

GOSPEL APOLOGIA
Knowing God, Loving God, Serving God

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SESSION 4
THE TRINITY (5 PARTS)

Session 4.1

TRINITY IN THE BIBLE



There are many ways to learn about the Trinity. Some people use Greek terms that are found in the early Church creeds.

The early Church creeds are very useful in explaining how God can be a Trinity and I will discuss those later.

However, I want to start with the Bible. Jesus did not tell us to go to the Greek philosophers to find out about him. He said to go to the Scriptures and Moses.

Let's look at what Jesus said.

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John 5:46

"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me.

John 5:39

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify about Me".

Luke 24:44, Jesus says, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while being yet with you: that all things must be fulfilled, that have been written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the Psalms, concerning Me,"

The entire Bible is a Jesus book. the trinity runs throughout the Bible. From the beginning book use of "US" to the 3 persons in the tabernacle, to all the appearances of the Son and Spirit.

Luke 24:25-27 -Road to Emmaus

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

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There is one being of God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Christians believe there are no partners with God because we believe there is only one God in all existence.

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The Trinity means 3 in 1. There are examples in our world of things that are 3 in 1

Time - The past is distinct from the present, which is distinct from the future. Each is simultaneous. They all share the same nature of the category of time.

Space - Height is distinct from the width, which is distinct from depth, which is distinct from height. They all share the same nature of space.

Matter/Material -Solid is not the same as a liquid, which is not the same as gas, which is not the same as solid. They all share the same nature of matter.

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The Teaching of the Trinity is in the Bible

- 1) There is one, and only one, God (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 1 Timothy 2:5).
- 2) The person of the Father is God (2 Peter 1:17).
- 3) The person of the Son is God (John 1:1, Titus 2:13)
- 4) The person of the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; John 7:37-29/Rev. 22:1)
- 5) The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct and simultaneously distinguishable persons (Luke 3:22).
- 6) The three persons (Father or God; and Son or Christ or Lord; and Holy Spirit or Spirit) are frequently listed together in a triadic pattern of unity and equality (John 14:26, Matt. 28:19 & 2 Cor. 13:14).

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Throughout the Bible we see references to “Us” and “we” and “our” which are plural terms used for Yahweh.

God says He cannot be seen yet there are times when he is seen. How can this be?

God was present in the Ark inside the Tabernacle behind the veil, yet at other times he was talking with Moses and prophets.

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Genesis 1:1 and the following verses: the name of God (“Elohim”) in the Hebrew text has the grammatical form of the plural number.

Genesis 1:26: “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”
The plural number here indicates that God is not just one Person. Angels do not create. Only God creates (Isaiah 44:24).

Genesis 3:22: “And the Lord God said, Behold, Adam is become as one of us, to know good and evil.”

Genesis 11:6-7: Prior to the confusion of tongues at the building of the tower of Babel, the Lord said: “Let us go down and confound their language.”

Zech 12:10

“And I(Yahweh) will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of pleading, so that they will look at Me (Yahweh) whom they pierced; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”

Who is “I”, “me,” “Him”?

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The tabernacle –the formation of the troops form a cross!



Number 2 (Also Ez: 1:1-5; Rev. 4:7)

West: Top/Heaven side: 108,000- Ox

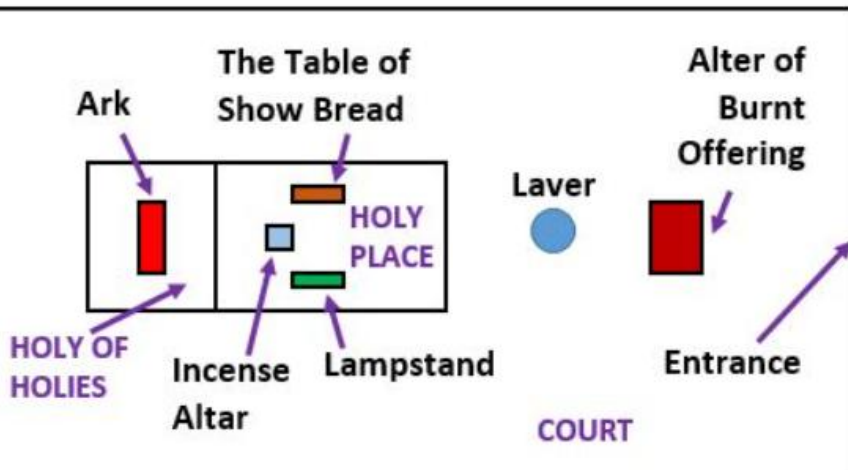
North side: 157,600-Eagle

South Side: 157,450-man

East-Bottom: 186,000-Lion

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THE TABERNACLE



If we look at the furniture as the Ark (Father) and bread table (Son), and the Lampstand (Holy Spirit), they are there in Exodus 25 BEFORE the construction of the Tent (Heavens) and Courtyard (earth) in chapter 26!

Just like the Trinity was there before all things!

The priests had to clean themselves and perform rituals before entering the Holy of Holies where God's presence was.

But then other times, God appeared to them while they were outside! Lets look at some verses.

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Exodus 34:18–23 – On the **top** of the Mountain, there is Somebody called “the LORD”, whose face cannot be seen

Exodus 33:7–11 – The basic pattern of meeting at the **base** of Sinai in the Tent of Meeting: seeing the LORD face-to-face, “as a man speaks to his friend”

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Exodus 19:10 and 11 – The LORD says that “the LORD” is going to come down to Mount Sinai. See this again in **19:20–22**, and **verse 24**. The LORD clearly speaks about the LORD as a distinct Person.

What’s going on?

But note **also** how we have...

an **Unseen** LORD in the Heavens, or on top of Sinai, **hidden** in thick darkness ...

and a **Seen** LORD who **appears** and speaks **face-to-face** ...

and the Spirit of God who lives within people.

Exodus 35:30 and 31 – cf. **36:1 and 2** where the Spirit **is** the LORD.

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Isaiah 48:16 and 17 is the best Trinitarian verse in the whole Bible, because each Member of the Trinity is presented in a perfect expression of Their role and function. **Who is** the identity of the Divine Speaker?

“Come near to Me, listen to this:

From the beginning I have not spoken in secret,

From the time it took place, I was there.

And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit.”

¹⁷ This is what the LORD says, *He who is* your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

“I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to benefit,

Who leads you in the way you should go.”

Yahweh is speaking and Yahweh says that he has been sent by Yahweh along with the spirit of Yahweh.

How can God be sent by God along with the spirit of God?

Threefold Blessings

NOTICE BLESSINGS ARE ONLY FROM THE LORD:

NUMBERS 6:24-26

THE LORD BLESS YOU, AND KEEP YOU;

²⁵ THE LORD CAUSE HIS FACE TO SHINE ON YOU,
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;

²⁶ THE LORD LIFT UP HIS FACE TO YOU,
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.'

Rev 1:4-5

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—

Threefold Blessings

MATTHEW 28:19

GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,..."

NOTE THE SINGLE NAME OF FATHER, SON, SPIRIT

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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PS 45:7

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed you with oil of joy above Your companions.

In Psalm 45 the Anointed One - the Christ/Messiah - is explicitly identified as God Himself.

God is anointed by God.

God is anointed WITH God BY God!

The Father fills the Son with the Spirit - and this is how this Psalm is understood by the New Testament also.

In Psalm 51:11 to have the Spirit of God is to have the very presence of God Himself.

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Psalm 45:6 and 7 is also very powerful – especially if we understand the deep structures and intent of the Psalms as a whole. God is on a Throne, enduring forever; **the God of this God anoints** the God on the Throne with “the Oil of gladness” ...

The “oil” reference is important in the light of **1 Samuel 16:13** – when David was anointed to be king, he was filled with the Spirit of the LORD.

PS. 45:6-7 – the Father talking to the Son:

“Your throne, God, is forever and ever;

The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of justice.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

Therefore, God, Your God, has anointed You

With the oil of joy above Your companions.”

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The LORD walks on earth in Genesis 3:8

Abraham meets with the Word of the LORD, and this Divine Word takes Abraham outside to look at the stars (Gen. 12; 15).

Hagar meets the Angel of the LORD (Gen. 16:7-14) - and understands that this Divine Messenger is sent from God but is also God Himself (v. 13).

She does not just hint at this but declares it openly and plainly.

Genesis 21:17-19 – notice the Angel of the God says “God has heard the voice of the lad...for I will make him a great nation..Then God open her eyes...”

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In Proverbs 30:4 the Name of the Creator and His Son is vital -

“Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is His
name, and what is His Son’s name, if you know”

What's the Son's name? Jesus answers that:

John 3:13

No one has ascended into heaven, except He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.

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In Daniel 7:33-34 the Ancient of Days shares His throne with the Son of Man as an equal - and when Jesus referred to Himself as “the Son of Man” his religious opponents reacted as if He had committed blasphemy, because they understood the divinity of the Son of Man (Mark 14:61-64; Matthew 26:63-66).

“...the high priest asked Him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”
And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy.”

TRINITY IN SECOND TEMPLE



4Q521 or the Messianic Apocalypse is one of the Dead Sea Scrolls found in the Cave 4 near Qumran before Jesus was born.

[the heavens and the earth will listen to His Messiah ["anointed one"], and none therein will stray from the commandments of the holy ones.

Seekers of the Lord, strengthen yourselves in His service!

All you hopeful in (your) heart, will you not find the Lord in this?

For the Lord will consider the pious (hasidim) and call the righteous by name.

Over the poor His spirit will hover and will renew the faithful with His power.

And He will glorify the pious on the throne of the eternal Kingdom.

He who liberates the captives, restores sight to the blind, straightens the bent]

And forever I will cleave to the hopeful and in His mercy...

And the fruit...] will not be delayed for anyone.

And the Lord will accomplish glorious things which have never been as [He...]

For He will heal the wounded, and revive the dead and bring good news to the poor

...He will lead the uprooted and knowledge...and smoke (?)

Similar to Luke 7:22

Source: Michael Brown: "Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus p. 98-101

Apologetic

Muslim: Jews were monotheists and did not believe in the Trinity

Christian: What do you think all the plural verses in the Old Testament are referring to?

Muslim: It must be corrupt. Deuteronomy 6:4 says there is one God

Christian: Did you know the Hebrew word for “one”, Eclad, is not used for absolute one like yachid?

The Bible has a word for compound or unified one. Gen 2:24- the two shall become one (echad) flesh. Same with the Lord our God is one (echad). It is a unified one not the singular word for one (yachid). Echad is used for morning and evening making ONE DAY (Gen. 1:5), a husband and wife being ONE FLESH (Gen. 2:24), and ONE CLUSTER of grapes (Num. 13:23). Also many pieces of the tabernacle will be one(echad) in Ex. 36:13; Ex 26:6, 11: 36:18). Israel is one nation (goy echad) in 2 Sam. 7:23; Ez. 37:22)

Muslim: That may just be your interpretation

Christian: Can I show you some verses and also some Rabbis before Jesus that discussed the multiple powers in the Old Testament?

Christian Basics

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Jesus

Review-6 simple Biblical Propositions

- 1) There is one, and only one, God (Deut 6:4-9, 1 Timothy 2:5).
- 2) The person of the Father is God (2 Peter 1:17).
- 3) The person of the Son is God (John 1:1, Titus 2:13; Jer. 17:10 vs Rev 2:18; Ps. 102:25-27 vs Heb. 1:10-12).
- 4) The person of the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; Jeremiah 31:33-34 vs Hebrews 10:15-17; Isaiah 6:8-10 vs Acts 28:25-27)
- 5) The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct and simultaneously distinguishable persons (Luke 3:22).
- 6) The three persons (Father or God; and Son or Christ or Lord; and Holy Spirit or Spirit) are frequently listed together in a triadic pattern of unity and equality (John 14:26, Matt. 28:19 & 2 Cor. 13:14).

Jn. 14:9 —“*He who has seen Me has seen the Father.*”

John 10:30 “I and the Father are one.”

John 8:58 “I AM”

Divine I

Eternal - John 1:1

Everywhere-present - Matthew 18:20

All-knowing - Matthew 17:27

John 16:30, John 21:17

All-powerful - John 1:3

Jesus

Human

Was born - Luke 1:35; 2:6,7

Needed food - Luke 4:2

Needed rest - John 4:6

Needed sleep - Luke 8:23

Died - John 19:33

John 14:28 “....for the Father is greater than I”

Matt 24:36-“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

INCARNATION

Greek (Sarx=flesh) :

EN = in

Latin=CARNE = flesh

Incarnation = “in the flesh”

Incarnation – Human Nature.

Took on Flesh (Phil 2:5-8, John 1:14)

Review 6min Bible Project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgslCbXOO>

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VERSES

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God”.

John 1:14 “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory...”

■ Philipians 2:5-8

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross”

THE INCARNATION

- Christ in the incarnation had **two natures** — a divine nature and an added perfect human nature (not fallen nature).

