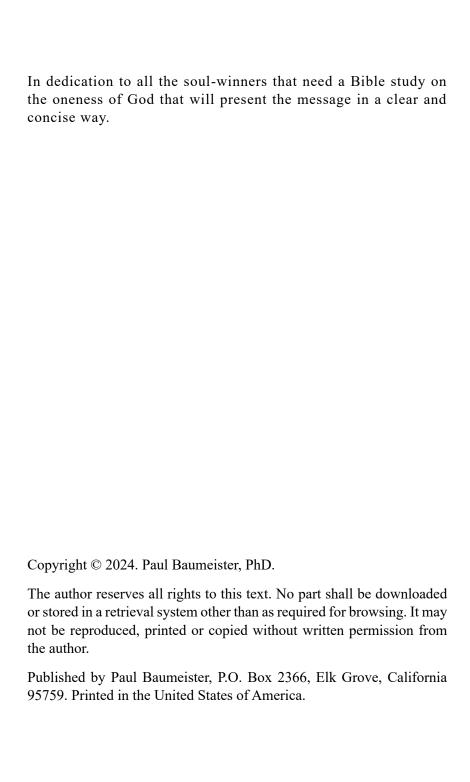
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"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning" (John 8:24-25, NKJV).

Many people are confused on the identity of Jesus Christ. While history is full of confusion on the subject, the Bible provides clarity on his identity. There are countless scriptures in the Old and New Testament that expound on the subject of his deity. In this Bible study, you will read many scriptures that clearly state who he is.

# ONE GOD

# **Deuteronomy 6:4**

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord."

# Mark 12:32

"...for there is one God; and there is none other but he."

# **Ephesians 4:6**

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

# **James 2:19**

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

The Old and New Testament both teach that there is only one God.

True or False?

# **GOD ALONE**

# Isaiah 43:11

"I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour."

# Isaiah 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."

# Isaiah 45:5

"I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me..."

# Isaiah 45:6

"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."

The Scriptures teach that only the LORD is God and there is no other \_\_\_\_\_ beside Him.

# GOD IN THE FLESH

# John 1:1, 14

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

# 1 Timothy 3:16

"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."

# 2 Corinthians 5:19

"That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation" (NKJV).

# **JESUS IS GOD**

# Matthew 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"

# John 20:28

"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God."

### Colossians 2:9-10

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."

# **Titus 2:13**

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

# John 8:58

"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was. I am."

# **ONE SPIRIT**

# **Ephesians 4:4**

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

### 1 Corinthians 12:13

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

### John 4:24

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

# JESUS IS THE FATHER

### John 10:30-33

"Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God" (NKJV).

### John 14:6-9

"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, show 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, Show us the Father?"

### Isaiah 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."

The Bible teaches not only	that Jesus is the	e "Mighty	God," bı	ıt
that He is the	"F	ather."		

# JESUS IS THE SON

# Matthew 1:21

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

### Luke 1:31

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus."

# JESUS IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

### John 14:17-18

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

### 2 Corinthians 3:17

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

# Romans 8:9

"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."

# The Scriptures teach that there is only one Spirit and that the Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of God.

True or False?

# **ALL MAN AND ALL GOD**

# Philippians 2:5-7

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

Jesus was Man	But as God, He:	
He was born as a baby (Lk.	He existed from eternity (Mic. 5:2;	
2:7)	Jn. 1:1-2).	
He was hungry (Mt. 4:2).	He was the Bread of Life (Jn.	
	6:35).	
He was thirsty (Jn. 19:28).	He was the Living Water (Jn.	
	4:14).	
He was tired (Jn. 4:6).	He gave them rest (Mt. 11:28).	
He prayed (Lk 22:41)	He responded to prayers (Jn.	
	14:14).	
God raised him from the dead	He raised himself from the dead	
(Acts 2:32)	(Jn. 2:19).	
He did not know all (Mk.	He knew everything (Jn. 21:17).	
13:32)		

Jesus was completely man and completely God.

True or False?

# WHY DID GOD BECOME MAN?

# To bring God's glory to earth:

# 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."

# To adopt us as "sons of God":

### Galatians 4:4-5

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

# To become our "High Priest" to redeem us:

# Hebrews 4:15-16

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

# JESUS IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

# Hebrews 1:3

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person..."

### Colossians 1:15

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."

# 2 Corinthians 4:4

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Why did Jesus pray to God if he was God?

Jesus was both fully man and fully God, so as man he had to conquer the flesh and needed the strength of his divine Spirit to accomplish this. As Hebrews 4 states, "he was in all points tempted as we are" (vs. 15), yet he was "without sin." The Son praying to the Father does not show separate people in the godhead; it shows the dual nature of Jesus: humanity and divinty.

# Does the voice at the baptism of Jesus show a separate person in the godhead?

Absolutley not. God is not bound by space; he is omni-present. He is everywhere at once. He answers millions of prayers every minute of the day and has no problems being everywhere to respond to the needs of his people. He was not limited in the body of Jesus at his incarnation. While he was in Jesus; he also was in heaven. So, God shows his omnipresence as he speaks from heaven, descends with his Spirit upon the man, Christ Jesus, who is the Almighty God in the flesh (Rev. 1:18). Also, according to the Gospel of John, the voice from heaven spoke for a sign to John that this was the Messiah (vs.32-33). There are three cases where the voice from heaven

occurred. In all of the cases, the voice was introducing the Messiah so that the people would recognize him and accept him (Matt. 17:5; Luke 12: 30).

# If God consisted of three persons, then did one third of God die at Calvary?

First of all, the Bible never states that God consists of three persons. God is only one and was manifest in the flesh on this earth (Jn. 1:14; 1 Tim. 3:16). If the idea that "Jesus is one of the three persons in the godhead" were true, then one third of God would have died. Obviously, God did not die; the man Christ Jesus died.



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