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**God in Christ
Christ in Believers
and
Believers in Christ.**

(John 14:1-31)

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God in Christ

Christ in Believers

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Jesus said:

- **John 14:1-5:** “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

From these verses we see that Jesus tells his disciples:

- If they believe in God the Father, they also need to believe in Jesus he does not say if they believe in God the Father, they need to also believe that Jesus is God. These words of Jesus shine a spotlight on the truth that all Christians are to believe in both God the Father and his Son the Lord Jesus Christ as two separate personalities and individuals.
 - That he is going to the Father to prepare a place for then he does not say he is going to the Father to transform himself into becoming the Father.
 - That he will return to them again this means he is coming back as the glorified Son of God not as God the Father.
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JOHN 14:6-7

IF YOU HAD KNOWN ME, YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN MY FATHER ALSO.

- **John 14:6-7:** Jesus said to him (Thomas), “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

From these verses we learn that Jesus whole purpose was to bring people into fellowship with his heavenly Father. Jesus is not saying that he is God the Father, he is simply saying in his life he manifested the character, power, mercy, plans, purposes and love of God that is why Jesus can say, if you had known me, you should have known my Father also. Nowhere in this conversation is Jesus saying or implying that he is actually God the Father. It is like identical twins saying, if you know me you will also know my sister, they are a reflection of each other. Jesus is saying that he is a reflection of God or a mirror image of Him.

Prior to Jesus the chief religious’ leaders, the Pharisees and Scribes had given the people a totally wrong picture of the nature and character of God, but now Jesus has now made God's character and nature very clear by living according to God's will. Today no one can stand before God and say they did not know what He was like, because Jesus is the visible and perfect reflection of the character and nature of the invisible Almighty God.

JOHN 14:9-10

DO YOU NOT BELIEVE THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME?

- **John 14:9-10:** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

From these verses we see that Jesus tells his disciples:

The words, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” do not mean Jesus is the Father, but that he is a reflection and mirror image of the Father, he is simply repeating what he said in verse seven. Jesus words, “Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?” Do not mean that Jesus is God the Father and the Father is his Son, but that Jesus dwells in the Father by his Spirit and by his love and the Father dwells in Jesus by his Spirit and by his love.

The Father also dwells in Jesus by His word, the word of God is the express image God it reveals Gods plans, purposes, grace, mercy, love and who God is. When Jesus or any brother or sister in Christ has a full knowledge of God and they embrace that knowledge, and commit themselves to the God that knowledge reveals by making Him the supreme desire of their heart and mind they can say that God dwells in them. God and Jesus dwell in believers by their Spirit, the truth and by their love, in the same way God dwells in Jesus and Jesus dwells in God. When the Bible writers use the expression, “Dwell in him” or “Dwell in them” they are not saying God becomes Jesus and Jesus becomes God it is biblical language that expresses the perfect relationship of love, intimacy and unity between two individual people.

It can be between Christ and God, between brothers and sisters in Christ and Christ himself, since we are all united together by the Spirit, the word and by love and it is in this sense that we are all in each other by the Spirit, the word and by love. Jesus words, “The Father who dwells in me, does His work” does not mean Jesus mystically became God, but he was filled with God’s Spirit without limitation. At Jesus water baptism God poured His Spirit upon Jesus without any limitations, it was God's Spirit dwelling in Jesus and working through him that gave him the ability to perform the miracles and wonders he did.

JOHN 14:12

YOU WILL DO GREATER WORKS, BECAUSE I AM GOING TO THE FATHER

- **John 14:12:** “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to the Father he does not say that he is going to become the Father. His words, “Whoever believes in me will also do greater works” does not mean they will do greater miracles especially when one considers that no man or woman throughout history has done greater miracles than those that Jesus did. Jesus did not need to be in a church to create an atmosphere of faith before he could heal, he simply walked through villages and cities filled with unbelievers and touched or spoke and they were healed of crippling sickness and in many cases regardless of their faith or their belief.

He calmed the raging sea and the stormy wind simply by speaking and walked on water, we don’t see modern day ministers doing these kinds of miracles. The word works comes from the Greek word ergon and means, “To work” it carries the idea of labouring and toiling as an effort or an occupation which shows that it is unlikely that the “Greater works” has anything to do with miracles.

Greater Works suggest the following two things:

1. That those who believe in Christ will collectively help reach and save more souls than Christ ever could, this of course is because they have a much longer life span to minister and as the gospel spreads throughout the world so do those who are sharing it.
2. It carries the idea that multitudes will do great acts of courage and of self-sacrifice because of their faith in Christ.

JOHN 14:16

THE FATHER, WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER

- **John 14:16:** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper (Comforter in KJV), to be with you forever.