Nature” when used of Christ’s divinity refers to

- all that belongs to deity,
- including all the attributes of deity (Eternal, Omniscience, Omnipresent, Omnibenevolent, Omnipotent, infinite, etc).

“Nature” when used of Christ’s humanity refers to

- all that belongs to humanity,
- including all the attributes of humanity (limited, finite).

HYPOSTATIC UNION

God is one Being(what) and 3 persons(who's). One divine Will.

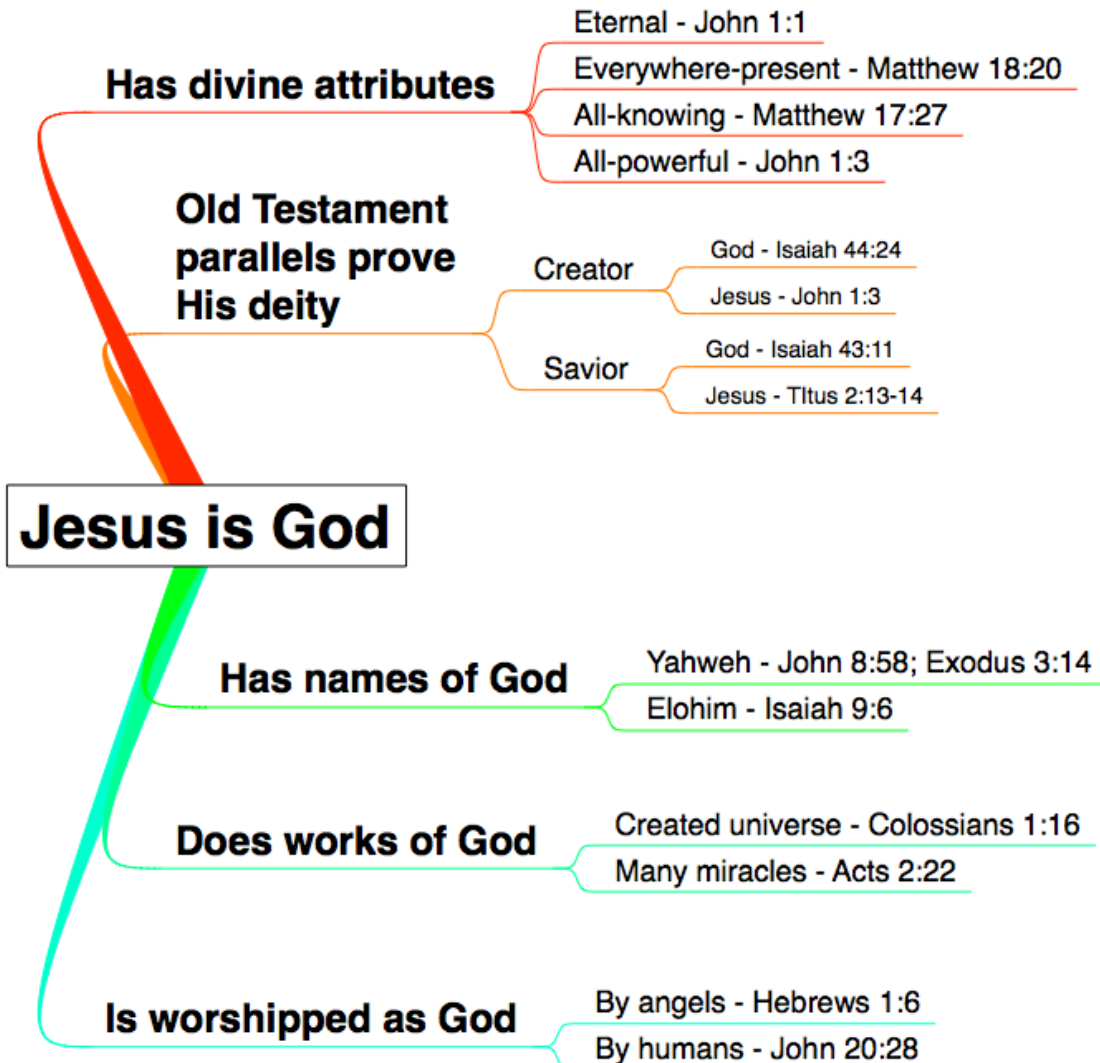
Jesus has 2 “what’s”(i.e. natures) but is one “who” (i.e. person).

Truly God and Truly man. One person, 2 natures. Working in harmony- divine and human)

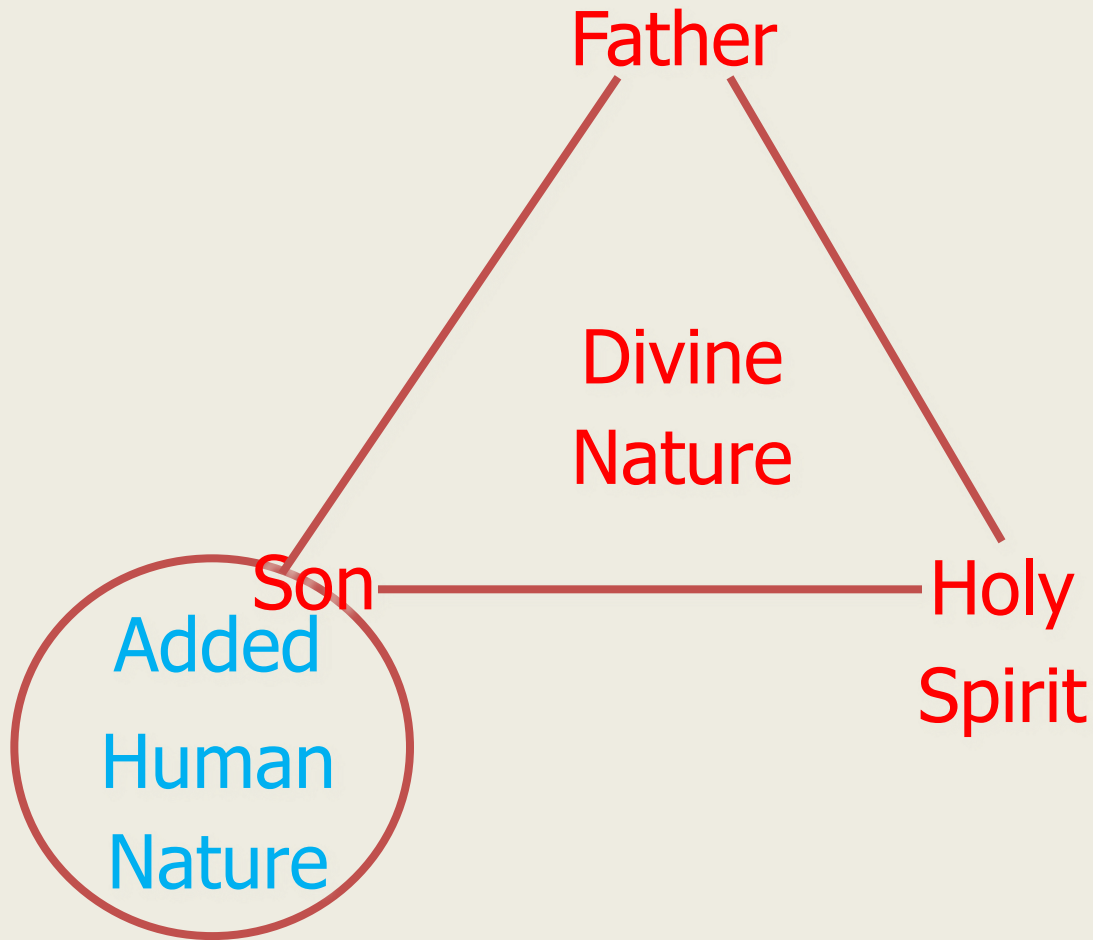
Truly/fully God(divine nature) and truly/fully man (human nature).
All the attributes of God (divine nature) all the attributes of man(human nature).

Not 2 persons

THE ABSOLUTE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST.



God's Tri-Unity



THE INCARNATE CHRIST: ONE PERSON

- Though the incarnation, Christ **had both** a human and a divine nature,
 - he was only **one person**—
 - as **indicated** by his consistent use of “I,” “me,” and “mine” in reference to himself.

NO PLURAL PRONOUNS

- Jesus **never used** the words
 - “us,” “we,” or “ours”
 - in reference to his human-divine person.
- Nor did the divine nature of Christ ever carry on a **verbal conversation** with his human nature.

UNLIKE THE TRINITY

- This is completely **unlike** the doctrine of the **Trinity**.
 - The **persons in the Godhead** use personal pronouns of each other—
 - that is, the **Father** says “you” to the Son
 - and the **Son** says “you” to the Father.

TO REDEEM HUMANITY

1. Jesus is the **Mediator** between God and Man

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim 2:5).

2. Jesus is the **Reconciler** of God and Man

“God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself...” (2 Cor. 5:19).

3. Therefore, Jesus **must be both God and Man** to be Mediator and Reconciler.

Isaiah 43:11 states ..." I am the Lord and apart from me there is no savior" Jesus must be same nature as God to be our savior.

PERFECTLY PROPER

- Positionally speaking
 - as a man,
 - as a Jew,
 - and as our high priest (“made like his brothers in every way,” Hebrews 2:17),
- Jesus could pray to the Father.
- This in no way detracts from His intrinsic deity.

The Son in human nature

The word that was with God in the beginning and God Himself became flesh (John 1:1; John 1:14)

The Word that was God was equal with God and humbled Himself to be a servant (no one humbled him) - Phil 2:5-8)

A real Jewish man is not greater than God.

A real Jewish man is to confess that the God of scripture is the one true God.

A real Jewish man cannot claim to know things that God does.

A real Jewish man prays to God

A real Jewish man submits to the Father

The Son in Divine Nature

A mere man cannot share glory with God, and certainly not from all eternity. (John 17:5)

A mere man cannot call Himself "Lord of the Sabbath" (Matt 12:7-8; Mark 2:27-28)

A mere man cannot call Himself "Alpha and the Omega/First and Last)" (Is. 44:11; Rev 1:8; Rev. 18, Rev. 22:12-13)

A mere man cannot lay his life down and take it up again (John 10:17-18)

A mere man cannot say that being in his hands is the equivalent of being in the hand of God (John 10:27-30)

God would never refer to a mere man as God (Psalm 45:6/Heb.1:8)

God would never refer to a mere man as both God and Lord (Psalm 102:25-28)

A mere man cannot be said to have created all things (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:8-11)

A mere man cannot raise whomever he wills from the dead (John 5:21-3)

A mere man cannot be referred to as "Mighty God" and "Everlasting Father" by God Himself (Isaiah 9:6)

Jesus Christ, the God-man.

Not a "mere" man.

The Apostle Thomas called Jesus "God." John 20:27-29

The Apostle Peter called Jesus "God." 2 Peter 1:1:

The Apostle Paul called Jesus "God." Titus 2:12-14

The Apostle John called Jesus "God." John 1:1-3, 14, 18

God the Father called Jesus "God." Hebrews 1:8

Jesus called Himself God with the "I AM verses" (e.g. John 8:58)

Isaiah the Prophet said the Messiah would be God. Isaiah 9:6

Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and Omega," and "First and Last" the title of Almighty God. Revelation 1:18, 22:12-13

TRINITY IN THE BIBLE



PS. 110:1

A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Matt. 22:41-45

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "*The son of David.*" He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET"?"

"If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?" No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

Heb. 1:13

But to which of the angels has He ever said,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES

A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"?

Psalm 110 -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Go5ohhlHxE&t=7](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Go5ohhlHxE&t=790s)

90s

TRINITY IN THE BIBLE- NEW TESTAMENT



Jeremiah 17:10

I, the LORD, search the heart,
I test the mind,
To give to each person according to his ways,
According to the results of his deeds.

Who is talking? Yahweh-God.

Rev 2:18

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:
The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and feet like burnished bronze, says
this:”

Who is talking? The Son of God. Now read all the quotes and get to verse 2:23 says:
“And I will kill her children with plague, and all the churches will know that I am He
who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your
deeds.”

Jesus is talking so Jesus =Yahweh-God

TRINITY IN THE BIBLE- NEW TESTAMENT



[Psalm 102:25-27 " Long ago you laid the foundations of the earth, And the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; Just like a garment they will all wear out. Just like clothing you will replace them, and they will pass away. But you are the same, and your years will never end. "

Psalmist is talking about Yahweh. Eternal, creator, never changing

Heb 1:10-12 And: "At the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; and just like a garment, they will all wear out, and you will wrap them up just as a cloak, as a garment, and they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never come to an end."

Heb. 1:3 states that it is the Son who sustains all things by the power of his word. Col. 1:17 says Christ holds up all things. The universe is perishing and wearing out but the Son (the Lord who made it) remains the same. In Jewish thought (Sir. 43:26) it is God's word that all things hold together.

