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(1 Corinthians 8:3-6)

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- **1 Corinthians 8:3-6:** But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.”⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Paul in these verses is shining a brilliant spotlight on the following truths:

- There is no God, but one.
- There is one God, the Father.
- The Father is the source of all things.
- We exist for the Father.
- There is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
- All things are for the Father through the Lord Jesus.
- We exist for Jesus.

The words, “There is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through who are all things and through whom we exist” is not referring to the original creation of Genesis, but to the global body of Christ, the church. Without Christ there would be no reconciliation with God, no salvation, no eternal life and no Kingdom of God. Jesus was the central focus of God’s eternal mind from before the world began; God planned and purposed mankind’s eternal salvation from before the foundations of the world to be in Christ. It is in this sense that Paul is saying, “There is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through who are all things and through whom we exist.” God at this present time is calling a people out for Christ and building a new race worldwide in Christ made ups of Jews and Gentiles.

This new race is called a new creation and new nation in Christ, the body of Christ and the church.

THERE MANY SO-CALLED "GODS" IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH

The words, “There are many so-called gods,” means that there are many gods people worldwide believe in, but they are only creations of their own imagination. They seem real to those who worship them because of the strong belief they give to them, but in reality, they are only figments of their own imagination. Certainly, if the belief in them is strong enough they will feel emotions accordingly this is because the human nervous system does not have a mind of its own and therefore responds to whatever pictures are playing in the mind whether they are real or not since the nervous system cannot tell the difference. This is why deception is so deceptive and why there are so many different religions.

For further information see the title:

- Demons in, Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

Paul in these verses clearly teaches that for the apostles there is only one God the Father who is the source of all life and creator of all creation and one Lord Jesus Christ who is His most beloved Son and through who all things concerning salvation, eternal life the church the global body of

Christ exists. Without Christ's death and resurrections God's eternal plan for mankind would be left bankrupt. It is in this sense that Paul is saying, "There is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through who are all things and through whom we exist." Everyone who is united to God and has eternal life exist in Christ by faith, without Christ we would not exist, meaning we would not be in the Kingdom of God nor would we have any hope of eternal life. Jesus said:

- I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6).

Jesus Himself clearly states the only way to be united to God his heavenly Father is through faith in him. Paul in this conversation with the Corinthians is not mystically or secretly trying to say that Jesus is the Father or that the Father is Jesus, if that was the case Paul would just say so. Paul is highlighting the truth that the Father is the source of all creation and all life and we are created for Him, but even though God is the source of eternal life without Christ we have no way of receiving it so in this sense Jesus is the source of all life in that it is only through faith in him that anyone can be united to his heavenly Father and receive eternal life.

NOTE: the words, "If anyone loves God, they are known by God (1 Cor. 8:3) carry the idea that God's heart and favour is toward them.

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