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to the Father and will ask Him to send the Comforter (the Holy Spirit which is also the Spirit of Truth) to them. Consider for a moment the following thought: If Jesus transformed back into God the Father when he ascended to heaven (as some believe) he would have no need to ask the Father of anything.

JOHN 14:17

YOU KNOW THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, FOR HE DWELLS WITH YOU

- **John 14:17:** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

There are various aspects of God and Christ dwelling in a believer, one of the aspects of God and Jesus dwelling in believers is through the Comforter the Spirit of truth, if a believer has the truth of God dwelling in them it can be said they have God and Christ dwelling in them this is because the truth of God is of course the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Believers receive the Comforter the Spirit of truth by hearing or reading the word of God, if it is mixed with faith and they believe and embrace it into their lives, it can be said the Comforter dwells in them.

The Spirit of truth is called the Comforter because the truth of Christ's Gospel unites a sinner to God and saves them to eternal life and everlasting glory by grace and not by self-effort, works of the law or by having to strictly adhere to ceremonial rites, holy days or by having to keep religious customs and traditions. This is why the Spirit of truth (referring to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ) is called the Comforter it brings freedom from works of the law and unites those who believe it to God's love, to Christ's love and to eternal life.

Following are two other reasons the Spirit of truth is called the Comforter:

1. When a sinner is united to the love of God that love comforts in times of great sorrow and hardship.
 2. God's grace brings peace and comfort to the mind when a faithful brother or sister is struggling with sin.
- **John 14:20:** In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am in my Father and you in me, and I in you." Jesus is saying, "Believers are in him and he is in believer's" almost everyone understands that this means that Jesus is in believers by his Spirit, by his word and by his love and believers are in Jesus by faith and by his word that dwells in them and by their love no one believes Jesus is

saying, "Believers become Jesus and that Jesus becomes believers." This of course sounds foolish, yet when Jesus uses the same language for his relationship with God his heavenly Father by saying to his disciples, "I am in my Father," multitudes worldwide believe it to mean that Jesus is actually implying that he is God the Father?

JOHN 14:21-23

WHOEVER KEEPS MY COMMANDMENTS, LOVES ME AND WILL BE LOVED BY MY FATHER.

- **John 14:21-23:** Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

When a believer keeps God's commandments and Jesus words meaning they not only desire from the heart, but also endeavour to live a lifestyle that honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ they outwardly evidence the love of Jesus and the love God dwelling in their hearts. Jesus says when a believer lives in this manner both he and God will abide with them. This means that the favour, comfort grace and love of God and of Christ will dwell in the heart and mind of those who faithfully following Christ.

- **John 14:24:** Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

In contrast to those who faithfully follow Christ are those who confess to believe, but are totally indifferent to how they live their life. There is no thought given to how their behaviour, speech and actions reflect Christ to others. They do the outward religious things required of them, but inwardly have no passion, zeal or desire to live their life in a manner that would honour God and reflect the good character of Christ. They live solely for self and to gratify the desires of the flesh (self, ego and pride etc.).

Jesus is saying in this verse that it matters not how dutifully a person may adhere to religious works or how much they might confess to believe their outward actions and behaviour evidences that they have no love for God or the Lord Jesus Christ dwelling in their heart or their mind. Jesus words, "The word that you hear is not mine but the Fathers who sent me," shine a spotlight on the truth that Jesus is not God Himself, but the ONE who God sent into the world. The words Jesus spoke are the words concerning mankind's eternal salvation that his heavenly Father planned and purposed in his eternal mind before the foundations of the world began.

JOHN 14:28

I AM GOING TO THE FATHER, FOR THE FATHER IS GREATER THAN I.

- **John 14:28:** You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

Even Jesus himself proclaims that his heavenly Father is greater than he is this is because it was by God's Spirit that he was empowered to do the wonders and miracles that he did and it was by God's power that he was resurrected from the dead to sit at the right hand side of his heavenly Father. Neither Jesus nor the apostles ever said Jesus was God or gave him the title, God the Son, nor is there one Scripture in the entire Bible

that says Jesus is God. Sadly, this mistaken idea is based on a very few verses that have been misunderstood and propagated over the years by tradition and by certain churches.

- **John 14:31:** but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Consider for a moment: if Jesus was actually God what he is saying in this verse would mean absolutely nothing since he would simply be saying that he loves himself. Obviously, this is foolish to the extreme and almost blasphemous.

THE MESSAGE OF THE ENTIRE BIBLE

The entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation tells a story of a heavenly Father and his Son working together in perfect love and perfect unity to save mankind from the destruction of death and deliver them to eternal life and everlasting glory.

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