Talking about Jesus. Same, Eternal, Creator, never changing Jesus = Yahweh. Yahweh = Trinity

TRINITY IN THE BIBLE- NEW TESTAMENT



Exodus 3:14- Yahweh identifies himself as “I Am”

John 8:58-59: “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”

John 5:23- we honor the Son "JUST AS WE HONOR THE FATHER." -we honor the Father by worship.

All of John 5 is "like Father, like Son."

Isaiah 6- Isaiah saw God on the throne but John 12 says it was the Son who was on the throne. They share the same throne.

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Colossians 1:15 - Jesus Christ “is the image of the invisible God”.

John 1:18 - “No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, He has made Him known.”

Jesus Himself instructs His followers to baptize in THE (singular) name of the (three) Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Matthew 28.

The Lord who was seen in the Old Testament was the pre-incarnate Christ

The authors of the New Testament take old testament verses about God and apply them to each of the 3 persons. Let us look at a few

Early Church Fathers Quotes

Polycarp AD69-155- bishop, disciple of John – “Now may the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the eternal high priest himself the son of God Jesus Christ build you up in faith and truth...and to us with you and to all those under Heaven who will yet believe in our Lord and GOD Jesus Christ and in His Father who raised Him from the dead”.

Ignatius – AD 50 –AD117 – Disciple of John – “There is only one physician who is both flesh and spirit, born and unborn, God in man, true life and death both from Mary and from God first subject to suffering and beyond it Jesus Christ our Lord.. For our God, Jesus the Christ, who was conceived by Mary according to God’s plan, both from seed of David and the Holy Spirit”.

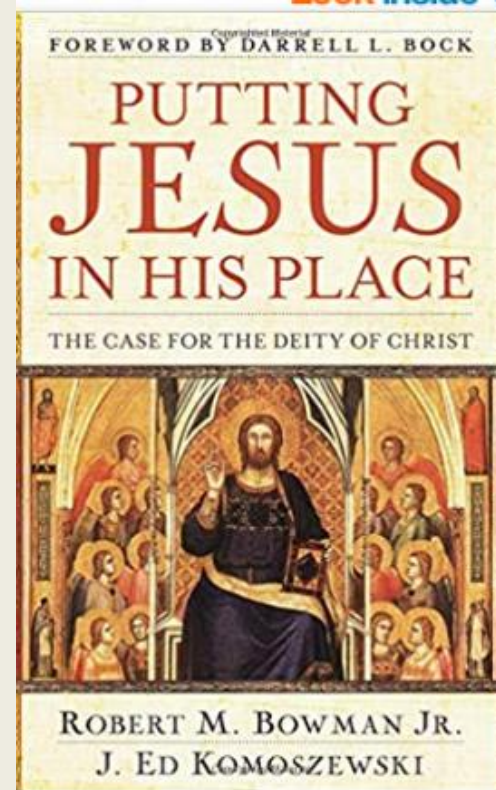
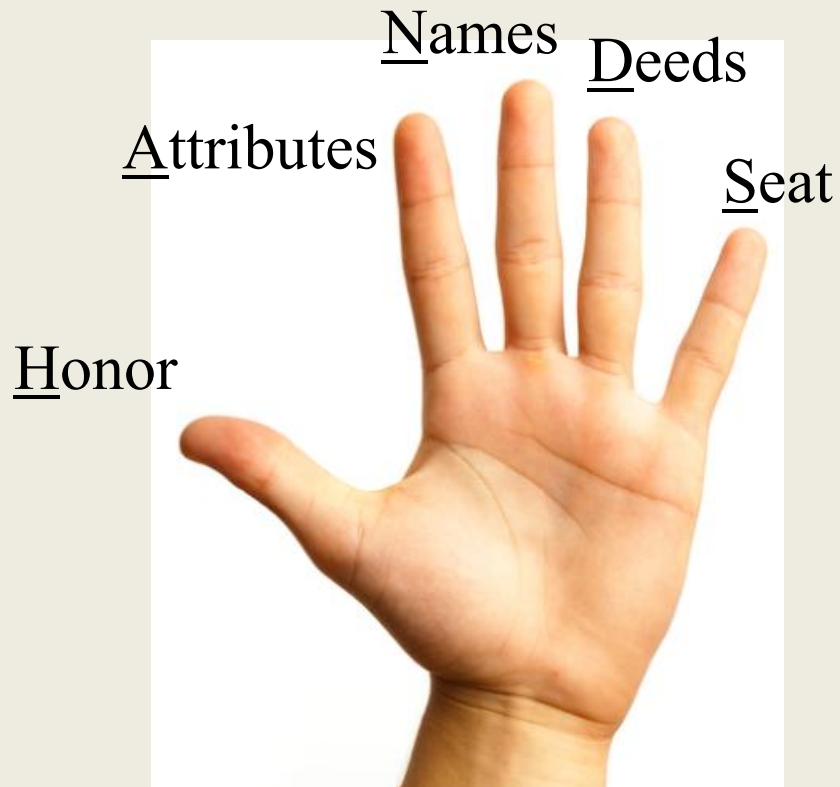
Justin Martyr – Ad 100 – Ad165 – “and that Christ being Lord and God the son of God. Appearing formerly in power as man and as angel and in the glory of fire as at the bush and so was also manifested at the judgment and execution of Sodom has been demonstrated fully as what has been seen. Permit me first to recount the prophecies which I wish to do in order to prove that Christ was called God and Lord of hosts”

Irenaeus – Ad130 – AD202 – “He received testimony of from all that he was very man and that he was very God. Christ Jesus our Lord and God, Savior and King in accordance to the will of the invisible father”

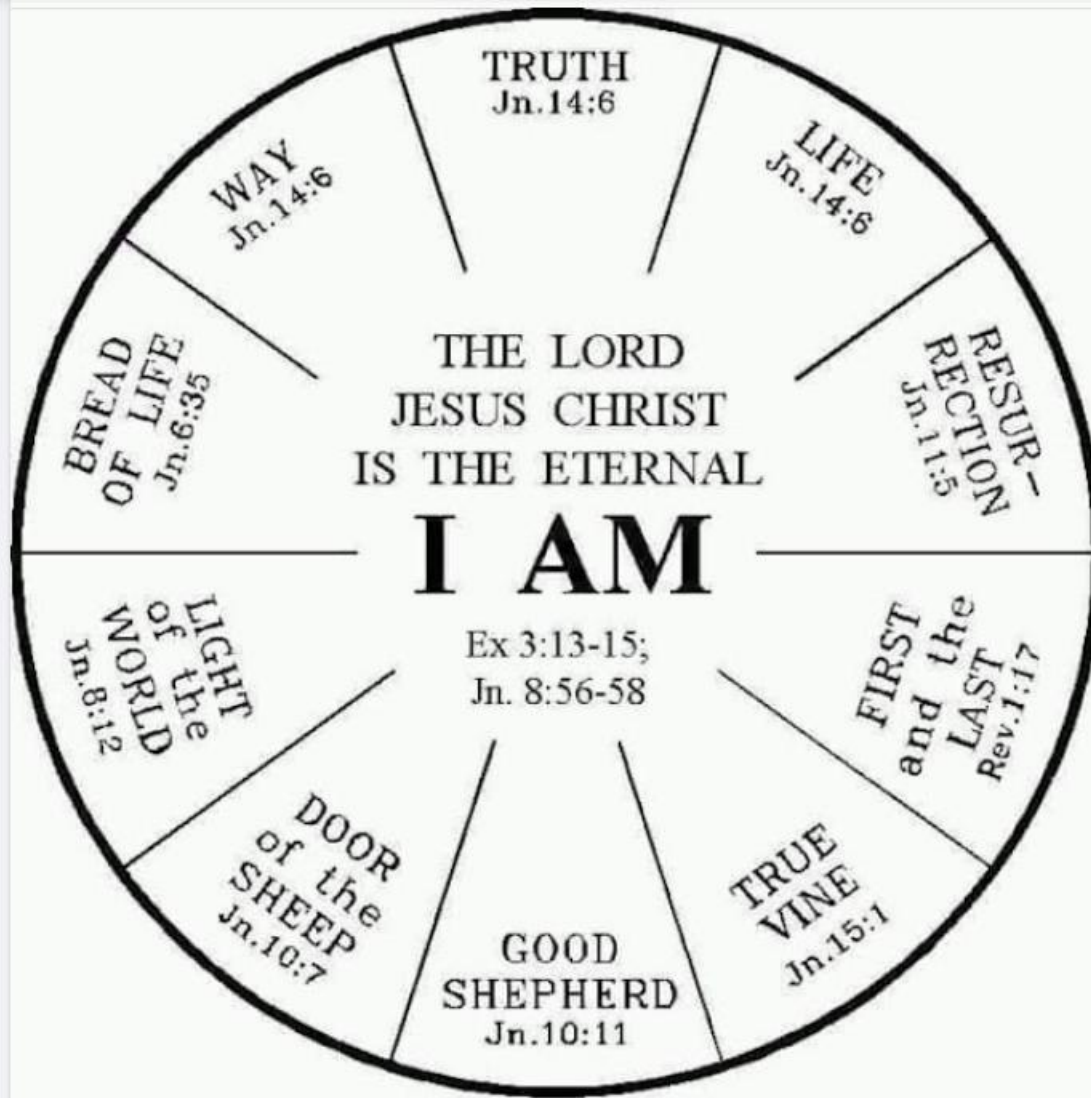
Pliny the Younger mentioned Christ. Pliny was governor of Bithynia in Asia Minor. Pliny wrote ten books. The tenth around AD 112. "They (the Christians) were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang in alternate verses a hymn to Christ, as to a God, and bound themselves by a solemn oath, not to any wicked deeds, but never to commit any fraud, theft or adultery, never to falsify their word, nor deny a trust when they should be called upon to deliver it up; after which it was their custom to separate, and then reassemble to partake of food but food of an ordinary and innocent kind."

The Trinity was being taught and preached so much it was given the Latin name by Tertullian (AD 150 – AD 225)
Trinity was the standard to defend against heresies

All long before Nicaea



HANDS- Jesus shares Honor with God, Atttributes of God, Names of God, Deeds of God and Seat of God



Apologetic

Muslim points out:

John 14:28 “....for the Father is greater than I”

Christian: The Father is greater than the Son in one sense - that the Father sends the Son to do what the Father wills for Him. But, any son is the same nature as his father. When a tiger gives birth to a tiger, they are both 100% tiger. So, in John 5:18 the religious authorities wanted to kill Jesus because He was "calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God".

Isaiah 48:12-17-The LORD is sent by the LORD with the LORD - and they are united together, the ONE Living God.

Polemic: Is your father greater ontologically than you or just greater in rank/position?

Apologetic

Muslim points out:

John 12:49 For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken

Polemic: Can you think of any created creature that has that kind of relationship with the Father that can confidently say everything he speaks is from the Father?

Apologetic

Muslim points out:

John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

Christian: Notice how this proves the divinity of Jesus because Jesus states that **WHATEVER** the Father does, is done by Jesus. "Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because **WHATEVER** the Father does the Son also does."

Like Father, like Son. Which is why we honor and worship the Son just like we honor and worship the Father (Jn 5:23).

Polemic: Can you think of any created creature that does everything the Father does and gets the same honor?

Apologetic

Muslim points out: God cannot become a man

Christian: Do you believe the Qur'an is eternal?

Muslim: Yes

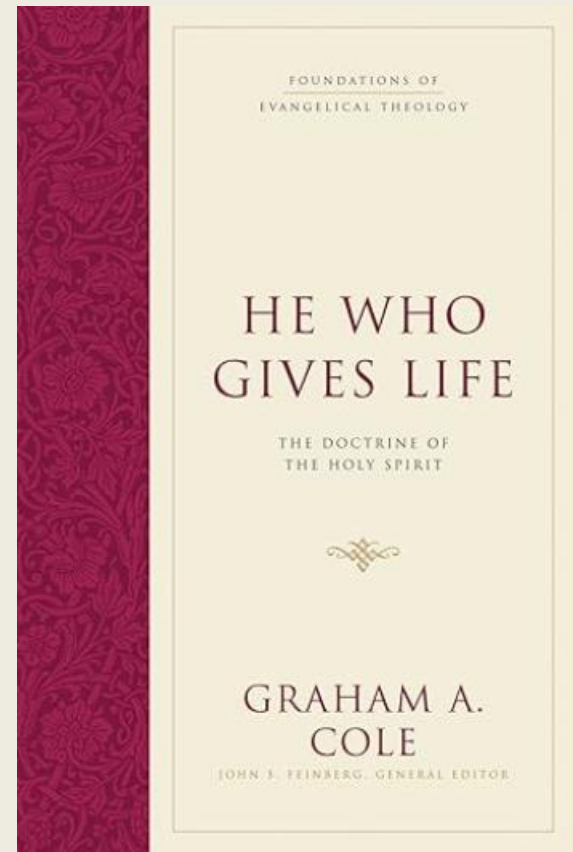
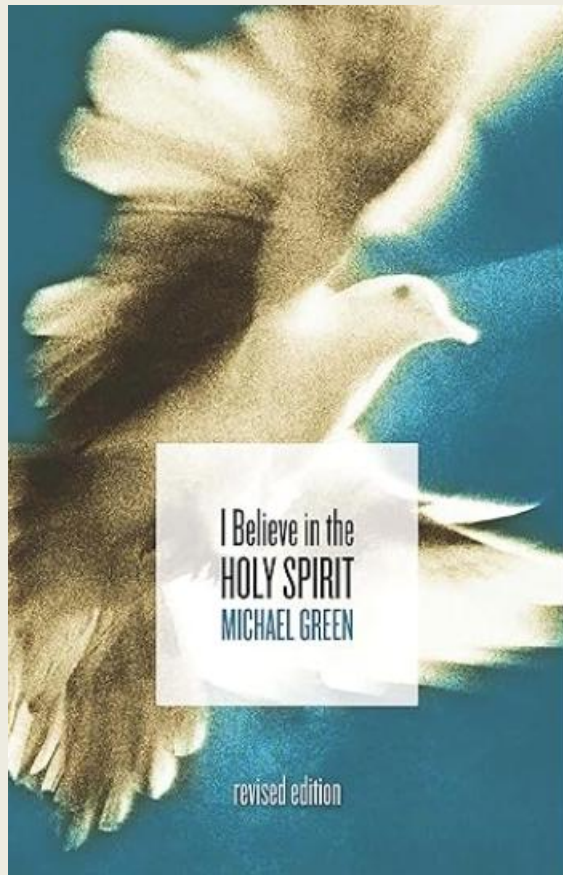
Christian: is your written Qur'an have a publishing date?

