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(John 10:25-30)

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- **John 10:25-30:** Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me,²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ 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.³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

The words, “I and the Father are one” have been used to support the theory that Jesus is God, but this is not what Jesus is saying or even implying. The verse is in the context of the wonders and miracles that Jesus did witnessing that he is who he claimed to be. The following Old Testament Scriptures show that Jesus works (i.e., healing the blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf and the dead being raised up were fulfilments of Old Testament prophecy.

- The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous (Psalm 146:8).
- In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 29:18-19).
- The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert (Isaiah 35:5-6).
- Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness (Isaiah 42:1, 7).
- The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me (echoing Jesus) because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;² to proclaim the year of the lord’s favour and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn (Isaiah 61:1-2) (Jesus cites this in Luke 4:18-20).
- In that day, declares the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore (Micah 4:6-7).
- Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth (Zeph. 3:19).

Though some of these verses apply to Israel’s deliverance from their seventy-year captivity in Babylonian and their triumphant return to Jerusalem and the perfect fulfilment of some will be not be fulfilled until Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords to establish God’s Kingdom of righteousness, justice, joy and peace on earth they all echo Christ’s appearing on earth. This is clear because Jesus is the Holy ONE of God and did open the eyes of the blind, healed the deaf and the lame and those that were oppressed by the religious leaders were not only set free from the bondage of their religious and legalistic prideful and hypocritical rule, but also set free from strictly adhering to ceremonial rites, holy days and keeping religious customs and traditions and filled with the joy of the Lord.

Every faithful Jew would have known these prophecies since they had been meticulously preserved on scrolls. This is why Jesus was able to say that the works he does testify that he is:

- The promised Seed of (Gen. 3:15).
- The prophet Moses said was to come like him.

- The promised Seed of Abraham.
- The Promised Seed of David.
- The one the prophets said was to come.
- The one the Old Testament Scriptures speak of.
- The Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world.

Added to all this everyone who saw Jesus should have clearly known that only a man with God's favour and full of God's Spirit without any limitation could raise the dead and do the miracles and wonders Jesus did. The wonders and amazing healing miracles of Jesus were to authenticate that he was the Messiah the Christ the Old Testament Scriptures spoke of and the Son of God loved by God and filled with God's Spirit.

I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE

The words, "I and the Father are One" means that God and Jesus are one in Spirit, mind and purpose, it means whoever God the Father counts worthy for salvation Christ will count worthy and whoever Christ counts worthy God will count worthy. I and the Father are one means God and Christ have the same mind, the same heart, the same love and the same compassion. It means that the Father and the Son are one in Spirit, meaning they have the same, plans, goals, purpose, motivation, attitude and character, they are the same in word, works, deeds, power, judgment and forgiveness, grace, mercy and love it means they are perfect in unity. While on earth Jesus perfectly manifested the invisible and Almighty God's mind, plans, goals, purpose, attitude and character, His word, works, judgment and His grace, mercy and love this is why Jesus was able to say, "If you have seen me you have seen the Father," and why he said, "He only does those things that are from his heavenly Father" (meaning according to God's will), it is in this sense that God the Father and Christ the Son are one. Jesus perfectly revealed God's nature, power, love and His forgiveness, mercy and grace.

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CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT

If the words, "I and the father are one" meant Jesus was God (as many believe) Jesus would be deceiving people every time he said he was the Son of God when all the time he knew he was really God Himself, but he never deceives nor does he ever say or even give any hint that he is God or God the Son, rather he always claims to be the Son of God or the Son of man. Added to this Jesus never once told anyone they must believe that he is God to be saved to eternal life, but only that they must believe he is the Son of God to be saved. Surly if it was true that Christians must believe Jesus is God to be saved he would have told the apostles at least once in his three years with them and revealed such an important part of salvation to Paul in his revelations of Jesus, but never once are the apostles or Paul told that Jesus is God and there is not one Bible verse from Genesis to Revelation that says he is.

There is a very simple reason that not one verse in the entire Bible states that Jesus is God and that reason is the truth that he is not God, this is a man-made doctrine and originates from a misunderstanding of a very few Scriptures.

BELIEVERS ARE ONE BODY

Jesus prayed:

- **John 17:20-23:** “I do not ask for these only (the apostles), but also for those who will believe in me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

In these verses Jesus is praying that believers will be one in God the Father and Christ the Son in the same way that the Father is in Christ and Christ is in the Father so that they maybe one in the same way that Jesus and his heavenly Father are one. Obviously, believers cannot be one in physical form, yet they are called members of one body, meaning they are totally separate individuals yet they form one body. This is because they all have the same inner goal and purpose concerning God and the same faith and devotion toward Christ and are all called to the same works. The body of Christ is many individuals making up one body and called one body. It is this sense that Jesus is saying he and the Father are one it is in purpose, love and unity not in physical form that Jesus and God are one, just as believers are many individuals called one body and forming one body.

Christ received the Spirit of God (also called the Holy Spirit) at his water baptism without limitation he is also called God's word made flesh, because God's word is the express image of God the Father. Just as our word's reveal and express who we are God's word reveal who He is. The Lord Jesus Christ not only manifested God's mercy, grace, forgiveness and power (by miracles and in his resurrection), but also revealed God's plan of eternal salvation that God purposed in his eternal mind before the foundations of the world. Added to these after Jesus death and resurrection Jesus manifested God's eternal life in his body when he appeared to the apostles in his eternal and immortal resurrected body. In all of these actions he became the perfect manifestation of the Fathers word, heart and eternal life and the perfect expression and manifestation of God Himself.

It is in this sense, God is one in the Son and the Son is one in God, they are both in perfect harmony and in perfect unity in mind, word and in life and that word and life is from God and is the express image of who God is. God's word and eternal life was manifested in Christ when he was walking on earth with the apostles, it is in this sense he was God's word manifest in the flesh. The Fathers word was manifested through the things Jesus the Son spoke and God's eternal life in Christ was manifested in his resurrection. God is in the Son and the Son is in God because God's word was in Jesus and he was given the eternal life of the Father at his death and resurrection. The resurrection did not make the Son, God the Father, Jesus did not transform or turn back into the one true God after his resurrection, rather the Bible teaches that he is the glorified Son raised from the dead and seated at the right-hand side of his heavenly Father.

At conversion: believers are filled with the Spirit of God which is the gift of righteousness leading to eternal life this Spirit is called the Holy Spirit. One of the Holy Spirit's main titles is the Spirit of Truth, which is the word of God. Jesus was the word of God in the flesh that's why he was able to say, "I am the Truth." We are told that the Holy Spirit is the eternal life of God and the Spirit of Truth, so in this sense believers are in God the Father and in the Son, because they have embraced Christ who is the Truth into their heart and mind. Those who belong to Jesus have the Holy Spirit and the word of Truth dwelling in them which gives them the same mind and purpose that God and Christ have (howbeit not perfectly). It is God's word and God's life that unites believers as one in love.

I and the Father are one: (v30) these words mean that Jesus the Son and God the Father are one in perfect love, perfect mind and perfect unity.