

## WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

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### Introduction:

Many people for many years have tried to understand the deity of Christ. Questions like: Who is the real Father of Jesus, God the Father or the Holy Ghost? How can Jesus be His own Father? What is the meaning of God in Christ? So the questions go on and on. Teaching for many years I believe I have heard them all. This study is designed to lead you to the truth of God's Word.

### I. GOD IS A SPIRIT.

*John 4:24*

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

First, we see that God is a Spirit. This means He is not flesh and blood as we are. Many people put God in a place of a man. This can't be, God is a Spirit.

*Deut. 6:4*

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:*

This is a truth that Israel was committed to preserve among the nations of the earth, "God is One." We have one Spirit of God, making one God, Lord to all Israel.

*Isa 43:10-11*

*Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.*

*Isa 43:15*

*I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.*

*Isa 44:6*

*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.*

Many people believe that Jesus co-existed with God from the beginning. The Lord God clears the confusion up in the scriptures. There was no one with Him.

*Isa 44:8*

*Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.*

Would you dare to claim that you know more than God? If He does not know any other God then, hello, smell the truth here. You need more scriptures? No problem.

*Isa 45:5-6*

*I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.*

*Isa 45:21-22*

*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 Saviour; there is none beside me.*

*Hos 13:4*

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

After reading these scriptures, is there any doubt that God, the spirit of the Old Testament was one? As you read the Bible you will find many of such scriptures. God wanted to be sure no one could ever believe He was but, one God of the Old Testament. There was no little boy God beside Him.

WHO IS THE FATHER?

*Matt 1:18-21*

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.*

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

The scripture says that Mary was found with child of the Holy Ghost. If God the Father is the Father of Jesus then the Holy Ghost, which is a Spirit and God of the Old Testament then must be the self same Spirit. Remember God is a Spirit. (John4:24)

*Matt 1:23*

*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.*

God is with us in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwelt in this flesh. The flesh of God represents the son and the Spirit of Christ is the Father or Holy Ghost. God the Father was the Spirit that was manifest in the son or the flesh. Look at it this way: The flesh = Son of God. The Spirit = The Father.

*Isa 9:6*

*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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

At the birth of Jesus was the giving of the son. He was God in the flesh, the one that is ruling for ever and ever. Israel was looking for the Messiah. They knew He would be God in the flesh. Their problem was they did not except Jesus as the one.

## WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS?

*Mark 2:5-12*

*When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.*

Jesus did not deny He was the God of the Old Testament and that He could forgive or heal. If a mistake was made here and there were two God's why did not Jesus straighten the scribes out here and now??? Humm.

*Mark 12:28-29*

*And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:*

Notice that Jesus reminds them of the first commandment. The commandment had not changed just because the Messiah had come. Why? The answer is because there was still just one God over all. The Spirit was now in the man Christ Jesus making just one, not two, and not three.

*John 1:1*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*John 1:14*

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

The scripture is clear who Jesus is. The Word was God and the Word was flesh was here in the form of the man, Christ Jesus.

*John 8:19*

*Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.*

*John 8:24*

*I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*

Jesus gets down to the nitty-gritty. If we do not believe who He is we are lost forever. Yes, your salvation depends on what you believe. Don't ever believe that Satan has not used this as a weapon against honest hearted people. People think they are right and all along they have been deceived by people that loved them. All because they did not search the scriptures.

*John 8:58-59*

*Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

*John 10:30-33*

*I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*

*John 10:38*

*But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.*

There is only one way this could happen. The Spirit, which is the Father, was in the flesh, the man called Jesus.

*John 14:6-11*

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 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, Shew us the Father? 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. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.*

*John 20:27-29*

*Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

*Acts 7:59*

*And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.*

Do you not think that Stephen knew who Jesus was?

*Acts 20:28*

*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

How could God purchase the church with His blood if not through the body of the man Jesus Christ? There is only one way. Jesus died on Calvary. God loved us so much He gave His life for us. He didn't send another to do what needed to be done.

*1 Cor 8:4*

*As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.*

The New Testament Church taught One God. Is your church teaching what the church of the Apostolics taught? Hummm

*2 Cor 5:19*

*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.*

*Eph 4:4-6*

*There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

This scripture is saying just what I have been saying; there is one Spirit, One God.

*Col 2:8-9*

*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. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

We have to be responsible for our on searching out the truth. If we rely on men we can surly be led wrong. The devil will see to it.

*1 Tim 3:16-4:1*

*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.*

May I ask you a question? Do you think that the devil knows how many God's there are? Well, he should he lived in heaven with God for a while. If anyone should know he would. Do you agree with me?

*James 2:19*

*Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

Are the devils saved? No, but, they have more knowledge of God then most religious people have. Least they know how many to be scared of and at least they tremble at the thought of our God and not our Gods.

WHERE WILL JESUS, GOD AND THE HOLY GHOST SET IN HEAVEN??

In my teaching through the years this question has come up as a statement may times. Well, there are three thrones in heaven, so why three if there is only one God?? Well, I have no idea how they came up with such a concept of this scene, but this is what John saw.

*Rev 4:2*

*And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.*

For some reason they never could show me the scripture where there are three thrones in heaven.

CONCLUSION

The scripture has been very clear on this subject. If you are honest with yourself you will see the truth of the oneness of God. You will never crown Jesus Lord at all unless you crown Him as one Lord of all. Jesus asked the

question, “Why call me Lord, and do not the things I say?” He said He was God in the flesh. That should be enough for anyone to believe in Him as our true, loving, caring savior. May the Lord bless you as you learn of Him and keep searching for more knowledge of the One True God.