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As The Father Knows Me, I know The Father.

(John 10:15-18)

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- **John 10:15-18** ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Jesus is the good Shepherd he had a free will and was able to make his own decisions independent of his heavenly Father we know this because in the garden of Gethsemane when praying to his Father Jesus said, “Not my will but yours be done.” the whole reason Satan was able to test Jesus in the wilderness was because he had his own will and could make his own choices. Jesus could have chosen not to go the cross, but he was obedient to his Father's will even unto death. Christ was born from above or from God through the virgin birth by the creative power of God and the Holy Spirit making him the unique and only begotten Son of God.

Jesus was filled with the fullness of God's Spirit, without limitation at his water baptism and he constantly withdrew to pray, because he had a unique and intimate relationship with his heavenly Father.

In the context of this chapter Jesus is contrasting his relationship to God to that of the false shepherds, who claim to be of God and know God, but Jesus calls them wolves in sheep's clothing doing their own will. This is why he said, "As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father."

Jesus is simply saying that the Father and the Son know each other. Every faithful believer that is truly converted and united to Christ by faith and love can say that they know the Father and the Father knows them especially since the Scriptures tells us that God knows every hair on every believer's head.

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Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father because he was born from above and conquered sin and death through the obedience of his life and the suffering of the cross, he did not suffer for himself, but for all who would come to God the Father. It is for this reason that God His Father has exalted His Son to sit at His right-hand side, clearly in these verses the Son and the Father are not the same person, neither are they both the one true God.

If Jesus the Son was really God the Father his words:

- The Father loves me (v17).

Wouldn't make any sense since it would mean that Jesus was saying he loves himself. This of course is foolishness especially since God is the great immortal, invisible God He is eternal so he cannot die. To go against what Jesus says about himself (that he is the Son of God) makes understanding the relationship of the Father and the Son far more difficult and confusing to the human mind, in fact it is so confusing the mind cannot comprehend it at all.

This is also foolishness especially since the Bible is very simple to understand if it is taken at face value and people simply believe what Jesus says about himself, that he is the Christ the Son of God and whosoever believes that he is the Son of God will be saved. Neither Jesus nor the apostles ever teach that Jesus is actually the Almighty LORD God and Father in fact there is so much evidence that Jesus is the most beloved Son of God from Genesis to Revelation that it is difficult to comprehend how this teaching got such a strong foothold in the global body of Christ.

I have other sheep that are not of this fold: Jesus words, "I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd" (v16) refers to the Gentiles. God is creating a new race in Christ made up of Jews and Gentiles. This new race is also called a new creation and new nation in Christ, the body of Christ and the church.

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