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**God the Father
Jesus the Son
and
Believers are all One.**

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Topics.

- One flock and one Shepherd.
 - Jesus and the Father are one.
 - The Father is in me and I am in the Father.
 - The Father in Jesus and Jesus in the Father.
 - Believers maybe one in God, one in Christ and one in each other.
 - All are one in Christ Jesus.
 - The Father, the word, and the Holy Spirit are one.
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INTRODUCTION

Since this study is quite controversial since it veers from normal traditional Christian teaching it is my hope that those who hold to a different view will set it aside for a moment and be patient and read the following notes with an open mind until they reach the end and then choose to accept or reject what has been said.

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ONE FLOCK AND ONE SHEPHERD (JOHN 10).

- **John 10:16:** Jesus said: I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Jesus is talking to some Pharisees and some Jews (John 9:40) after listening to him there was division amongst them because Jesus had healed a blind man and said: -

- I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father (John 10:14-15).

Some Jews accused Jesus of having a demon (because he implied God was his Father), while others came to his defence saying, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" (John 10:14-21).

At the beginning of the apostle's ministry Jesus told the twelve:

- Not to go to the Gentiles, but go rather to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 10:1-6).

And later he told them:

- He was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matt. 15:24).

The sheep that are of this fold are the Jews who accept Jesus. They are the lost sheep of the house of Israel who had fallen away from the faith because of the prideful, hypocritical religious leaders (the chief priest, Pharisees and scribes) dogma and legalism. The other sheep that are not of the Jewish fold refers to the Gentiles who accept Christ. Jesus intention in this present age is to create one flock made up of Jews and Gentiles of

which he is the Shepherd of them all. Certain Scriptures state that God and Jesus are one based on this idea many believe that Jesus is actually God, but this is a mistaken idea of what the Scriptures are saying as this study will highlight as the reader travels through it. The thing to notice in the words, "There will be one flock" is that the word one embraces a multitude of people which highlights the truth that just because God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are spoken of as being one it does not have to mean that they are the same person (as many believe).

JESUS AND THE FATHER ARE ONE

- **John 10:27-30:** Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My 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. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

Jesus words, "I and the Father are one," do not mean that Jesus is actually God the Father as some believe, but that God the Father and Jesus the Son are one in mind and purpose it means they are one in perfect love and perfect unity.

THE FATHER IS IN ME AND I AM IN THE FATHER

- **John 10:37-38:** Jesus said: If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

Jesus is telling certain Jews (who are about to throw stones at him) (v31) that if they do not believe what he says, they should believe him because of the wonders and amazing miracles he is doing, since no man without the favour of God upon him and the fullness of the Spirit of God dwelling in him (without any limitations) could do the mighty miracles that Jesus did. Jesus statement, "The Father is in me and I am in the Father," means that they both have the same mind, purposes and goals as each other there is no division or tension between them everything Jesus does is the will of the Father because they are perfectly one in love, in unity and in purpose. It is the same as saying, "God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son are one" It does not mean they are the same person but that they are perfectly one in love, unity and purpose and in each other by the Spirit and by love.

The following is a true story and a good example of a person being in the heart of another. An eight-year old disabled girl, whose best friend was her mother was doing her first live stage show at her school. The mother loved her daughter but could not be at the opening show as she was in hospital with terminal cancer. A television reporter asked the young girl if she would be sad and miss her mother at the opening of the show. The small girl with tears in her eyes said, "Yes I will miss her, but she will be in my heart where she belongs." Love for a person creates the reality and presence of that person in the human heart.

This presence is in direct proportion to the love (i.e., the greater the love the greater the presence). Every Christian, by looking at the bloodstained cross knows that God and Jesus love them.

THE FATHER IN JESUS AND JESUS IN THE FATHER

- **John 17:11:** I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one even as we are one.

Jesus says that he and God the Father are one and prays that those who belong to him would also be one as he and the Father are one. Jesus is praying that a collective group of individuals would be one as God the Father and Jesus Christ are one. Obviously becoming one does not mean the collective group of individuals become one single individual, but that they become one in love and one in purpose mind and unity. These verses clearly show that the expression, "Being one" or "Are one" does not imply that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are the one person, but instead shines brilliant spotlight on the truth that being one means:

- Jesus and God the Father are one in purpose, plans and motivation.
- God the Father and His Son have the same mind and are in perfect love and in perfect unity together.

This is what Jesus means when he prays for the collective group of believers to become one as God the Father and Jesus Christ are one it is about becoming one in mind, love and perfect unity as Jesus and his heavenly Father are. Clearly, we are not going to obtain to the perfection of love and unity that the Father and his Son have, but we should be doing everything in our power to attain to it.

BELIEVERS MAYBE ONE IN GOD, ONE IN CHRIST AND ONE IN EACH OTHER

- **John 17:20-23:** I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that 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. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one ²³I 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.

This, group of verses shine a spotlight on the truth that the Father is one in Christ and Christ is one in the Father and at the same time multitudes of faithful brothers and sisters in Christ worldwide are one in the Father and one in the Lord and one in each other. How is it possible that beings from vastly different origins, vastly different minds and vastly different personalities can be one with each other and also be one in each other? The answer is spiritual and actually very simple and I am sure to many it is also very obvious, since there is only one way anyone can be one in and with another and at the same time be one with and in many others and that is by love. It is by love that God is one in Christ and Christ is one in God and we are one in the Father and His Son and they are one in us. This is one of the reasons why love will endure throughout all eternity the second reason of course is that God is love.