Muslim: Yes

Christian: So you believe something eternal can become physical correct?

Christian Basics

Week 4.3 – Holy Spirit



Review-6 simple Biblical Propositions

- 1) There is one, and only one, God (Deut 6:4-9, 1 Timothy 2:5).
- 2) The person of the Father is God (2 Peter 1:17).
- 3) The person of the Son is God (John 1:1, Titus 2:13; Jer. 17:10 vs Rev 2:18; Ps. 102:25-27 vs Heb. 1:10-12).
- 4) The person of the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; Jeremiah 31:33-34 vs Hebrews 10:15-17; Isaiah 6:8-10 vs Acts 28:25-27)
- 5) The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct and simultaneously distinguishable persons (Luke 3:22).
- 6) The three persons (Father or God; and Son or Christ or Lord; and Holy Spirit or Spirit) are frequently listed together in a triadic pattern of unity and equality (John 14:26, Matt. 28:19 & 2 Cor. 13:14).

LUKE 4:16-22

- ***"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor " (Isa 61:1).***

Holy Spirit is a “who” not an “it”

HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

- Acts 5:3-4 – "But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.'"

So in verse 3 he says, "Satan has filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit" and then in verse 5 he says, "You have lied to God himself." So the Holy Spirit is identified as God

TRINITY IN THE BIBLE- NEW TESTAMENT



Jeremiah 31:33-34

“For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD: “I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember”

Who is talking? Yahweh God the Lord

Yahweh

Hebrews 10:15-17

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,
“THIS IS THE COVENANT WHICH I WILL MAKE WITH THEM
AFTER THOSE DAYS, DECLARES THE LORD:
I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEARTS,
AND WRITE THEM ON THEIR MIND,”

Who is talking?

Holy Spirit

He[Holy Spirit] then says,

“AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS
I WILL NO LONGER REMEMBER.”

TRINITY IN THE BIBLE- NEW TESTAMENT

GOSPEL APOLOGIA

Isaiah 6:8-10

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” And He {the Lord} said, “Go, and tell this people:
‘Keep on listening, but do not understand;
And keep on looking, but do not gain knowledge.’
Make the hearts of this people insensitive,
Their ears dull,
And their eyes blind,
So that they will not see with their eyes,
Hear with their ears,
Understand with their hearts,
And return and be healed.”

Who was talking? Yahweh

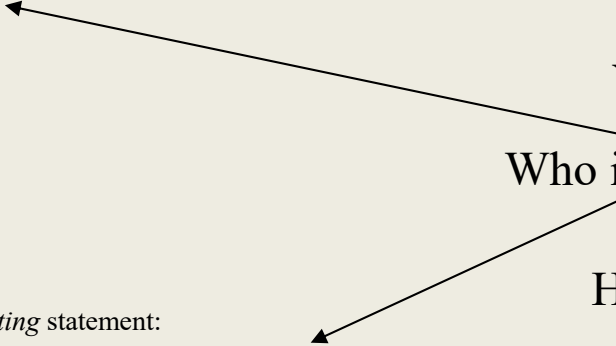
Acts 28:25-27

And when they disagreed with one another, they *began* leaving after Paul said one *parting* statement:
“The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, ²⁶ saying,

‘GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,
“YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, AND WILL NOT UNDERSTAND;
AND YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, AND WILL NOT PERCEIVE;
²⁷ FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE BECOME [e]NSENSITIVE,
AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY HARDLY HEAR,
AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES;
OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT SEE WITH THEIR EYES,
AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,
AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN,
AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.’”

Who did Paul say was talking in Isaiah? The Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit=Yahweh.

Yahweh
Who is talking?
Holy Spirit



TRINITY IN THE BIBLE- NEW TESTAMENT



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Where is the Holy Spirit?

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22 And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

So the Holy Spirit referred to the rivers of living water coming from same throne!

TRINITY IN THE BIBLE- NEW TESTAMENT



Zechariah 3:8-10

Now listen, Joshua, *you* high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a sign: for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the Branch. ⁹ For behold, the stone that I have put before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I am going to engrave an inscription on it,' declares the Lord of armies, 'and I will remove the guilt of that land in one day. ¹⁰ On that day,' declares the Lord of armies, 'every one *of you* will invite his neighbor to *sit* under *his* vine and under *his* fig tree.'”

Seven eyes are Yahweh. The New Testament uses this for the Holy Spirit

Rev. 4:5

Out from the throne *came flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God;

Rev 5:6

And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

IN HIS LAST DISCOURSES

- Jesus promised the ***Holy Spirit*** after His glorification – Jn.7:37-39.
- ***“I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter”*** – Jn.14:16.
- The culminating point of Christ’s exultation was the Spirit ***“whom I will send to you from the Father”*** – Jn.15:26.
- ***“...But you will receive power(dynamis) when the Holy Spirit comes on you;...” Acts 1:7-8***

You don’t send yourself. You send a person

HOLY SPIRIT(PNEUMA-NEUTER) - THE MASCULINE EKEINOS (HE)

Personal actions are ascribed to Him – Jn.14:26; I Cor.12:11.

- *He* (**ekeinos**) shall teach you all things – Jn.14:26.
- *He* shall testify of Me; when *He*, the Spirit of truth comes, *He* will guide you into all truth; for *He* shall not speak of *Himself*; but whatsoever *He* shall hear, that shall *He* speak, and *He* will show you things to come. *He* shall glorify Me – Jn.16:13-14.

PERSON QUALITIES:

- The Holy Spirit is fully God; He is not a personification or force. He is the third person of the Trinity.
 - i. He has a will - 1 Cor. 2:11
 - ii. He speaks - Acts 13:2
 - iii. He loves - Rom. 15:30
 - iv. He can be grieved - Eph. 4:30
 - v. He convicts of sin - John 16:8
 - vi. He creates - Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4
 - vii. He gives gifts - 1 Cor. 12:8
 - viii. He Intercedes - Rom. 8:26-27
 - ix. He teaches - John 14:26
 - x. He testifies of Jesus - John 15:26
 - xi. He baptizes - 1 Cor. 12:13
 - xii. He guides - John 16:13
 - xiii. He encourages - Acts 9:31
 - xiv. He empowers - Micah 3:8
 - xv. He gives joy - Rom. 14:17
 - xvi. He comforts - John 14:16-26
 - xvii He is the source of Love - Rom. 5:5

INTERCEDES AND KNOWS THE MIND OF GOD

- **Romans 8:26-27. Here we have described the intercessory prayer ministry of the Holy Spirit on behalf of believers. Paul says,**

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

The Spirit comprehends, encompasses, takes in, understands the thoughts of God himself -omniscient

ARGUMENTS FOR PERSONALITY

- He is distinct from the Father and the Son, His mission proceeds from both – Jn.15:26-”...whom I will send to you from the Father..”.
- His co-equal rank and power with the Father and the Son – Mt.28:19-single Name.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit ” – 2 Cor.13:14.

ARGUMENTS FOR PERSONALITY

- His appearance in a visible form at the baptism of Christ(dove) and on Pentecost(wind and fire-Acts 2:2-3).

The sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit not being forgiven, implies a sin against a Person. –Matt. 12:31

The way in which He “distributes His gifts as He wills” shows person qualities– 1 Cor.12:11.

His personal requests such as “*Separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them*” – Acts 13:2.

APOLOGETIC APPLICATION – IS THE HOLY SPIRIT JUST A PERSONIFICATION?

- “Wisdom” is personified often, and even as a woman. Is the Holy Spirit just a personification?

Proverbs 8:22-23: “The Lord possessed me(wisdom) at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth. (NASB).

Proverbs 8:12 – I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion.

Claim- The Word in John 1:1 is just a personification of wisdom from Proverbs 8.

Ask-“If Wisdom is Jesus, then who is Prudence?”

BLASPHEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Unforgivable Sin

Matt. 12:31 "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

Matt. 12:32 "Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but **whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit**, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

BLASPHEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Judgment

Matt. 12:38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

Matt. 12:39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;

Matt. 12:40 for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Unforgiveable sin is a one time sin that Occurred when Israel rejected Jesus.

Jesus is saying in these verses that He is not Going to show them anymore signs. He Already showed them and they rejected Him. From Matt 1-12 he teaches openly. After Matt 13 He only speaks in parables.

That generation was condemned under The sin.

EXTRA

- Paraclete-Counselor; Comforter; Baptizer; Advocate; Strengtheners; Sanctifier; Seven-Fold Spirit (Rev. 4:5, 5:6); Spirit of Truth; Spirit of Grace; Spirit of Mercy; Spirit of God; Spirit of Holiness; Spirit of Life. He is symbolized in the OT and NT by (1) breath or wind; (2) fire; (3) water; (4) oil; (5) light; (6) a dove. The Spirit: (Romans 2:29), The Holy Spirit: (Luke 3:16), The Holy Spirit of God: (Ephesians 4:30), The Holy Spirit of Promise: (Ephesians 1:13), The Spirit of the Living God: (2 Corinthians 3:3), The Spirit of the Lord: (Luke 4:18), The Eternal Spirit: (Hebrews 9:14), The Spirit of Truth: (John 15:26), The Spirit of the Lord: (Acts 16:7), The Spirit of Jesus (Philippians 1:19), The Spirit of Christ: (Romans 8:9), The Spirit of God: (Romans 8:9), Helper or Comforter: (John 14:26)

The Lampstand



Seven is number of completeness. The fullness of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 7:2 – 7 fold ministry of the Spirit:

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Rev 1:3

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne

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And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Zech 4:1-8

Then the angel who had been speaking with me returned and woke me, like a person who is awakened from his sleep. And he said to me, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts *belonging to each of* the lamps which are on the top of it; also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side.” Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me, saying, “What are these, my lord?” So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of armies. ‘What are you, you great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you will become* a plain; and he will bring out the top stone *with* shouts of “Grace, grace to it!”’”

HOLY SPIRIT ON THE THRONE



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WORK OF THE SPIRIT:

- Creates and Sustains
- Regenerates
- Empowers Life and Service
- Purifies and Cleanses
- “*God-breathes*” Inspiration
- Reveals All The Truth
- Unifies Into One New Man
- Guarantees Assurance

Do you have the Spirit?

<https://www.gotquestions.org/have-the-Holy-Spirit.html>

WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- **Convicts the World of Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment.**
- **Restrains lawlessness.**
- **Directs, Protects, Edifies, Exhorts and Comforts the Church.**
- **Graces: Teaches, Prays, Seals, Refreshes memory, gives Gifts, produces Fruit, and conforms us into the Image of Christ.**

Gal. 5:22-23 -"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Apologetic

Muslim points out: The Holy Spirit is just a personification like wisdom (Proverbs 8)

Christian: – Have you read Isaiah 48:12-17: From the time it took place, I[Messiah] was there. And now the Lord GOD[Yahweh] has sent Me[Messiah], and His[Yahweh] Spirit.”

Christian: Since this lists all 3 persons, does that sound like a personification?

Muslim: I have not seen that verse

Christian: I can show you more if you like to see them

Apologetic

Muslim: The Holy Spirit could just be an impersonal force

Christian: – In Matthew 28 Jesus says for use to baptize in the single name of Father, Son and Spirit. Would it make sense for him to say Father, prophet and impersonal force? Would that be allowed?

CREEDS

SESSION 4.4

Based on IS508 Blackham's lectures

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS



We have seen just some of the Scriptures which show the various names of God and the roles of each of the 3 persons.

