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- **1 John 5:20** [20] And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

This verse has been used to support the theory that Jesus is God, but is this what John is really saying. John's focus is that Jesus the Son came so that mankind may know and understand the true nature of God the one true God. Knowing God, the Father is the focus of this verse. John is telling believers that they are in God the one true God through His Son Jesus Christ. John is not teaching that Jesus is God as this would be contrary to Jesus teaching that:

- Eternal life, is knowing the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom God has sent (John 17:3).

Without Jesus appearing on earth mankind would have no idea of whether God the Father was a vengeful God or a compassionate God it is only by looking that the Son of God that we know and understand the nature of his heavenly Father the one and only true God. Prior to Jesus appearing the religious leaders (the Chief priests, Pharisees and Scribes) were presenting God to be a legalistic God who commanded that every ceremonial rite and holy day be strictly kept and demanded that every religious custom and tradition be adhered to before anyone could be saved to eternal life. They were hypocritical and prideful and lacked love, compassion and mercy and through their legalistic and trivial demands presented God as a cold-hearted judge who lacked love and compassion, mercy and grace. They made it almost impossible for those seeking God to find him.

This is one of the main reasons why God sent Jesus, no one today has to rely on anyone else to teach them the nature of God all we have to do is look at the life of Jesus. He is the perfect reflection of the nature and heart of God his heavenly Father. This is what John is saying in this verse, everyone today knows God because the Son of God came and dwelt amongst us giving us understanding, so that we may know his heavenly Father who is the true God. The words, "We are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ" means that we are in God who is the true God because we are in his Son. Every faithful brother and sister is in Christ by faith and by the Spirit and by love and Jesus is in God the Father by the Spirit and by love and since we are in Christ and Christ is in the Father we are all in each other by the Spirit and by love.

- 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.

John is saying, "We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ." Now we have a full stop which means the conversation pauses because this is the end of the sentence. As John begins the conversation again his focus has shifted from Jesus back to his heavenly Father the true God who Jesus came to reveal to the world.

John is saying that by being in the Lord Jesus Christ God's Son believers are in the Father who is the true God and eternal life. This is in total harmony with the entire teaching of the Bible, the whole purpose of God the Father sending His Son was that believers once again would have a right standing before the one true God the Almighty Holy God and that they would know God's heart, character and nature.

Jesus perfectly manifested God's love, grace, mercy and forgiveness. It is only through faith in God's Son that believers are able to stand before God and receive His divine favor. Jesus came so that believers may know God the Father who is the true God. Clearly it does not say Jesus has come that believers may know that the Son is really the Father (as many believe). In this verse John is simply saying that Jesus came so that believers may know who the true God is.