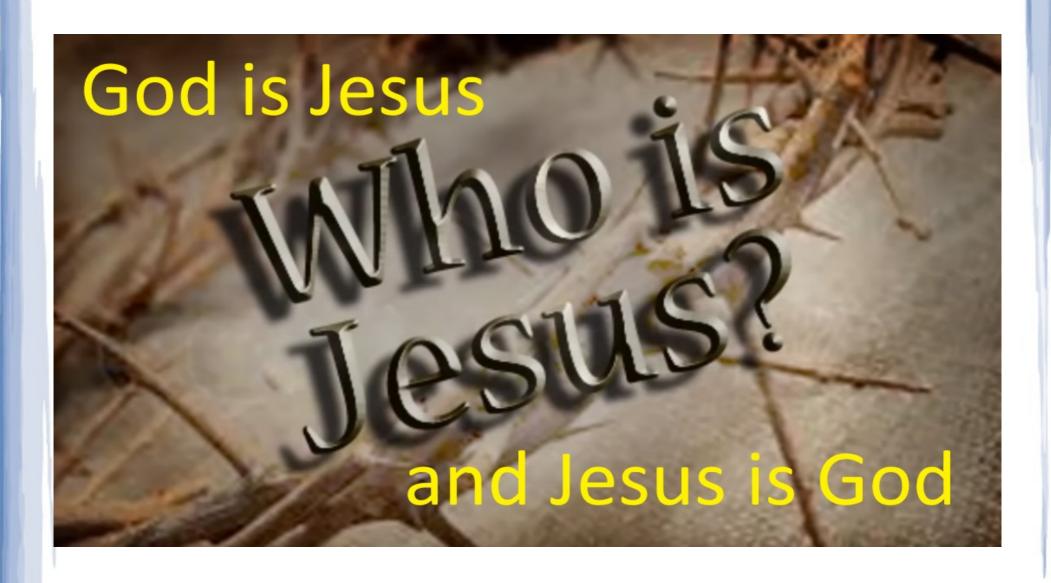


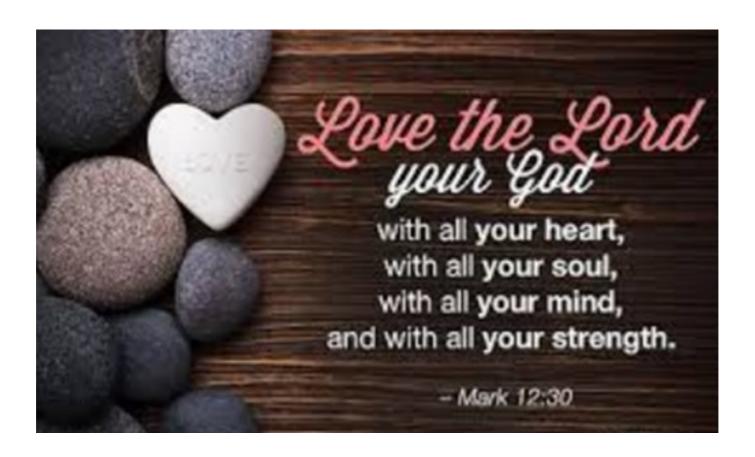
- So, why???
- Isn't He the Son of God?
- Jesus did things as a man!
- Jesus talked about the Father!
- Jesus prayed!
- Remember true theology...
- We cannot ignore the scriptures we just read.
- My web pages discussing this:
- www.bibleprophecyandtruth.com/truth/OneGod

Jesus is the Great I Am



- We've already proven:
 - Jesus is the Almighty God in the flesh
 - The Holy Ghost/Spirit is the Spirit which is God the Creator, God the Father
 - Some parts of scripture have been intentionally changed to conform to the beliefs of the men who translated it
 - Jesus also purposely taught in parables and used a "mysterious" way of interlacing truth in the Word
 - Theology is based on fact, not speculation

Again, it's all about loving God...



- Revisiting John 1:1
- the Divine Expression of God (the Word)
- the Image of God (Jesus)
- the physical form of man was what God used to pattern the entire universe (for our existence)
- Col 1:16 ... all things were created by him, and for him (Jesus) ...

- 1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you
- He was foreordained: Greek NT:4267; to know beforehand, i.e. foresee: The human being Jesus did not exist before He was born of a woman into this world. He was foreseen and planned by God, and was made manifest in these last times for us as Peter said.

- Before the birth of Jesus Christ, God manifested His image on the earth several times to people in an angelic form.
 - He ate with Abraham
 - He wrestled with Jacob
 - He walked with Adam and Eve, etc.
- This was the Divine Expression of God before He actually became flesh. This Divine Expression was in existence before the foundation of the earth (1 Pet 1:20). John 1:14 says that the Word, or the Divine Expression, was made flesh and dwelt among us.

