

One God Alone.



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Mark 12:29 Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments *is*: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Exodus 3:13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What *is* His name?’ what shall I say to them?” And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.’

To us humans, ‘I am’ is not a very satisfactory name for the God who created everything that is. It may seem a little vague. Actually it is the only name that can accurately describe the One who is everywhere, always, eternal. “God *is* (The) Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” Because God is the Spirit, He has no form or shape that can be reproduced either in our imaginations, philosophically or physically.

John 8:53 “Are you greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I honour Myself, My honour is nothing. It is My Father who honours Me, of whom you say that He is your God. “Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.” Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Here Jesus identifies Himself as the eternal I AM. This is the great mystery; that God who is Spirit should become flesh and blood and dwell among men for a season.

Exodus 32:1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” And Aaron said to them, “Break off the golden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me.” So all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron. And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a moulded calf. Then they said, “This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

1 Kings 12:27 “If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.” Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!” And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

In both these instances we see how men cannot worship a God they cannot picture, visualize or imagine. Even the chosen people of God seem incapable of worshipping the God they cannot see. So they make an image, an idol. In the same way Christianity after the first century invented explanations of the nature, make-up and dynamics of God. If not a physical idol, then a mental idol, an image of an old man with a beard - the Father, an image of a younger man with a beard, - Jesus, an image of flames of fire, - the Holy Spirit. Only the Son of God, God with us, Immanuel, can reveal the nature of God to those whom He inhabits by His Spirit. As Paul wrote; Colossians 1:12 ; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

We should note that in Hebrew and Greek the word for wind, breath and spirit are the same word. Something that can be felt but not directly seen. God breathing into Adam made Adam a living Soul. The soul being where the spirit of a man and the body of a man intercept. For this reason to follow Jesus (the mind of Christ – the Spirit) we must deny our own souls which war against our spirits.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.

This is the first reference in Scripture to God's 'Holy Spirit'. Every reference to the Spirit prior to this is to the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. Not another God.

Psalms 68:4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, (I AM) and rejoice before Him. A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation.

Psalms 89:14 Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance. In Your name they rejoice all day long, and in Your righteousness they are exalted. For You *are* the glory of their strength, And in Your favour our horn is exalted. For our shield *belongs* to the LORD, And our king to the Holy One of Israel. Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to *one who is* mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him, With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him. I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague those who hate him. "But My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted. Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers. He shall cry to Me, 'You *are* my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' Also I will make him *My* firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. My mercy I will keep for him forever, and My covenant shall stand firm with him. His seed also I will make *to endure* forever, and His throne as the days of heaven.

Here the God of Israel is called a father. Father is a characteristic of a relationship God has with those He created. Those to whom God is a father may well call Him 'Father'.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful (Beyond fully knowing), Counsellor (The One who directs), Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

This is the great mystery. That the Almighty God should take on flesh, be born and dwell among men. Yet still be God who is One Lord.

Isaiah 40:3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh *is* grass, and all its loveliness *is* like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people *are* grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." O Zion, you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift *it* up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong *hand*, and His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward *is* with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry *them* in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *as* His counsellor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and *who* instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations *are* as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before Him *are* as nothing, And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless. To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?

Isaiah 52:6 Therefore My people shall know My name; Therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* He who speaks: 'Behold, *it is* I.'" How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good *things*, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices, with their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye when the LORD brings back Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Here is direct prophesy of the coming of the anointed One, the Salvation of God, Jesus of Nazareth, God with us.

Isaiah 63:7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. For He said, "Surely they *are* My people, children *who* will not lie." So He became their Saviour. In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, *and* He fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses *and* his people, *saying*: "Where *is* He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where *is* He who put His Holy Spirit within them.

Here are more references to God's Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God. When God, Who is the Spirit, is in a person this is referred to as the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God dwelling with the spirits of men and women.

Isaiah 63:15 Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where *are* Your zeal and Your strength, The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained? Doubtless You *are* our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, *are* our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting *is* Your name.

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?

Here God is acknowledged by the gentiles as their Father and their Redeemer. God has many names each referring to a quality or role all of which He is.

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit (God). Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived (created) in her is of the Holy Spirit (God). “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS (Yah Y‘Shua – God the Saviour), for He will save His people from their sins.” So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*” which is translated, “God with us.” Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Here it is made clear that the One Who is the Son of God is God with us, God Himself creating a body for His purpose, to save His people from their sins.

Matthew 10:19 “But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

Jesus reveals that those who follow Him will be inhabited by the Spirit of God their Father. God with us becomes God in us, as Paul writes, ‘Christ in you, the hope of Glory’.

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. “Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

The fullness of God’s being dwells bodily in Jesus of Nazareth! He is able to reveal God (the Father) to those who are in the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. Wonderful mystery!

Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” So they said, “Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ (the anointed One - King), the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Like Peter, we can only truly know Who Jesus of Nazareth is by revelation from God. Those who have this revelation do not need complex explanations of who or what Jesus is. Those without this revelation from God will never fully know Who Jesus is. So they may clutch at men’s attempts to explain what cannot be fully explained.

John 4:19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

God is Spirit: We can’t describe Him. We can’t draw an image of Him. We can’t have knowledge of Him except in our spirits. We can know God the Spirit by knowing Jesus of Nazareth, the only begotten Son of this living God. We will know Him when He lives in us by His Spirit.

John 5:16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent Him. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life, most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. I do not receive honour from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honour from one another, and do not seek the honour that *comes* from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is *one* who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

Her Jesus of Nazareth makes it clear that the Only God has sent Him, that Jesus has come from God and is equal to the Only God. Because these Jews understood this they sought to kill Jesus as He was stating that He was equal to God.

John 14:7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.”

Here Jesus speaks plainly that He and God who is the Father are one.

1 Corinthians 8:6 Yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus the Christ (Anointed – King) , through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

God is invisible and unknown but revealed and known through knowing Jesus the Christ who dwells in those who have received His Spirit.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in the Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus the Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:12 ; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence. For it pleased *the Father that* in Him (Jesus) all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Colossians 2:1 For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of the Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your *good* order and the steadfastness of your faith in the Christ. As you therefore have received the Christ Jesus the Lord, (through receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit) so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to the Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead (theotitos = God's being) bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of the Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: "*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You*"? And again: "*I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son*"? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "*Let all the angels of God worship Him.*" And of the angels He says: "*Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire.*" But to the Son *He* says: "*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You*

With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.” And: “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.”

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, the Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honour than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. And Moses indeed *was* faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, but the Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He (Jesus) is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus the Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Here the writer is aware of the danger of holding an imaginary vision of what God may be like. Through knowing the indwelling Christ we will know Him Who is the true God. Let us keep ourselves from men's imagined descriptions of God, in words and philosophy.

Jude 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Saviour, (Yah Y'Shua = Jesus), Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

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