There were Greek philosophers who were trying to explain the Trinity using their developing vocabulary. The early church did not like some of those terms because they did not agree with Scripture. The church debated the use of those terms and developed creeds that placed boundaries on the words. They defined them in ways that were agreeable with Scripture.

Creeds and councils did not invent the Trinity. The Trinity was already in the Bible. The creeds were helpful when people were using Greek terms.

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

Crucial to this whole perspective on the Law and the Prophets is appreciating that the doctrine of the Trinity is **not** an advanced, complex version of the biblical doctrine of God, taking hundreds of years of development.

No!

The Trinity is the most **basic** and most **ancient** understanding of God.

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS



It is not good to simply reach for quotations from the early Church fathers **UNLESS** we first understand how they understood the Bible and how they spoke about the Living God in **more** Biblical language and **less** philosophical language.

The second and third-century Church leaders, obviously, did not use the more “technical” words and phrases that were settled in the 4th century. They **mean** the same things... but express them in a much, much wider range of words and phrases.

Modern people may **use** the technical words and phrases... but not really understand what they are saying, and may not actually intend the deep Trinitarian faith that the 2-3rd century Church leaders believed.

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

Irenaeus (120/30 - 200/201)

“The Lord, nor the Holy Spirit, nor the apostles, have ever named as God, definitely and absolutely, him who was not God, unless he were truly God; nor would they have named any one in his own person Lord, except God the Father ruling over all, and His Son who has received dominion from His Father over all creation, as this passage has it: “The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.” Here the [Scripture] represents to us the Father addressing the Son; He who gave Him the inheritance of the heathen, and subjected to Him all His enemies. Since, therefore, the Father is truly Lord, and the Son truly Lord, the Holy Spirit has fitly designated them by the title of Lord.”

Against Heresies Book III Chapter VI

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS



Tertullian (145–220)

“We as we indeed always have done (and more especially since we have been better instructed by the Paraclete, who leads men indeed into all truth), believe that there is one only God, but under the following dispensation, or οἰκονομία, as it is called, that this one only God has also a Son, His Word, who proceeded from Himself, by whom all things were made, and without whom nothing was made.

Him we believe to have been sent by the Father into the Virgin, and to have been born of her—being both Man and God, the Son of Man and the Son of God, and to have been called by the name of Jesus Christ; we believe Him to have suffered, died, and been buried, according to the Scriptures, and, after He had been raised again by the Father and taken back to heaven, to be sitting at the right hand of the Father, and that He will come to judge the quick and the dead; who sent also from heaven from the Father, according to His own promise, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, the sanctifier of the faith of those who believe in the Father, and in the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.”

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

Irenaeus (130-202) in *Against Heresies* IV:10:1 said

"the Son of God is implanted everywhere throughout Moses' writings.

At one time, indeed, speaking with Abraham when about to eat with him; at another time...bringing down judgment upon the Sodomites [Genesis 18:2-33 & 19:1-27]; and again when He becomes visible and directs Jacob on his journey [Genesis 31:11 & 32:24-30] — and speaks with Moses from the bush [Exodus 3:2-4]."

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

Tertullian (155-220) in *Against Marcion* (III:9:1). said - "Christ...did Himself...appear to Abraham."

Eusebius (260-339) in his *Church History* I:2:1-13 remarked: "The Lord God...appeared as a common man to Abraham while he was sitting at the oak of Mamre [Genesis 18:1f]. And he, immediately falling down, although he saw a man with his eyes, nevertheless worshipped Him as God...and confessed that he was not ignorant of His identity when he uttered the words: 'Lord, the Judge of all the earth, will You not execute righteous judgment?' [Genesis 18:25]."

Victorinus of Pettau was writing in the 270's AD (he died in 304) and in his book "On the Creation of the World" states clearly that "the Author of the whole creation is Jesus. His name is the Word."

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

The Nicene Creed is simply trying to define the **lowest** Christology that is possible for Church around the world, down through the ages - IF we are going to make sense of the Bible.

The Nicene Creed is not about Christians trying to find their way INTO the doctrine of the Trinity. They already had the Trinitarian faith of the Bible. BUT rather, the Nicene Creed was about Christians trying to keep OUT pagan philosophy from getting INTO the doctrine of the Trinity.

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS



The Council of Nicaea was NOT an attempt to impose a new “Trinitarian Faith” onto the official religion of the Roman Empire

The Christian Churches were far, far beyond the reach of the Roman empire - in Africa, India, Arabia, East Asia and even Northern Europe and Russia. It just was not possible for Constantine to impose his own political solutions on Churches that were on different continents.

The reason for the crisis was the internal war against the NEW teaching of Arius - that was based on an innovative view of God and Jesus - an intrusion based on Greek philosophy rather than Old Testament theology or the teaching of Jesus Himself.

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

Arius started from the Greek philosophical idea that God cannot be connected to the physical world - not a true and pure deity.

Therefore, Jesus CANNOT be a true, pure, and eternal deity BECAUSE He became flesh and mixed with the physical world.

Therefore, Jesus either cannot REALLY have been mixing with the physical world [an option tried by the much earlier Docetic heretics]... OR... Jesus cannot REALLY be God in the same eternal, pure sense as the Father.

Therefore, Arius tried to define Jesus as a divine creature... who is not God in the eternal sense that the Father is.

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

Arius was seen as a departure from the EARLIER Church faith - and the global Church reacted so strongly against him because ARIUS was the one trying to introduce a NEW doctrine of God - a new Christology.

It was a crisis because Arius was tapping into the underlying Greek philosophy that was so strong and so tempting for many...

The battles around the wording of the Nicene Creed are about how to express this ancient faith in the best way - NOT the attempt to develop a new understanding of Jesus or God.

The conflict is around how to balance the equality AND hierarchy of the Trinity.

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS



Arius held to the classic Greek philosophical notion that the divine being is a monad - an indivisible singularity - and this divine “monad” is beyond and above physical being. Therefore, if Arius had **this** doctrine of divinity, it was very hard to fit Jesus into that kind of philosophy. He could find a way to describe Jesus as a “divine creature” through whom the real God made everything... BUT, Arius could not fit the REAL Jesus of the Bible into that Greek philosophical view of God.

Jesus will fit in the truly ancient theology of Moses - but not the more recent theology of Plato.

The problem is not that Greek philosophy - whether Platonic or Aristotelian - is intrinsically evil... BUT that **whatever** philosophical tradition we use to express the reality of Jesus and the Trinity, **Jesus has to be in the driving seat.**

For Athanasius and the faithful bishops at Nicaea, they wanted to start with Jesus and allow **Him** to shape and determine how they used their Greek words. For Arius, and many others since, they allowed alien theology and pagan philosophical assumptions to control the meaning of these words.

Nicaea is NOT about Greek philosophy but about expressing the ancient theology of Moses in Greek language, as best as they could.

NAMES FOR GOD IN BIBLE



God

LORD

Yahweh (YHWH/Jehovah): The sacred personal name revealed to Moses, meaning "I AM WHO I AM"

Alpha and Omega:

El Elyon: God Most High, highlighting His supreme sovereignty.

El Shaddai: God Almighty, all-sufficient provider.

Adonai: Lord, Master, signifying authority.

Elohim: A plural form of God, emphasizing His creative power.

Immanuel: God With Us, pointing to Jesus.

The LORD of Hosts (Yahweh-Sabaoth): Emphasizes His power over heavenly armies.

The Rock (Tzur): A symbol of His unshakeable strength and refuge.

The Ancient of Days: A title for God's eternal, unchanging nature (Daniel 7).

Mighty God

God Almighty

Holy Spirit

Spirit of Yahweh

Counselor

Advocate

Many More!

CREED TERMS

Creed terms

God

LORD

Father

Son

Spirit

Essence

Substance

Subsistence

person

being

Limited terms!

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

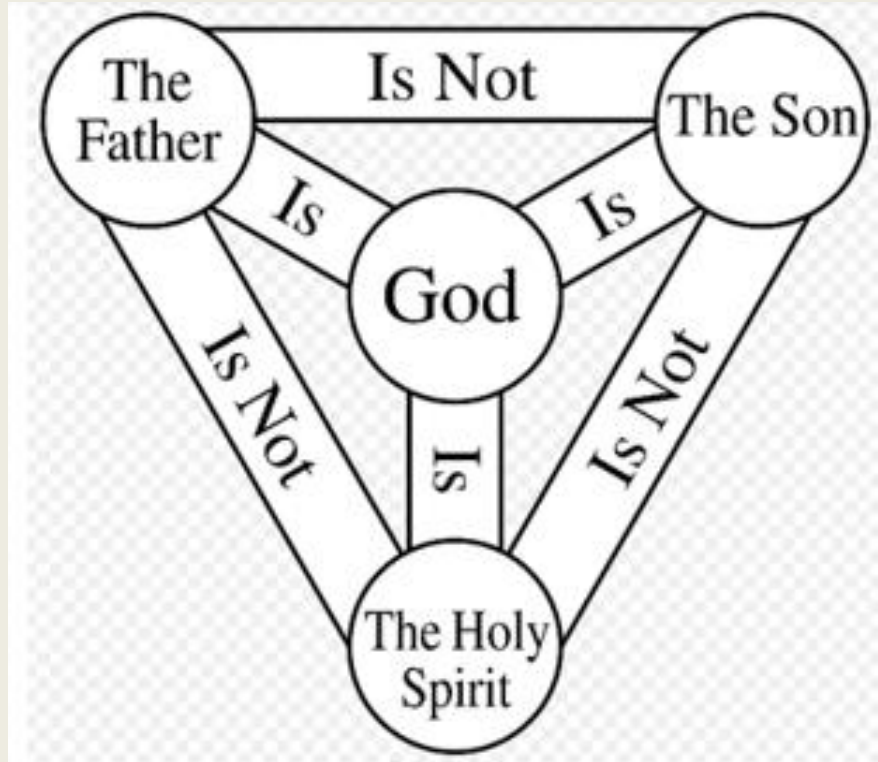
Vocabulary

A being is what you are. We are physical human beings.
Human beings is what we are.

A person is the non-physical part about you that makes you who you are.

God is one being and 3 persons

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS



The 3 persons share one
nature
or one substance or one
essence

GREEK TERMS AND CREEDS

Nature

Nature refers to

- the total of all the essential qualities of a thing,
- The nature makes it what it is.

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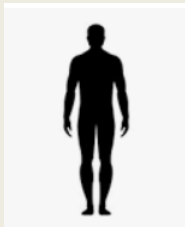
A fish has a fish nature



A dog has a dog nature



A bird has a bird nature



A human being has a human nature



God has a Divine nature

What did the early Christian teaching look like before there was a single New Testament book?

Creed is a statement of faith summarizing the main points of Christian belief which is common to all Christians. Creeds were essential to unite the church under common beliefs and to denounce heresy's. Creeds draw attention to a common, historical Christian heritage and play a role in teaching doctrines.

1. The creeds helped formulate and still positively affirm essential Christian doctrine. They limit language
2. The Creeds draw attention to a common, historical Christian heritage.
3. The creeds can and do play a helpful role in catechetical instruction in Christian doctrine
4. The creeds also have direct apologetic importance

Creeds, Testimonies, Traditions – 1 Cor. 11:2, Mark 7:3, 1 Tim. 1:15-16

Duet 6:4-9 – The Shema (hear) – “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one (echad)” – unified one.

Rom 10:9; 1 Cor: 12:3; 2 Cor. 4:5; Phil. 2:11- “Jesus is Lord”

Saying “Jesus is Lord” (kyrios Iesous) was the NT Greek equivalent of saying “Jesus is Yahweh (The Lord God).

1 Cor 15:3 - 0 to 5yrs after death of Jesus

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, the Christ died for our sins according to Scriptures, and He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared...”

The title “kyrios” is the Old Testament name of God translated into Greek. In the Septuagint, which is the Greek translation of the Old Testament, the word kyrios is used for the name of the “LORD.” So the LORD is Yahweh in the Old Testament. What the New Testament writers do is pick up this word kyrios, and they apply that to Jesus of Nazareth instead of ho theos. So they are saying that Jesus is the Lord, and then they apply to Jesus Old Testament proof texts about Yahweh – they take Old Testament proof texts speaking of Yahweh, and they apply these to Jesus.

1 Corinthians 8:6

“For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth(as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist”.

Paul is recasting the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4) in Christian terms. The Shema is the great monotheistic declaration: "Hear O Israel! YHWH, our God, YHWH is one." In the LXX, this becomes AKOUE ISRAËL KURIOS HO THEOS HEMÔN KURIOS EIS ESTIN ("Hear Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Paul has rearranged the words in such a way as to produce an affirmation of both one God, the Father, and one Lord, Jesus Christ and redefined the "God" of the *Shema* as "One God, the Father," and the "Lord" of the *Shema* as "One Lord, Jesus Christ." If critics say only one God, the Father excludes Jesus from being God is like saying "One Lord, Jesus Christ" excludes the Father from Lordship. That is not what Paul is doing. Paul often uses Lord and God interchangeably in this chapter. Look at 1 Cor 7:17-39. Same with John 17:3.

