

One God - The Father of Jesus Christ

When asked what was the foremost commandment in God's Word, here's what Jesus Christ said:

→Mark 12:28-30 (KJV)

In the Old Testament we see this truth as central to God's relationship with Israel.

Deuteronomy 6:4 (JPS)

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

When LORD is in all capital letters in the Bible, it is a translation of the proper name for God. The Hebrew word is *Yahweh*, which is rendered *Jehovah* in older translations. *Yahweh* alone is God.

I Corinthians 8:6 (NIV)

Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

Today most Christians believe that the one God of the Bible is not alone, but that He is a Trinity of three separate beings, who together make one God. But that is not the record in God's Word.

→Psalm 110:1 (KJV)

→John 14:28 (KJV)

God is separate from His son, and greater than His son. Jesus Christ is always presented as a man in the Scriptures. A man to replace what the first man, Adam had destroyed.

→Romans 5:15 (KJV)

→I Corinthians 15:21 (KJV)

When you look at the record of God's Word you clearly see that only the Father is God and that Jesus Christ is His son.

→John 20:17 (KJV)

It is clear that only the Father is God. But what should we believe about Jesus Christ?

→Matthew 16:13-16 (KJV)

→John 20:30-31 (KJV)

→John 8:40 (KJV)

→Acts 2:22, 32-36 (KJV)

→I Timothy 2:5-6 (KJV)

→Acts 17:30-31 (KJV)

Jesus is the man God has appointed as our lord and savior. Our whole salvation hinges upon a man overturning what the first man had ruined by sin.

In addition to the clear declarations about God and His son, the Bible also makes several statements that make the idea of a three in one God impossible.

I Corinthians 15:27-28 (NIV)

27 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. 28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him [God] who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

I Corinthians 11:3 (NASB)

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Matthew 24:36 (NASB)

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

A major obstacle to the idea of the Trinity is the absence of the holy spirit in critical sections of God's Word.

→Galatians 1:3 (KJV)

The epistles contain greetings from God and from His son. Why not from the third member of the Trinity? The simple and Scriptural answer is that only the Father is God and Jesus Christ is His son.

→John 16:32 (KJV)

→Revelation 22:1 (KJV)

If God is a trinity then there is no plausible explanation for the absence of the holy spirit. On the other hand, once you understand that Holy Spirit is simply another way to reference God Himself it all becomes clear.

There are a handful of ambiguous or difficult verses that theology has used to construct the doctrine of the Trinity, but the clear verses all agree. There is one God, the Father; and one lord, Jesus Christ, His only begotten son and our savior.

Ephesians 4:6 (NIV)

One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The simplicity of God's Word is clear - the Father alone is God, the One who called the light to shine out of darkness. He has no equals, but He did have a son. Jesus Christ is His only begotten son, the man sent by God to redeem us from the consequences of the sin of Adam.

John 17:3 (KJV)

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

If you want a relationship with God, knowing the truth about God and His son is not optional. Next time we will look in more depth at certain Scriptures that have been misunderstood through the years.