John wrote:

- Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love (1 John 4:8).
- We have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him (1 John 4:16).

There is another glorious truth we can learn from this, what is that you might ask? Simply this, anything that is against the law of love is also against the will of God. Jesus desire is that those who belong to him would be one in the Father and in Jesus so that the world may believe that God sent Jesus and loves those who belong to him with the same love that he loves Jesus with. Once again this is all about love the Father, Jesus and those who belong to him are in each other by love. Jesus is praying that those who belong to him will be in the Father and in Christ by love because it is love that manifests Christ and the glory of the Father to the world. In this context, to become perfectly one means to be united perfectly in love with the Father, with Jesus and with each other. It is in the sense of being one in mind, purpose, love and unity that Jesus is saying, he is in the

Father and the Father is in him. In these verses Jesus is praying that all who believe will be one in the same way that Christ and the Father are one obviously multitudes of people cannot become a single person which clearly shows that when Jesus says that he and the Father are one he is not implying that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are the same person (as many believe), but rather that they are one in perfect love and unity with each other. Following are two reasons Jesus prays we would become one:

1. So those who belong to his Kingdom would dwell together in love and unity (i.e. have the same mind, goals and purposes in Christ and show the same compassion, mercy, grace and forgiveness etc.).
2. So that the world will know that God loves those that belong to Christ in the same way that He loves the Lord Jesus Christ.

These verses are teaching that God's love is best manifested through the unity of those who believe in Him.

CHRIST'S LOVE FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM

A Bible teacher once asked his new students, "How do you make someone love you without controlling their free will? After a moment of silence, he told the young students, "Die for them." Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this that someone lays down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Sadly, some in the Christian faith, because of a lack of perceiving the great love God has toward those in Christ that these words of Jesus shine a spotlight on tend to determine whether God loves them by their good or bad circumstances.

They feel if life is charmed and blessed God loves them, but if it suddenly takes a turn for the worse and trouble comes, they feel God has withdrawn his love, but this is superstition and judging God according to the fickle circumstances of this world. When anyone who believes in Christ doubts God's love all we have to do is look back to the bloodstained cross and see what it cost the heart of the Father to save us and how much his Son suffered to redeem us and spiritually crown and cloth us with a royal and majestic robe of righteous so that we could be justified and granted eternal life in everlasting glory apart from self-effort and strictly adhering to ceremonial rites and holy days or keeping religious customs and traditions.

ALL ARE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS

- **Galatians 3:28:** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

This verse highlights the truth that it is by the unity of faith in Christ that a multitude of people can be spoken of as being one it is in this same manner that God the Father and His most beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ are spoken of as being one. Since the teaching that Jesus is God has such a strong hold on much of traditional Christianity the following will encourage and comfort faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who maybe in some doubt and unsure of what to believe concerning the Father and the Son.

The Bible very clearly shows that even if Jesus was God no one has to know this to be saved to eternal life since there is not one verse in the entire Bible that states:

- We must believe that Jesus is God to be saved.

Nor is there one verse from Genesis to Revelations that says:

- Whoever believes that Jesus is God will be saved.

In total contrast to this silence there are literally multitudes of Scriptures throughout the pages of the New Testament that very clearly proclaim:

- We must believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be saved.

And that say:

- Whoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God will be saved.

Surely if it was important to believe that Jesus was actually God to be saved to eternal life Jesus, the apostles and Paul would have told us at least once in all their teaching concerning salvation, but all we hear from Paul, the apostles and Jesus himself is them saying that we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be saved to eternal life. Jesus himself said, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

THE FATHER, THE WORD, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE ONE

- **1 John 5:7:** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one.

This verse has been grossly misunderstood throughout the history of Christianity by those who have a preconceived mindset that Jesus is God. John is not saying God the Father, the Holy Spirit and Jesus are one identity and one person this teaching totally distorts what John was saying since anyone who does not approach the words, these three are one with a preconceived mindset that Jesus is God clearly understand that John means they are one in perfect love and perfect unity. These three are one means they have the same mind, plans purposes and goals.

It is the same as an earthly father handing over the family business to his Son who he loves and trusts because he knows his son has the same mind, character and ability to run the company equally as well as he has. The Bible in various contexts uses the expression, "They are one" to God, to Christ, to Christ and the global church (the body of the Lord) and to brothers and sisters in Christ. This is because it carries the idea that they are all one in mind, plans, goals, purpose, motivation, attitude and character they are the same in word, works, deeds, power, judgment and forgiveness, grace, mercy, love and are in unity. This is what the Bible means when it uses the expressions:

- One Spirit.
- They are one.
- These three are one.

JESUS CHRIST AND GOD THE FATHER

The continuing verses repeatedly make reference to the Father and His Son as two separate individual beings, should the Son actually be God surely it would mean that he has deceived us by allowing us to believe that he is the Son of God especially since he never told the apostles or any disciple nor is there a Scripture anywhere in the entire Bible that states Jesus is God. Surely if it was true that Jesus is God, we would be believing a Gospel of deception since there is not one Scripture in the Gospel that it states this whereas there are multitudes that proclaim, we must believe Jesus is the Son of God to be saved. It bewilders this author why sinful mortal men who confess to believe in God would give Jesus the title God the Son and refer to him as God, when Jesus himself never gives himself these titles, but only ever refers to himself as the Son of God or the Son of man and only ever tells us we must believe he is the Son of God to be saved to eternal life.

For further information concerning Christ and the Father being one, see the title:

- Trinity (The Doctrine of the Trinity) In, Various Topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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