There are false gods and idols discussed in 1 Cor 8:6. The Father is not an idol, He is true and Jesus is not an idol, He is true.

Paul calls the Father Lord in 2 Cor 6:17-18. Father is Lord in Matt 11:25, Luke 1:32, James 3:9. Rom 9:5 Paul says the messiah is “God over all”. Titus 2:13- ‘Our great God and savior, Jesus Christ.’ 1 John 5:20. Look at the last part of that verse: “we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” The antecedent of the word “this” is “his Son, Jesus Christ,” who is “the true God and eternal life” in essence.

Apostles Creed - expanded on 1 Cor. 8:6.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic(universal) Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Purpose of Councils

Councils met to address crises

Focus was on Biblical consensus

Creeds clarify, shape or limit our language

Councils had been meeting for centuries

Ecumenical-entire church

Influx of politics into the Church

First 4 councils: Salvation is primary issue

God came down to save as our substitute'

Council of Nicaea (9 min) –Inspiring Philosophy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSKBGdv07nQ>

Substance

Heteroousios – different substance (Arian)

Homoiousios – similar or like substance (semi-Arian)

Homoousios- Same substance (Athanasius)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of all things, visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God, begotten from the Father, only-begotten, that is, from the substance of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things came into being, things in heaven and things on earth, Who because of us men and because of our salvation came down and became incarnate, becoming man, suffered and rose again on the third day, ascended into the heavens, and will come to judge the living and the dead. And in the Holy Spirit.

Then there are affixed to the Creed these condemnations of Arian propositions:

But for those who say 'there was when he was not' and 'before being born he was not' and that 'he came into existence out of nothing' or who assert 'the Son of God is from a different hypostasis or substance, or is created, or is subject to alteration or change' – these the catholic church anathematizes.

First Council of Constantinople (381)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of *heaven and earth*, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the *only-begotten* Son of God, begotten of the Father *before all worlds* (*æons*), Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men, and for our salvation, came down *from heaven*, and was incarnate *by the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary*, and was made man;

he was *crucified for us under Pontius Pilate*, and suffered, and was *buried*, and the third day he rose again, *according to the Scriptures*, and *ascended into heaven*, and *sitteth on the right hand of the Father*,

from thence he shall come *again, with glory*, to judge *the quick and the dead*. ;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, *the Lord and Giver of life*, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the *resurrection of the dead*, and the life of the *world to come*. Amen.

Athanasian Creed –late 300's

<https://www.theopedia.com/athanasian-creed>

Chalcedonian Creed -451

We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with us according to the manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the virgin Mary, the mother of God, according to the manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us

Sixth ecumenical council, Constantinople III in 681

Monothelitism= Jesus has one will –heresy.

A will is part of a nature so two natures must have two wills.(debated)

Fully Divine and Full man must have both natures and wills.

Luke 22:42 “not my will, but thine be done”

Affirmed Dyothelitism-Jesus has two wills

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"Similarly, at the Sixth ecumenical council, Constantinople III in 681, the Church confessed that Christ possesses two wills and two natural operations, divine and human. They are not opposed to each other, but co-operate in such a way that the Word made flesh willed humanly in obedience to his Father all that he had decided divinely with the Father and the Holy Spirit for our salvation. Christ's human will 'does not resist or oppose but rather submits to his divine and almighty will.'"

Dyothelitism was championed by Maximus the Confessor against monothelitism, the doctrine of one will.

Heresies

Heresies

- **Adoptionism** - God granted Jesus powers and then adopted him as a Son.
- **Albigenses** - Reincarnation and two gods: one good and other evil.
- **Apollinarianism** - Jesus' divine will overshadowed and replaced the human.
- **Arianism** - Jesus was a lesser, created being. _____ Jehovah Witness & Unitarians
- **Docetism** - Jesus was divine but only seemed to be human.
- **Donatism** - Validity of sacraments depends on character of the minister.
- **Eutychianism** - Jesus finite human nature is swallowed up in His infinite divine nature.
- **Gnosticism** - Dualism of good and bad and special knowledge for salvation.
- **Kenosis** - Jesus gave up some divine attributes while on earth.
- **Marcionism** - An evil God of the O.T., good God of the N.T. 11, books in the Canon
- **Modalism** - God is one person in three modes. _____ Water, ice, steam or father, son, brother
- **Monarchianism** - God is one person.
- **Monophysitism** - Jesus had only one nature: divine.
- **Nestorianism** - Jesus was two persons.
- **Patripassionism** - The Father suffered on the cross.
- **Pelagianism** - Man is unaffected by the fall and can keep all of God's laws.
- **Semi-Pelagianism** - Man and God cooperate to achieve man's salvation.
- **Socinianism** - Denial of the Trinity. Jesus is a deified man.
- **Subordinationism** - The Son is lesser than the Father in essence and or attributes.
- **Tritheism** - The Trinity is really three separate gods.

Modalism affirmed the equal deity of the three persons but at the expense of their personal distinctness.

Arianism affirmed the distinct personhood at the expense of the equal deity

Biblical orthodoxy maintains both the equal deity and personal distinctness of the three persons, and all the while still affirming monotheism – that there is one God.

<https://carm.org/heresies>

<http://credohouse.org/blog/the-trinity-is-like-3-in-1-shampoo-and-other-stupid-statements>

Comparison

Miaphysitism
 $2P \rightarrow 1N$

(fake crucifixion?)

Nestorianism
 $2N \rightarrow 2P$

(only human
crucified?)

Key

N = Nature

P = Person

Orthodox
Christianity

$2N \rightarrow 1P$

Arianism
 $1N \rightarrow 1P$

Apologetic/Polemics

Muslim points out: Constantine and Rome made up Christianity with these creeds and they are not in the Bible

Christian: – The creeds are based on what is taught in the Bible. By the 300s and 400s, Christianity was already in Rome and beyond. Rome could not influence Christianity outside its borders.

Muslim: Jesus or disciples never taught them,

Christian: Could I show you early creeds in the Bible and the verses that were used to back up some of the creedal statements?

Muslim: There are no Greek terms in the Bible

Christian: Yes you are right. The Bible already taught the Trinity using different terms. The creeds were placing boundaries on the Greek terms that Greek philosophers were trying to use to articulate the doctrine. The boundaries ensured it kept the same teachings the Bible verses support

Apologetic/Polemics

Muslim: Without the creeds you have no Trinity

Christian: – It is really the opposite. The creeds exist because the Bible teaches that there is one God yet 3 distinct persons who are called God and appear in patterns of equality. The creeds made sure all the Christians said the same thing about their beliefs.

Muslim: There are no terms like substance, essence, and persons in the Bible

Christian: Yes, but these terms capture what we see in Scripture. The early church used Scripture to show the Trinity. Jesus said to look to the Old Testament, not Greek philosophers, to see what Scripture says about Him. Greek creeds are helpful to show HOW God is a Trinity; however, Scripture is just fine articulating THAT God is a Trinity. Do you think the Qur'an should use the same words as the creeds when offering an objection?

Apologetic/Polemics

Christian: – Creeds were important for Christians so they could recite them to show we are consistent with our essential beliefs. If an Arab in the 600s asked a Christian what they believed, they were likely to hear a creed. If Allah had an objection about the creeds and our teachings, do you think he would have given a specific revelation using the exact terms in the creeds to refute these creedal teachings?

Muslim: I do not understand. The Qur'an does address the false trinity teachings.

Christian: Yes, but look at Sura 5-73 “They have certainly disbelieved who say, " Allah is the third of three.” The creeds specifically say we do not believe God is a third of three. That is the heresy of partialism. Sura 4-171- uses Father, Son and Mary and the 3 deists. We never use those 3 persons and the creeds never say 3 gods.

Apologetic/Polemics

Christian: – Sura 5-116 says Take my mother and me as deities besides Allah,” The creeds of Scripture never use this type of language and never make a statement about Mary. Why did these passages not use the terms and teachings in the creeds and refute them?

Muslim: Trinity is 3 gods and associating partners with God
Christian: We do not believe there is a God who associated with other gods. We believe in one God that is tri-personal. Can I show you the creeds that articulate this? I know you do not believe this, but I want to show you what we believe so you can understand my confusion when I see those passages in the Qur'an.

The goal is to create doubt that the author of the Quran actually knew what Christians believed.

Christian Basics

4.5-Common Questions

Muslim Claim- Jesus never said “I am God”- exact word fallacy

Exodus 3:14

14 God said to Moses, “I AM who I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Lev. 24:16 - Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him.

John 8:58-59: “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” Then they took up stones to throw 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 the Father are one”...”Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him,”... “but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?“ "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

They tried to stone Him because the claim of "I AM" and “the Father and I are one” was obvious to any first century Jew

Isaiah 41:4; 43:10; 46:4 all use ego eimi. – I am He

Isaiah 43:10 - Hina pisteusete...hoti ego eimi –I am He

John 13:19- Hina pisteusete...hoti ego eimi – I am He

I am He. The NT authors often refer to the Father as God and the Son as Lord. Both titles are titles of deity. Both the Father and the Son are worthy of the name Yahweh and share that name. Verses in OT that can only be applied to Yahweh are applied to the Son because they believed the Son was the very incarnation of Yahweh.

Muslim Claim- God is Greater than Jesus. (John 14:28).

Answer: The Father is greater in role/position not essence. Remember the Son humbled himself (Phil. 2:8-10). In addition, the Father is greater than the Son in one sense - that the Father sends the Son to do what the Father wills for Him. But, any son is the same nature as his father. When a tiger gives birth to a tiger, they are both 100% tiger. So, in John 5:18 the religious authorities wanted to kill Jesus because He was "calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God".

Is 48:16-The LORD is sent by the LORD with the LORD - and they are united together, the ONE Living God.

Also in Revelation 1:8, the Almighty Lord God is coming. Is the Father coming? In Rev 1:18, a few verses down, God says he is the First and Last, which is what Yahweh is called in IS 44:6, and then he says, "I was dead and behold I live forevermore, and I hold the keys of death and Hades."

Is 44:6

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts"

"I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god."

Only God can be the first and last. The Son claims that title as well as Rev. 21:6 and 22:13.

Revelation 22:13

13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Muslim Claim- No one is "Good" including Jesus.
Only God is " Good" (Luke 18:19) Two separate entities?

Answer: Luke 18:19 is a powerful verse. Jesus reminds us that if we really think that Jesus is good, then we must acknowledge that He is God.

He is claiming he is God because he is good.

Muslim Claim: Jesus said he doesn't know when the Hour will come. Only God Knows. (Mark 13:32), Is a third of God (i.e. the Father) hiding information?

Answer from Blackman:

Jesus says that only the Father knows the date of the end of the world - because God the Son always does the will of His Father. When the Father wills for the Son to end the world, the Son will end the world. Jesus describes how He will end the world many times - bringing the day of judgment. Only God can do this.

1. In his incarnation, the Son veiled that knowledge
2. He is not talking about knowledge when it comes to ignorance. He is talking about declaring.

Examples:

1 Cor 2:2

For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified"

Here, Paul actually knows many things but is saying he is only emphasizing Jesus. HE only decided to make known Jesus crucified and not anything else even though he knows many things. So, it is a declarative "know."

So, Jesus is laying out the wedding motif and he is saying it is not up to him to declare or make known to them the hour. That honor goes to the Father.

So he is not lying when he says he doesn't know the hour just like Paul is not a liar for saying he doesn't know anything but Christ crucified.

Acts 1:6-7

So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” But He said to them, “It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority;”

So Jesus doesn't say he doesn't know(ignorance), he is saying it is not for them to know. The Son and Father know when the Son will come get the bride but the Father is the one who announces it. It is not up to the Son to tell the bride when he is coming. He does not declare (make known) to them. It is not a point of ignorance but of declaration.

John 14:2-4;24 –wedding motif

Muslim Claim- Jesus said that " OUR God is One God" (Mark 12:29)

Answer: Deuteronomy 6:4 states that the LORD is a unity – Hebrew "echad". It does not mean God is a singularity but that God is a compound unity. "Echad" is the word used to describe how Adam & Eve are ONE flesh (Gen. 1:27). Echad is used for morning and evening making ONE DAY (Gen. 1:5), a husband and wife being ONE FLESH (Gen. 2:24), and ONE CLUSTER of grapes (Num. 13:23).

The actual Hebrew is

“Hear, Israel! Yahweh is our God, Yahweh is one(Eclad)!

Most translation replace “Yahweh” the divine name, with LORD.

