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Bible House of Grace contains an easy to read New and Old Testament commentary full of spiritual treasures and pearls, complete with an insightful resource guide illuminating God's love and grace.



Although I believe my aim is pure and God's will perfect this document is still the product of a human man, as to such I neither claim perfect knowledge or perfect understanding.

Conclusion (of the Teaching Jesus is God).

Since the belief that a person must believe Jesus is God to be saved to eternal life has taken such a stronghold in the Christian faith many who deny this teaching can feel intimidated (especially new converts) by those who believe Jesus is God and are often rejected by the traditional church as heretics and told that they cannot possibly be saved to eternal life.

The following will bring comfort to every faithful believer who accepts the simple truth that God is the eternal, immortal, invisible Almighty creator and source of all life and that Jesus is His most beloved Son and hopefully shine a brilliant light upon how grossly wrong it is to believe that a man or woman believing in Christ is a heretic and cannot possibly be saved to eternal life simply because they do not hold to the traditional teaching that Jesus is God.

Especially since there is not one verse in the entire Bible that states:

- Sinners must believe that Jesus is God to be saved.

Nor is there one verse from Genesis to Revelations that says:

- Whoever believes that Jesus is God the Son will be saved.

In total contrast to this silence there are literally multitudes of Scriptures throughout the pages of the New Testament that very clearly proclaim:

- Sinners must believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be saved.

And that say:

- Whoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God will be saved.

Surely if it was important to believe that Jesus was actually God to be saved to eternal life Jesus, the apostles and Paul would have told us at least once in all their teaching concerning salvation, but all we hear from Paul, the apostles and Jesus himself is them saying that we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be saved to eternal life.

- Jesus said, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent (John 17:3).

It is enormously difficult for this author to comprehend how the doctrine, "Jesus is God" ever got such a strong foothold in the global body of Christ when there is so much evidence that very clearly shows that this is simply not so.

A personal note: those who have embraced the belief that Jesus is God and those who believe Jesus is the Son of God, but not God Himself not only separate themselves, but generally treat each other as enemies and often harbour a hostile spirit toward one another. Having spent much of my Christian life in both groups and seeing the good heart of the faithful and those passionately devoted to God and the Lord Jesus Christ within these churches this is deeply sad because for the following reasons:

The faithful and devoted of both groups:

- Are passionate and devoted to God and to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Believe Jesus was born of the virgin birth.
- Love Christ with such devotion they would lay their lives down for him if called to do so.

- Believe Jesus is the only way to salvation and eternal life.
- Desire to honour God and bring a good testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Believe Jesus was the man who died on the cross for their sin and who rose again to be exalted to the right-hand side of the Father.
- Have great joy in the promise that Jesus will return to resurrected to eternal life and everlasting glory the faithful who to belong to him.

Having spent half my Christian life in churches believing Jesus is God and the second half believing Jesus was not God, it is for me a shame that both sides feel threatened by each other and separate and even worse often treat each other as enemies of Christ. My heartfelt devotion, love, zeal and passion for Christ and his heavenly Father has not changed from the day I was water baptized into Christ fifty years ago simply because I have come to a much clearer intellectual understanding of God and His most beloved Son.

While I believed that Jesus was God I still saw in my mind's eye (and still do) and fully believed that:

- Before men I was a good person, but before the most Holy God I was left lacking and fell far short of His Holiness both outwardly and inwardly (and still do).
- God was the sovereign, immortal, invisible, holy God Almighty, the creator of all things and source of all life (mortal and eternal).
- Jesus was the most beloved Son of God who came into the world through the virgin birth of Mary.
- Jesus was the Son of God and sent by God.
- Jesus was a man who was water baptized by John the Baptist.
- Jesus laid his life down to a brutal, bloody and cruel death so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- Jesus died and three days later rose and after spending some time with the apostles ascended to the right-hand side of God.
- Jesus is at this time is seated at the right-hand side of his heavenly Father.
- God the Almighty has exalted Jesus above all authorities, powers and rulers.
- It is only through faith in Jesus and God's grace that anyone can be reconciled to God and be granted eternal life.
- Jesus will return and gather those who belong to his family to himself in everlasting glory.

Though I had a clouded and veiled view of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ I still exalted and worshipped Christ as the most beloved Son of God (howbeit as God also in certain songs and prayers), this may for some raise the question, "Does this lack of clarity mean that I was not saved during those years I lived in faithfulness to Christ?" I personally believe I was, since my heartfelt love, passion and devotion has not changed in any way toward my heavenly Father and my glorious redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ, just because the knowledge I have gained over the many years of walking with Christ has given me a much clear understanding. I am personally confident if I wasn't saved in those early years following my water baptism and my spiritual journey in Christ from that day onward then I am not saved today.

Why some might wonder? Simply this, though my knowledge has changed in many ways my faith in Christ and in God's grace has not. But perhaps this is a question for God to answer.

The following are two things that I do know for certain:

1. The God we worship sees the true devotion, intent and motive of the heart.
2. The heart of God is the heart of a father.

As an earthly father I do not reject those who love my son and treat him with decency and respect, even though they may not fully understand his birth or heritage especially when these friends are willing to lay down their own lives down to protect the good name and character of him. As I father, I judge my sons' friends by the love and devotion they have toward him and by how they treat him and not by their perfect intellectual head knowledge and perfect mental understanding of who he is. I am not jealous if my friends show the same affection toward my son as they do toward me in fact when they do it just endears me to them even more. I suspect God feels the same way.

Though we can understand Jesus with some clarity since he walked on earth amongst humanity, we cannot comprehend God his heavenly Father in the same way since no one has seen God and for this reason we should always allow a certain amount of mystery to remain concerning the Almighty God the Creator and source of all life. Added to this God is not bound by our intellectual knowledge and dogma. The God we all worship as Christians not only perceives the love, devotion and true motives of the heart, but is a God of grace and mercy and I suspect will judge each one of us against the law of love and according to our faithfulness and devotion toward His most beloved Son.