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## **If you have Seen Me**

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## **The Father.**

**(John 14:6-11)**

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## If you have Seen Me you have Seen the Father.

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- **John 14:6-11:** Jesus said to him (Thomas), “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”<sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.”<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

Jesus words, "You have not known me, Philip?" means Philip you not seen my character, the Sermon on the Mount, that Jesus taught and lived, is the nature of God the Father, it is by Jesus lifestyle that we see the nature and character of the Father because he lived it while he was here on earth. Jesus perfectly manifested the power the word and the love of the Father and only did those things that were his Father's will that is why he was able to say, "If you have seen me you have seen the Father." Jesus and the Father are in perfect love and perfect unity concerning works, judgment, plans and eternal purposes. Jesus was manifesting the nature of the invisible God his heavenly Father while he was walking amongst us.

Jesus is not saying or implying that he is the Father in fact in verse one Jesus clearly makes sure this does not happen by telling us to believe in the Father and believe in the Son. Jesus Christ the Son of God lived in the flesh (human body) on earth as the express image of his Father and perfectly manifested the love, compassion, mercy, grace, kindness and forgiveness of God. Jesus perfectly manifested the character and nature of his heavenly Father in every way. Jesus tells us in verse six to believe in God the Father and also tells us to believe in him. This clearly shows that Jesus is not saying he is the Father especially since he constantly repeats his statement to believe in both the Father and the Son.

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Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except through him," (v6) the whole purpose of Jesus coming was so that people would know the Father. In the Old Testament believers had to sacrifice a lamb without blemish for their sins, the purpose of this lamb was that sinners would have a right standing before the One and only true God. God the Father has now sent Jesus His Son as the sacrificial Lamb to give his sinless life so that all who believe in the Son could boldly stand before the Father clothed in the royal robes of Christ's righteousness knowing their sins have been forgiven because of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ the perfect Lamb of God without blemish

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### I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME

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Jesus words, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" (v10-11) does not mean that Jesus is God (as many believe), but that Jesus by the Spirit and by love is in the Father and the Father by the Spirit and by Love is in Jesus. The following verses show that believers are also in the Father and that the Father is in them and they are also in Christ and Christ is in them:

- Jesus said, "I am in my Father, and you (believers) in me, and I in you" (John 14:20).
- Jesus said to believers, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4).
- Jesus prayed for those who will believe in him through the apostles word "That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us" (John 17:21).

Obviously when the Scriptures talk of believers being in God the Father and the Father being in them no one takes it to mean they become God. Added to this when the Scriptures talks of Jesus, being in believers and believers being in Jesus it never enters anyone's mind to think that it means the believer becomes Jesus. So why is it when Jesus talks of being in the Father and the Father being in him a great majority of Christianity take it to mean that Jesus is God? Everyone who has ever been deeply in love knows that the one they love dwells in their heart and mind by love. It would be right and proper to say that the man or woman they love dwells in their heart (or abides within them) by their spirit and by love.

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