Muslim Claim- Jesus said that " OUR God is One God" (Mark 12:29/Deut. 6:4)

Same as previous. It is a unified “one.” Also, Jude the brother of Jesus, says “our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ” (Jude 4). Notice he uses “the Lord” throughout Jude as the one who led the people out of Egypt (Jude 5) and rebuked Satan (Jude 9) but says there is “ONLY ONE LORD (Jude 4). He also says there is one God who is the savior (Jude 25) which matches Isaiah 43:11 where there is no other savior than the Lord God. But Jesus is called God and savior as well (Jn 20:28; Titus 2:13).

Muslim Claim- Jesus also said "My God and your God" (John 20:17)

Notice he doesn't say "our God." Jesus refers to His Father as "God" - but remember that the Father also refers to the Son as "God" also - Hebrews 1:8, quoting Psalm 45:6-7. Look it up and you will see that the God of verse 6 has a God in verse 7 - "Your throne O'God..."

They are also a unity together - one God.

Isaiah 48:17 - "I am the LORD your God" - but read carefully verses 12-16 of Isaiah 48.

The LORD is sent by the LORD with the LORD - and they are united together, the ONE Living God.

As we said Jesus refers to His Father as God - just as the Father refers to the Son as God - BUT, John 20:17 is important because His relationship to the Father is not the same as ours. The Father is our God - but we are creatures. The Father is also God to Jesus - BUT Jesus is also God and has been with His Father for eternal ages.

Muslim Claim: Jesus was tempted by Satan for 40 days (Matt.1:4), while God Almighty cannot be tempted (James 1:13)

Yes, Satan tried to tempt Jesus, but those temptations had no effect at all on Jesus - because (as James 1:13 says) God has no evil desires, so there is nothing inside God to respond to Satan's temptations. The fact that Jesus never did anything sinful proves that He is the Holy God - whereas the Quran identifies Muhammad as a sinner: Quran 40:55, 48:2, and 47:19.

There are external and internal temptations. God of the OT was tempted and told people to stop doing it (Ex 17:2; Deut. 6:16; Mal 3:15). But God does not desire anything against his nature, so he is not subject to internal temptation. Same with Jesus. He was tempted externally but never gave in internally since he is God incarnate.

Muslim Claim- No one can see God (1 John 4:20) but people saw Jesus

Answer: Many, many people saw God BUT nobody has ever seen God the Father (John 1:18, 5:37, Jn. 6:46, 1 Tim.6:15-16). Whenever people saw God they were meeting God the Son who is the visible form of God.

1 Kings 3:5 - "The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "Ask, and ..."

Genesis 26:2 - "The LORD appeared to Isaac"

Genesis 26:24 - "That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father..."

Genesis 17:1 - "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God ..."

Deuteronomy 31:15 - "Then the LORD appeared at the tent in a pillar of cloud..."

So who was the person of God, who is not the Father, who was seen?

Muslim Claim- Jesus always confessed he is just a prophet sent by God (Matthew 21:10-11)

Jesus is the anointed One - the Messiah. According to the Old Testament that means He must be a Prophet, a Priest and a King - and He is all three to perfection.

However, in Matthew 21:10-11, it is the crowds who say Jesus is a prophet. It is not the words of Jesus Himself. Jesus also confessed he was other things besides a prophet such as the Son of man from Daniel 7 (Mark 14:62-64) who shares the same throne as God and rides on the clouds as only God can do and the Son of God and the great “I AM” which is why the Jewish leaders wanted to kill him for blasphemy.

Muslim Claim- God Declare Himself to be God, Jesus didn't (Ezekiel 20:20)

Answer: Yes, the LORD God often declares that He is the LORD God. In Ezekiel 20, He says this several times - verses 5, 7, 19, 20 etc.

Notice that the LORD God says this in Isaiah 48:17 - "I am the LORD your God" - but read verses 12-16 of Isaiah 48 carefully.

"I am He; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth...

Come near me and listen to this: From the first announcement, I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there.

And now the Sovereign Lord has sent me, filled with his Spirit."

NOTICE - the LORD God who declares "I am the LORD your God" says that the Sovereign LORD has sent Him, filled with His Spirit".

The Living God is more than one LORD - He is a UNITY of the Father, Son and Spirit.

The LORD is sent by the LORD with the LORD.

Muslim Claim- Jesus told his real mission was to preach not sacrifice (Mark 1:38)

Mark 1:38 states that Jesus has come to preach, but it does not say that preaching is the ONLY thing He does. Jesus ALSO healed the sick, fed the hungry, raised the dead, controlled the weather and drove away the demons. He ALSO gave His life as a sacrifice for sinners.

Remember what Jesus Himself said in Mark 10:45 - "even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

On the cross, Jesus said, "It is finished" (Jn 19:30). This meant he was the final unblemished lamb that was sacrificed once and for all (Heb. 10:10).

John 10:28- "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand." – Only God can give eternal life.

Muslim Claim- Jesus desired Mercy not Sacrifice (Matthew 9:13)

Answer: Yes, we cannot offer any sacrifice to atone for our sins. He does not want us to try to make any sacrifices for our sins because He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Note that Jesus is quoting from Hosea 6:6 - because even the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament did not take away human sin. Those old sacrifices were only signs pointing to God's own sacrifice of Himself. Read Hebrews chapter 10.

Polemic-

Christian: Could you verify that eleven times the Qur'an refers to Jesus as '*Isa al-Masih*, that is, "Jesus the Messiah?"

Muslim: yes that is true.

Christian: in Christianity, Messiah means anointed one.

What does the Qur'an say he was anointed for?

Muslim –It just means God honors him by anointing him to be a prophet

Christian- is there a verse that shows this?

Muslim: No it is just our belief.

Christian- in the Bible the anointed one was to be:

1. **Prophet:** To reveal the fullness of God's truth.
2. **Priest:** To offer the ultimate sacrifice for sin.
3. **King:** To defeat death and reign.

Can I show you the verses?

Muslim Claim- Jesus refers to himself as Servant: (Matthew 10:24, 24:45, 12:18-20, John 13:16 Acts 2:22, 3:13, 3:26, 4:27, 5:42, 17:24-31, Isaiah 42:1, 45:1, I Corinthians 15:28). More than 10 times

Answer: There are many times that Jesus says that He is a servant. In fact, there are many prophecies about Him in Isaiah 53 that describe Him as the Suffering Servant. It is actually a sign of His divine glory and greatness.

Remember what He said in Mark 10:43-45 - "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

The Living God of the Bible does not need human beings to serve Him - because He has everything He needs. Rather, He shows His greatness by coming down to serve us.

God is the greatest being so He must demonstrate the greatest kind of love so Jesus must be God to demonstrate this. In fact Jesus said "No Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends"(Jn. 5:13). Jesus demonstrated that.

Muslim Claim- Referred himself as Prophet:(Matthew 8:20
13:16,21:11, Mark 6:15, 6;4, 9;37, Luke 7:16, 9:19,
John 13:17, 7:16, 6:14, 7:40) 13 times

Answer: Yes, Jesus is the perfect Prophet - filled with the Spirit, as we explained earlier.

However, you seem to have mixed up some of these Bible references. Some of them have nothing to say about prophets. (this shows you need to look up verses they give you).

Matthew 8:20 - "the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." When Jesus calls Himself the "Son of Man" He is stating that He is Divine - the divine Son of Man who is the equal of the Ancient of Days in Daniel 7. Matthew 13:16-17 - Jesus states that the ancient prophets wanted to see Jesus!

In Mark 6:4 Jesus acknowledges that He is a prophet. That fact seems to be a problem for you, but it is not at all a problem for us. We all love the fact that God the Son became a human being and was the greatest prophet.

Continued:

In Mark 6:15 other people think that Jesus is just a prophet - but those are not the words of Jesus. He claimed to be much more.

Mark 9:37 doesn't mention a prophet, but Jesus says that when we welcome Jesus into our lives, He is united with His Father so that both the Father and the Son come to us together.

In Luke 7:16 the people think that Jesus is BOTH a prophet AND He is God who has come to help them.

In Luke 9:19 the crowds think that Jesus is a prophet who has come back from the dead.

John 13:17 doesn't say anything at all about Jesus being a prophet.

John 7:16 states that Jesus speaks only what the Father has sent Him to speak.

In John 6:14 the crowds believe that Jesus is the special Prophet who the Law and the Prophets speak about - the same is true of John 7:40.

Muslim Claim- Jesus can do nothing by himself (John 5:19, John 5:30)

Answer: Yes, there are many more verses where Jesus states that He cannot do or say anything other than what the Father sends Him to do and say.

Notice how this proves the divinity of Jesus because Jesus states that WHATEVER the Father does, is done by Jesus.

“Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because WHATEVER the Father does the Son also does.”

Like Father, like Son. Which is why we honor and worship the Son just like we honor and worship the Father (Jn 5:23).

I cannot make a major purchase without my wife's permission, and she cannot make one without me. It is not because one person is ontologically superior. We agree to do things together. We are one in agreement. The Son does not do anything that the Father and Spirit have not already agreed to. They are all in agreement and are united. He is saying that God the Father agrees with everything he is doing. They are united (John 10:30).

Polemics

Christian: Could you read John 14:13-14?

Muslim: Yes, it says, “And whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.”

Christian: Could you also read what Jesus said about what they could do after he was gone in John 16:23?

Muslim: Yes its says “And on that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.”

Christian: Wouldn't Jesus have to be all-knowing to be able to hear believers everywhere all over the world at whatever time he has to be all-hearing? Also, for Jesus to be able to answer every prayer, every request-wherever it is, no matter what it is, no matter the space- he has to be omnipresent and all-powerful to answer all of them?

Muslim: Yes, it seems so. Something must have been added into corrupt the Bible.

Christian: In John 16 we're asking the Father in Christ's name. If Christ is only a created creature/prophet, we are asking in the name of a creature. Why would the Father answer our prayers in Jesus' name?

Claim- John 20:19 and 1 Cor 8:6 says Father is “true” God not Jesus and there are many gods

1 Corinthians 8:6

“For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth(as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist”.

Christian: Paul has rearranged the words in such as way as to produce an affirmation of both one God, the Father, and one Lord, Jesus Christ and redefined the "God" of the *Shema* as "One God, the Father," and the "Lord" of the *Shema* as "One Lord, Jesus Christ." There are false gods and idols discussed in 1 Cor 8:6. The Father is not an idol, He is true and Jesus is not an idol, He is true.

Muslim: Jesus is only a Lord not God.

Christian: Paul calls the Father Lord in 2 Cor 6:17-18. Father is Lord in Matt 11:25, Luke 1:32, James 3:9. Rom 9:5 Paul says the messiah is “God over all”. Titus ‘Our great God and savior.

1 John [5:20](#). Look at the last part of that verse: “we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” The antecedent of the word “this” is “his Son, Jesus Christ,” who is “the true God and eternal life” in essence.

Christian: Would you say that in John 17:3 -by saying “One God , the Father" excludes Jesus is like saying "One Lord, Jesus Christ“ excludes the Father from Lordship or Jude 14 that the “only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ” excludes the Father from lordship.

Muslim: I have not thought of that.

Christian: Paul uses the terms interchangeably (1 Cor. 7:17-39). They were not in competition. They are embraced together in the one God. Within the unity there is distinction of persons.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."

Isaiah 44:24- "...I am the LORD, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself"

Genesis 1:26 "Let US make mankind in OUR image, in OUR likeness..."

Genesis 3:22 ""...The man has now become like US.."

John 1:2 "He was with God in the beginning..."

John 1:1 "...and the Word was God".

John 1:3 "Through Him all things were made"

Colossians 1:16-17

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Muslim:- Jesus was created and wasn't eternal. He was begotten and proceeds from the Father and Heb. 1 says Jesus became the son so he wasn't eternal.

Christian: Begotten does not mean made just like the creed written by the people closest to the time of Christ. The Greek word for begotten is monogenes comes from two Greek terms: monos meaning "one" and the noun genes which means "kind" or "type." So, you put these two words together and you have monogenes which means: "unique," "only," or "one of its kind." That's what Jesus is talking about in John 3:16. He is not saying that God the Father created Him. He's saying that He is God's only, unique, one of a kind Savior. Think about a clone that has your same DNA. He shares the same DNA/essence/nature.

Muslim: I don't think you can prove that.

Christian: Let's look at Hebrews 11:17 -By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son;

Abraham had more than one child. Also, in Philemon 1:10, Paul says, "I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment,..." This was not a literal child of Paul. He was a unique one who was now "useful to you and me..." (v11).

Muslim:- Ok but why didn't they use another word? That is confusing.

Christian: What does it mean to you that Jesus is one of a kind?

Muslim:-I am not sure what one-of-a-kind means. Hebrews 1 says Jesus became the son so he wasn't eternal.

Christian: Look at Heb. 1 which quotes Psalm 2:7 and 2 Sam. 7:14 regarding the eternal throne of his kingdom forever. This is an ultimate fulfillment. The Son is always eternally Lord and God eternal but became man so we could become sons of God (Jn 1:12). Keep reading Hebrews 1 where God the Father says he will be a Son and the angels are to worship him (v6). In verse 8, God the Father calls the Son God and then applies Psalm 102 regarding Yahweh creating the heavens and earth, and says it was the Son who did this.

