the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

4. He (Jesus) is the head of ALL principality and power.

Many people try to divide God, but Jesus and the Father are indivisible—they are not two. Jesus and the Father are ONE!

John 10:30

30 I and *my* Father are one.

- Part IV -  
One Spirit

The Bible teaches there is just ONE Spirit:

Ephesians 4:4

4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling

God is that Spirit:

John 4:24

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Romans 8:14

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

~Words of Men vs. the Word of God~

Q. How many times does the Bible refer to God as triune, three persons, Trinity, Holy Trinity, or three of any kind?

A. ZERO to all of the above.

Q. How many times does the Bible refer to God as the Holy One?

A. 51 (references too numerous to list.)

— 45 times in the Old Testament, God either declares Himself to be or is referred to as the Holy One.

— 6 times in the New Testament, Jesus Christ is called the Holy One.

**Jesus Christ is that Spirit:**

Philippians 1:19

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ

Romans 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

1 Peter 1:11

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

**The Holy Ghost is the Spirit:**

Luke 4:1

1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

John 7:39

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Acts 2:4

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In the verses above we have just established the following biblical truths:

1. There is one Spirit.
2. God is that Spirit and the Spirit is often referred to as the "Spirit of God."
3. Interchangeably, the Spirit of God is also referred to as "the Spirit," "the Spirit of Christ," "the Spirit of Jesus Christ," and also the "Holy Ghost."

**Jesus tells us that He is the Holy Ghost:**

John 14:15-18

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

"Another Comforter" is not another person, but another *form* or manifestation of Jesus Himself. He was present in bodily form, but as He said "I will come to you" as the Comforter, or as the Holy Ghost—residing in the hearts of those that have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

- Part V -

The One God of the Old Testament is the One God of the New Testament

The LORD God called Himself "the first and the last."

Isaiah 44:6

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

As we turn to the book of Revelation, we see that Jesus not only claims that HE Himself is the "first and the last", but He's "the Alpha and the Omega" as well:

Revelation 1:11-17

- 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
- 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
- 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
- 14 His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;
- 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.
- 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.
- 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:
- 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Now look who JESUS says He is:

Revelation 21:6-7

- 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
- 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

LOOK WHAT ELSE JESUS SAYS ABOUT HIMSELF—DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS?

Revelation 1:8

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

\*\*\* Conclusion: There is ONE God and Jesus Christ is God Almighty! \*\*\*