- We know that the Divine Expression was God and was with God before the foundation of the earth.
- It's important to understand that the Divine Expression always was and always is God. It was <u>His angelic form before He made it actual</u> <u>flesh with the birth of Jesus Christ</u>. God is amazing!

- 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.
- Rev 1:17 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 for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
- God is speaking in Isaiah, proclaiming that He is the first and the last, that He is God and there is no God beside Him.
- In Revelation, Jesus is speaking to John, proclaiming that He is the first and the last, that He lives and was dead, but is alive forever. <u>Take a minute to really digest</u> <u>this truth...</u>

- Why does Jesus "pray to the Father"?
- Jesus was a human being just like you and me.
- He was born of a woman just like all of us.
- God planted the seed in Mary, but He grew in the womb and was born a baby and grew into a man.

- It was God's way to live among us as a man to fulfill His plan of redemption and save us by shedding His blood and dying for us.
- He was every bit a human being who experienced the same things we do, like pain, hunger, etc.
- When he was mocked and beaten and hung on the cross, he felt every bit of it just as you and I would.

- Here's the thing; in order <u>for God to be</u> tempted in all points as we are:
- Hebrews 4:15 "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."
- He had to be a man in all points as we are!

- Think about this for second.
- God can do anything even if we can't understand how or why He did it.
- The Bible tells us that God cannot be tempted, so in order to experience temptation and fulfill His plan He had to become a man and be a man that could be tempted.

- Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
- He was made a human being, a little lower than the angels, in order to be able to be killed so He could die for us.

- Jesus was the limit of the unlimited. He was limited on this earth while He was here as a man in order to be tempted and to be able to be killed. Now that He is raised up to heaven, He is no longer limited but is made master of everything in heaven and earth.
- Eph 1:21 "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:"

- He is the physical body that God made for Himself.
- Jesus did many things by example and led by example. He did things as a man so we would know by His example what we should do.
- Remember He also said and did things in such a way as to teach us, but confuse those who don't love Him!

- He prayed, was baptized, fasted; but He did all these things for us, not for Himself.
- In John 12, Jesus prays to God and a voice is heard from heaven.
- Then Jesus tells them that it was for them, not Himself.
- John 12:30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

- Jesus sometimes spoke and did things as God with the authority of God.
- Other times He spoke and did things as a man to bring things to our level of understanding and to be an example of what is pleasing to Him.
- It's hard to understand, but we have to remember that we cannot understand God and that we might get ourselves into trouble by trying to make it fit in our minds with philosophy.

- The man, Jesus, was totally submitted to the Spirit of God.
- He wasn't an ordinary man as you and I are, but He was God manifest in the flesh as it says in the bible.
- He was a very special man.

- He wasn't a puppet, but He was totally submitted to God, so much so that the Spirit guided everything He did and as such He was really just speaking and acting the will of God.
- John 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.
- He is the body of God, the human flesh that God manifested Himself into.

- Important points to remember:
 - God became Jesus by being born into the world as we are, and made Himself in limited form for the suffering of death and the ability to be tempted.
 - After His resurrection, He is no longer in that limited form.
 - The same Spirit that is the Holy Ghost, is the Father, and is the Creator.
 - That Spirit dwells within Jesus.

- Important points to remember:
 - Jesus said and did things purposefully to confuse those who don't love Him and truly desire His truth.
 - The mystery of God is the identity of Jesus.
 - He's the express image of the person of God.
 - He is the image of the invisible God.
 - Understanding this is so important!

- We cannot ignore the point blank statements of God to create theological concepts that are based on supposition because there are things we don't understand.
- One of the arguments I've heard is that Jesus said that the Father knew things Jesus did not know.

- If you believe that Jesus is a separate person of a trinity, you also believe He is one part of the whole which is the Godhead and was in existence before the creation of the world, right?
- So He is still part of the "One" who is God and would know everything that God knows.
- This argument doesn't add credibility to the concept of a separate or distinct person of the Godhead as it doesn't change the dynamics of Gods knowledge.

- God simply chose to reveal certain things to Himself in the body of Christ while he was on the earth as a man.
- Just like <u>He gave Himself the ability to be tempted</u> while He was a man living among us.
- It's beyond our understanding but it is truth nonetheless.
- He limited Himself in such a way that it was possible to be killed and to be tempted.

- Another scripture people use is:
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
- Does that mean that God is three beings?
- This is a great example of philosophical theology.
- You've <u>really</u> got to stretch to make this into three gods!
- No, it does not mean God is three.