What does that mean to you now?

Muslim:-But why does it say Jesus became the Son?

Christian: When the Son became flesh and accomplished his work, the Son in human nature, Jesus, is now going to be exalted where the eternal Son has always been. He gets all the things of God handed to him as his inheritance, including sitting on the same throne.

Do you see how unique, one-of-a-kind Jesus is? Do you see that special relationship He has? Not only is He the creator of everything, He also gets everything, shares in everything, sits on the same throne, and gets the same honors (John 5) as God. Doesn't that mean he can only be God?

Muslim- Jesus was just the first borne. A special creation but not God. He had a beginning. Col 1:15 - ...”The first borne of all creation...”

Christian: that Greek word is Prototoko which means first, bring forth, pre-eminent,

Jesus is "*preeminent*" /*prōtōtokos*) – the *unequivocal Sovereign* over *all creation* (Col 1:16).

Muslim: How do you know it doesn't mean first?

Christian: The nation of Israel was figuratively called God's first-born in Ex 4:22 and Jer 31:9. Though Israel clearly was not the first people born, they held first place or the place of pre-eminence in God's sight among all the nations (cf Deut 7:7). David was firstborn (preeminent) but was the youngest son of Jesse. Solomon was the preeminent son of David, although he was not the actual first. The first was Amnon (2Sam. 3:2)

Muslim: What about Rev. 3:14? -And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, “These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God...”

Christian: The Greek word here for “Beginning” (Rev. 3:14) is the word “arche.” It's the word from which we get our English word architect. It does not mean Jesus had a beginning.

Greek scholars say that this word (“arche”) can be properly interpreted as: Origin, Source, Designer, Supervisor, First Cause, Ruler. This is why God the Father can also refer to Himself with the very same word in Revelation 21:6.

Lets look at it.

Revelation 21:5-6

5 “Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” 6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning [arche] and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.”

So, notice that, God the Father refers to Himself with the very same title, the arche, the Beginning.

Jesus is not saying that He had a beginning or that He is the first thing that God made. He is saying that He is the One who began all of creation, that He is the designer, origin, the first cause, or ruler of all creation

John 1:3

“All things came into being [How?] through Him.”

Through Jesus. He’s the designer. He’s the architect. Also Col 1:16 says the Son made everything FOR himself. Also Is 44:24 – Yahweh is the maker of all things.

What does it mean to you that Jesus is preeminent over all creation?

Muslim- God is called “Almighty” and Jesus is always just “mighty”

Chrisitan: English words “Almighty” and “Mighty” are not same as Hebrew as far as meaning superior. Yahweh is also mentioned as both Almighty and Mighty: some examples:

Isaiah 10:21 "A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God." The God of Jacob is Jehovah (Exodus 3:6).

Jeremiah 32:18-19 "You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the parents' sins into the laps of their children after them. Great and mighty God, whose name is the LORD Almighty"

Luke 1:48-49 –”From now on all generations will call me {Mary} blessed, for the Mighty one has done great things for me-- Holy is his name”.

Are there two mighty Gods?

Also read Rev 1:1-18- God Almighty, first and last that is coming on the clouds and died- That can't be the Father.

Who's Glory did Isaiah see?

Isaiah 6:1-5 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ...

“Woe is me, for I am ruined!

Because I am a man of unclean lips,

And I live among a people of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

John 12:41-43 These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him. Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

Questions for groups claiming Jesus was a created creature:

Can we describe a created creature as the Way, the truth, and the Life (John 14:6)?

Can a created creature say “Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest”? (Matt 11:28)

Is a created creature the King of kings, Lord of lords? (Rev 19:16)

Does divine grace come through God the Father and a created creature? (1 Cor 1:3)

Can a created creature say “He who has seen me has seen the Father”? (John 14:9)

Does it make sense to baptize in the name of Jehovah, a created creature, and an impersonal spirit?

What could it possibly mean to say “For me, to live is a created creature and to die is gain”? (Phil 1:21)

No mere creature could ever say the words Jesus said, do the things Jesus did, or be described in the way Jesus is described

IS. 44:6: “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god”.

IS 48:12: “Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called!

I am he; I am the first, and I am the last.

Revelation 1:8: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord ***God***, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 22:13.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End”

Rev 1:17-18 “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last . I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!”

When did God die?

Answer:

Its when God added the human nature (Jesus incarnate) and died on the cross.

Jesus = Yahweh = First and Last, Alpha/Omega, God

Muslim claim- God is head of Christ and Jesus says the Father is greater than him

Christian: 1 Cor 11:3 – “Head of Christ is God – “head” refers to position, not nature. Christ submitted Himself to the Father. Like the President of the United State is greater in position(being) than a citizen but he is still equal as a human being (nature).

John 14:28 - the Father is greater than I - emptied himself to become man in human nature.

In function /mission/role only, not in Being

Phil 2:8-10

“...Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Muslim:

Col. 2:9. This is simply saying that the fullness of God's nature lived in Christ. Compare Eph. 3:14-19 which says "you may be filled with the fullness of God and 2 Pet 1:4 which says we are partakers in the divine nature(theias)"

Christian: Col 2:9 is not saying Jesus participates in the divine nature like the other passages. This is saying the FULLNESS of deity(theotés). There is universal agreement of Greek scholars on this. 2 Pet divine nature is referring to glorified bodies free from sin not Deity. Eph. 3:14-19 is also talking about the patterns humans will follow with the reborn and indwelling of the person of the spirit and later in our glorified bodies.

Matthew 16:27

“For the Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14) will come in His Fathers glory, with His angels; and then will repay everyone according to their deeds.”

John 5:21-23

“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 honor the Son JUST AS they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

Revelation 21:3, 5-7 (Isaiah 65:17, 66:22)

“I heard a loud voice from the throne say: See Gods Sh’khinah (glory) is with mankind, and He will live with them. He Himself will be their God.

“Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts (John 7:37-39) He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.”

Revelation 22:12-13, 16, 20-21

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to their deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

Jesus is God.

Trinity Resources

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The Forgotten Trinity – James White

Without a Doubt – Ken Samples

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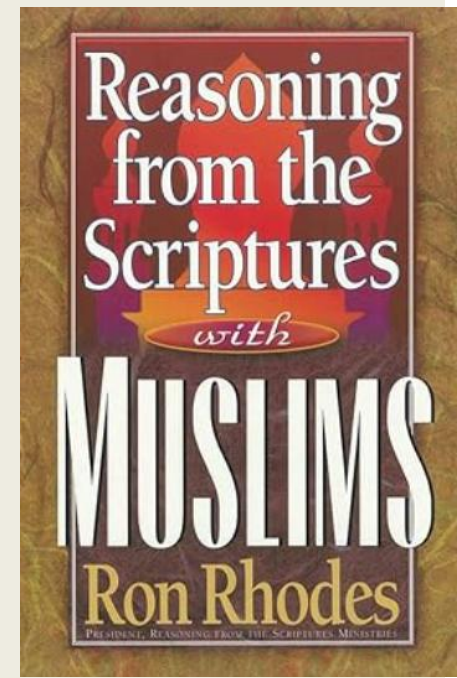
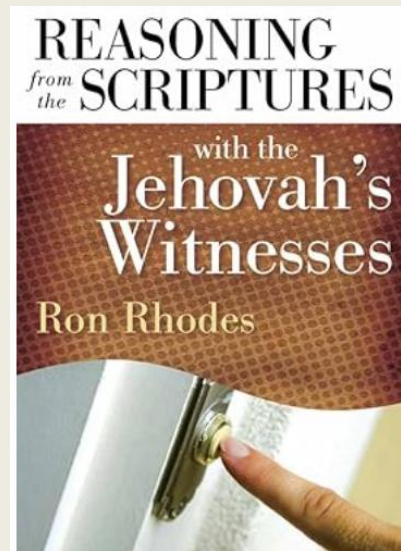
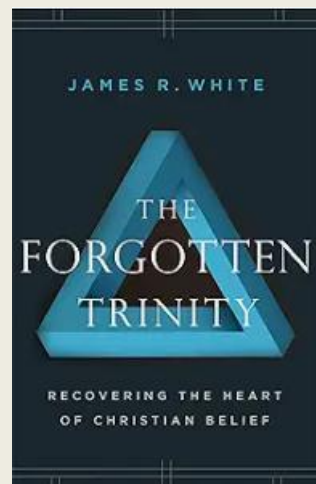
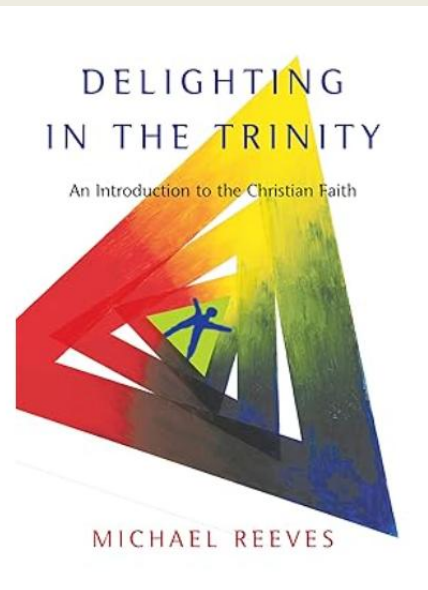
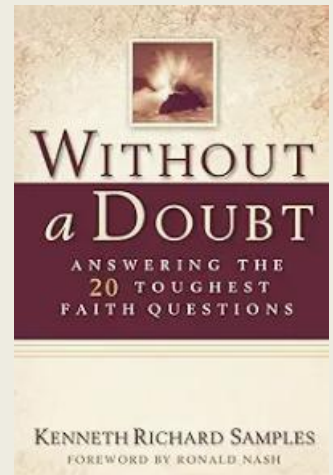
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(FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH) JESUS IS GOD

Isaiah 44:6 "I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God"
Rev 1:17-18 Jesus said "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore"

Isaiah 45:23 "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance"
Philippians 2:9-11 Paul says about Jesus "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"

Isaiah 40:3 "A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God'"
Mark 1:3 (John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus) "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him'"

Isaiah 43:13 "there is none who can deliver from my hand"
John 10:28-30 Jesus said "no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand"

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever"
Mark 13:31 Jesus said "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away"

Isaiah 42:8 "I am Yahweh; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols."
John 17:5 "And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed"

Isaiah 8:13-14 "But the LORD of hosts, whom you shall regard as holy... he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel"
1 Peter 3:15 "but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy". 1 Peter 2:3-8 "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense"

Isaiah 62:11 "Behold, Yahweh has proclaimed to the end of the earth... 'his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.'"
Matthew 16:27 Jesus said "For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done."

Isaiah 6:1-10 "I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, and the house was full of his glory... He is holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory"
John 12:37-41 John says about Jesus "Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him"

(FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS) part 1

JESUS IS GOD

Psalm 102:24-27 "Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands"
Hebrews 1:8a,10 "But of the Son he (God the Father) says... And, 'You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands'"

Psalm 24:7-10 "Yahweh of hosts, he is the King of glory!"
James 2:1 "as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory"

Psalm 62:1 "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation"
Hebrews 5:9 "he [Jesus] became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him"

Psalm 130:7-8 "Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities"
Matthew 1:21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Psalm 34:8 "Oh, taste and see that Yahweh is good!"
1 Peter 2:3 "you have tasted that the Lord (Jesus) is good"

Psalm 86:9-10 "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name"
Revelation 5:13-14 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth [said] "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb [Jesus], forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

Psalm 95:7-8 "For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts"
John 10:27-28 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

Psalm 119:89 "Your word, O Yahweh, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens."
Mark 13:31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

FROM THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH & JEREMIAH

JESUS IS GOD

Zechariah 14:1-5 "Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him."

1 Thessalonians 3:13 "in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones"

Zechariah 12:10 "they will look on Me [Yahweh] whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him"

Revelation 1:7 "Behold, He [Jesus] is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him"

Zechariah 2:5 "And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares Yahweh, and I will be the glory in her midst."

1 Corinthians 2:8 "None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory"

Jeremiah 23:24 "Do I not fill heaven and earth? Declares Yahweh"

Ephesians 4:10 "He [Jesus] who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things"

Zechariah 14:9 And the LORD [Yahweh] shall be King over all the earth. **Zechariah 9:9-10**

Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Mark 11:7,9 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

Jeremiah 10:12 "But God made the earth by his POWER; he founded the world by his WISDOM and stretched out the heavens by his understanding"

1 Corinthians 1:24 "but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God"

Jeremiah 17:10 "I Yahweh search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds"

Revelation 2:23 "I am he [Jesus] who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve."

Jeremiah 2:13 "they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters"

John 7:37-38 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water"'

Jeremiah 9:24 "'But let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD"

1 Corinthians 1:31 "So that, just as it is written, 'let him who boasts, boast in the Lord (Jesus)'"