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## **The Three Biblical Expressions:**

### **From God Of the Father Of the Son.**

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## The Three Biblical Expressions:

### 1. From God

### 2. Of the Father

### 3. Of the Son

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**INTRODUCTION:** this study looks at the various meanings of the words (*from God*) and at the words (*and the*) (*and of*) (*of the*) which are used in many Scriptures to separate the Father and the Son (especially in the apostles' greetings).

The following are just two examples:

1. Grace unto you from the Father (*and the*) Lord Jesus Christ.
2. The grace of God (*and of*) Christ Jesus be with you.
3. To the churches of God and (*of the*) Lord Jesus Christ.

On a very few occasions the words (*and the*) (*and of*) (*of the*) are missing from the translation so that upon reading the verse it appears that God and Christ are one and the same identity (especially to those who already have a preconceived mindset that Jesus is God). But it should always be kept in mind, when a verse seems obscure or difficult to harmonize with the majority of Scriptures the rule of good Bible study is to always allow the meaning and teaching of the very clear Scriptures to supersede and take priority over the few that may seem to be obscure. A single verse and especially a single word (especially one that is missing) should never be allowed to overthrow the very clear teachings of the many other Scriptures concerning the same topic or overthrow the context of the entire chapter or the overall teachings of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

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## THE VARIOUS MEANINGS OF THE WORDS (*FROM GOD*)

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To discover the various meanings of the words (*from God*) we will begin by looking at the different ways the following seven major Bibles have translated verse forty-seven of John chapter eight.

### **New Revised Standard Bible.**

- Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God (John 8:47).

### **New International Bible.**

- He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God (John 8:47).

### **American Standard Bible (1901).**

- He that is of God heareth the words of God for this cause ye hear them not, because ye are not of God (John 8:47).

### **King James Bible.**

- He that is of God heareth God's words, ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God (John 8:47).

### **New American Standard Bible.**

- He who is of God hears the words of God, for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God (John 8:47).

## New King James Bible.

- He who is of God hears God's words, therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God (John 8:47).

These seven different Bible versions shine a spotlight on the truth that the following expressions all mean the same thing:

- Whoever is from God.
- You are from God.
- He who belongs to God.
- He that is of God.
- He who is of God.

**This shows that the expression (*from God*) can mean the following:**

- That a person belongs to God.
- That a person is together with God.
- That a person is in union with God.
- That a person is sent by God.

Christian believers who go on a missionary journey can say that they are from God, or that they have come from God and are sent by God. It is in the sense of being God's true representative that a disciple is from God. This shines a spotlight on the truth that the expression, "Jesus is from God," means that he belongs to God and is together in union with God.

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## THE WORDS (*AND THE*) (*AND OF*)

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The words, (*and the*) (*and of*) in the New Testament are commonly used in Scripture to separate the Father and the Son.

- Grace to you and peace from God our Father (*and the*) Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:7).
- In the presence of God (*and of*) Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 5:21).
- James, a servant of God and (*of the*) Lord Jesus Christ (James 1:1).

On a very few occasions the (*and the*) (*and of*) (*of the*) has been left out in the translation of a verse, sadly some Bible scholars have used few verses of Scriptures to support the doctrine that claims Jesus is God, to do this one has to sacrifice the overwhelming multitude of Scriptures that clearly separate the Father and the Son and that teach Jesus is the most loved Son of God his heavenly Father and not God himself. Sacrificing the very clear Scripture concerning a particular topic and favouring those that are obscure or difficult does the Bible a great injustice because the ethical and general rule of Bible study and searching out the truth of anything is to take the majority of clear evidence as proof of a thing and not those Scriptures that have a certain degree of obscurity especially if they go against the context they are in and the overall teaching of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

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## JESUS IS THE EXALTED GLORIFIED SON

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Part of the problem is that many believers are so emotionally and passionately involved with the belief that Jesus is God that they feel to say Jesus is not God robs him of his glory and divinity, but this kind of thinking is a deception since to exalt and esteem Christ as God's most

beloved Son does not rob him from any royal majesty and glory, because God his heavenly Father has not only given Jesus His Spirit without measure (meaning without any limitations) and exalted him above every principality and power, but has also given him His very own Name which is above every name. In God's eyes and heart Jesus is loved, honoured and exalted to the highest not as the one true God, but as the most beloved Son of God.

**Consider the following:** Jesus never claims or says that he is God anywhere in the Bible, nor do the apostles or Paul. Surely if it was important for a sinner to know that Jesus was really the one true God Jesus would have told the apostles at least once during his three years with them, but all we ever hear them saying is that, "Jesus is the Son of God" and that "Whoever believes Jesus is the Son of God will be saved." There is not one Scripture in the entire Bible that says, "Whoever believes Jesus is God or God the Son will be saved." For God's eyes to look upon the heart and mind of a faithful brother and sister in Christ and see Jesus being exalted and worshipped to the highest as God's most beloved Son and the redeemer and eternal Saviour of their life brings glory before God's throne and all the angels in heaven.

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