- God very specifically states that <u>He is one</u> and only one over and over and over in the bible.
- Just because we don't understand what He said doesn't mean we should make up something to make it fit in our minds.
- If God were three, He would have said so, point blank, in black and white, just like He does other facts.

- There are many scriptures teaching that there's only one God:
- 2 Sam 7:22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is <u>none like thee, neither is there any God</u> <u>beside thee</u>, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
- Isaiah 43:10 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. 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

- Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel: <u>The LORD our God is</u> one LORD:
- Deut 4:35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.
- Deut 32:39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

- 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.
- James 2:19 Thou <u>believest that there is one God;</u> thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
- No God with Him, before Him, after Him, beside Him, like Him, no savior beside Him. There is none but Him. Period. God is one and only one.

- Maybe it's as simple a thing as that God was including those that were with Him (the angels) when He said it?
- I mean, the <u>angels were created</u> as well (Ps 104:4, Heb 1:7), and <u>they were likely there on the last day when He created man</u>. We don't know, but we also don't know that they weren't.
- Take a look at Genesis 18 and 19.

- In 18:1 we see that the Lord appeared to Abraham.
- In verse 2 we see that there were 3 men who appeared to Abraham.
- During the passage of events we find that one of them was the Lord (verse 18:22), and two were angels that the Lord sent to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah (verses 19:1 and 19:13).
- In verse 19:13, one of the angels says, "we will destroy this place" and then that the Lord sent them to do it, but then the Lord Himself (verse 19:24) made the rain fall out of heaven.

- God included the angels with Him during these events, but they weren't God, and He's the one who's power did the work.
- In the creation He says, "Let us make man in our image", and then God goes on to create man in His image, not in "their images". Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image...
- Is it too much of a stretch to simply take God at His word and understand that He is one, and that He simply includes His angels in the things He does?
- How many times in the Old Testament did God send an angel to do His work?

- We need to remember two things:
 - Things have been <u>intentionally inserted by</u>
 <u>men</u> into the bible we read today in order to
 make the ideas men created seem more
 credible.
 - And Jesus spoke in parables and did things in such a way as to make His truth known <u>only</u> to those He wishes to know the truth!

- We've already looked at 1 John 5 and Matthew 28, but here's another example:
- Isaiah 41:4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.
- The word "with" was inserted and never existed in the original text. It should read just as it does in Isaiah 44:6 that we read earlier. It really says, "I the LORD, the first, and the last; I am he." Why did they insert the word "with"? The Hebrew words in Isaiah 41:4 are identical to the words used in Isaiah 44:6.

- Another argument I've heard:
- Jesus sits on the right hand of God, right?
- Mark 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
- True, and as with anything, we have to take the whole Bible as a complete truth, so we need to expand upon that simple statement with additional scriptures and use true theology.

- Matt 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the <u>right hand of</u> <u>power</u>, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
- The "right hand" indicates the power of a man in the culture of that day.
- Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- Like we saw in Ephesians, where Jesus is made head of everything in heaven and earth...
- 1 Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.
- Phil 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

- The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation.
- The statement that Jesus is on the right hand of God means that He's the power of God unto us and all things in heaven and earth.
- It does not mean that He's physically sitting next to God.
- He is the image of the invisible God, remember?
- He is now head over all things, the manifestation of God in the flesh is God and Lord over all!

- Jesus prayed just before His crucifixion and was exceeding sorrowful.
- Why?
- He told the Disciples several times what was about to happen.
- Matt 20:18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

- He knew His purpose and what He was about to do.
- Matt 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
- So why did He pray and feel so much anguish?
- Why did He say, "Why have you forsaken me?" when He died?

- In Luke 1:41, the baby in the womb of Elisabeth (John the baptist) leaped in the womb for joy when Elisabeth heard the voice of Mary who came to visit when Mary was with child of Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit was in both John and Jesus and the baby in the womb recognized the mother of the Lord!
- Jesus had the Spirit of God in Him since conception.

- When Jesus died on the cross, it was the first time in His life that He was without the Spirit of God!
- And at the same time He had the sins of the world poured onto Him!
- The Spirit left Him in order for Him to die so that He could pay for our sins.
- It was this moment that He dreaded!
- But He did it willingly for you and I!

- All the points we've proven with true theology:
 - Jesus is the Almighty God
 - Jesus is the Father
 - The Holy Ghost is the same Spirit that is the Creator, the Father, the Mighty God
 - There's no "three" to be a trinity
 - God is one and only one
 - Jesus is the Son of God, "as of the only begotten of the Father"
 - The Spirit which is God had a Son so that He could become a man

 Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

- Gal 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
- Matt 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
- 1 Cor 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

- Thank you, Jesus, for dying for me, for that sacrifice, for the mercy and compassion you have for us, for the life you give us! I love you, Jesus, because you first loved me!
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