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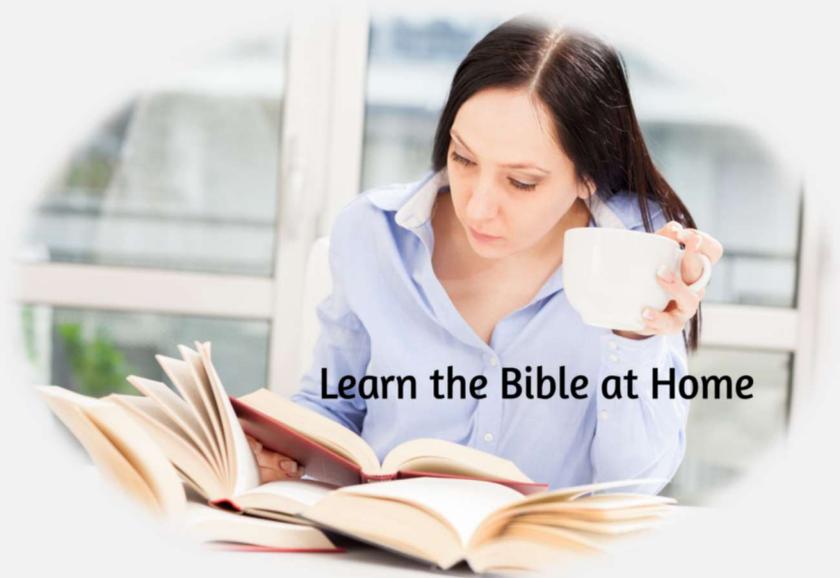
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Yourself God.**

**(John 10:31-38)**

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## You, being a Man, make Yourself God.

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- **John 10:31-36:** The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” <sup>33</sup> The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? <sup>35</sup> If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— <sup>36</sup> do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”

The words, “You, being a man, make yourself God” are used to support the theory Jesus is God. This is a perfect example of lifting a verse out of its context and forcing it to mean something quite different to what the original author had in mind. Jesus didn’t make himself God it was the Jews who accused him of making himself God they reasoned that because Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, he was making himself God. It is interesting to notice that it is only the unbelieving Jews who denied the Lord Jesus Christ and tried to stone him that imply he was claiming to be God, when in reality Jesus told them he was the Son of God and never himself ever claimed to be God. Throughout the Bible Jesus never once says he is God; the apostles never say Jesus is God and Paul who wrote the majority of the New Testament never once states that Jesus is God in fact there is not one Scripture in the entire Bible that says Jesus is God.

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### YOU ARE GOD’S

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The words, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’?” (v34) refers to the following Old Testament verse:

- I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you (Psalm 82:6).

The god’s referred to in this context are the Hebrew Judges God appointed over the nation of Israel they are called gods because the word of God came to them and they had to power to judge. God’s Spirit is one of justice and fairness so everyone who confesses to believe in God should be able to judge with justice and fairness. It is in the sense of being judges that Gods people are referred to as being gods. It does not mean they are gods in the sense of God the Almighty, since the Psalm goes on to say:

- How long will they judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Though they are gods and all of them sons of the Most High they will die like men and fall like any (human) prince.

It is in the sense that God had given them authority to judge that they are referred to as gods. In this Psalm God is rebuking those in leadership for judging unjustly and favouring those who are rich rather than showing fairness to the poor and the needy. It is in the sense that they have the power to judge that God refers to them as gods. Jesus is saying to these unbelieving Jews if God can call the judges gods why would they condemn him for saying He is the Son of God? Prior to these verses the Jews asked Jesus:

- If you are the Christ, tell us plainly (John 10:24).

Imagine for a moment if a TV reporter was to wander around the world today asking those confessing to believe in Christ, “Who the Lord Jesus Christ is?” It is most likely he would get the following three answers:

1. God.
2. God the Son.

### 3. The son of God.

The best way to find which of these three answers perfectly answers the unbelieving Jews question is to read the following verses and see who Jesus himself told the Jews who he is.

- **John 10:37-38:** If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; <sup>38</sup> but 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 tells the Jews that his Father is the God of heaven which means that the title that perfectly describes Jesus is the third title, the Son of God. The works of the Father refer to the wonders and healing miracles Jesus did. They should have known Jesus was who he claimed to be since no man without the fullness of God’s Spirit and God’s favour upon him could do the miracles and wonders that Jesus did. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, said to Jesus:

- We know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him (John 3:1-2).

It mattered not whether a man or woman was in a synagogue, a church or on the streets nor did it matter whether they had faith or lacked it Jesus from the compassion of his heart and by the power of his word and the Spirit of God healed them. No man before Jesus or after Jesus has been able to do the mighty miracles Jesus did especially with such natural and simple ease. (Jesus did not need motivational speeches or mood shifting music to prepare the minds of the people for him).

Jesus words:

- The Father is in me and I am in the Father (v38).

Have also been used to support the theory that Jesus is God, but this is not what Jesus is saying or even implying. The Father is in Christ by his Spirit and by love and Jesus is in his Father by the Spirit and by love. The Father is in me and I am in the Father means they are of the same mind in every way are in perfect unity and have perfect love. It means they have the same eternal plans, goals, purpose, motivation, attitude and character they are the same in word, works, deeds, power, judgment and forgiveness. They have the same grace, mercy, love and are in perfect in unity. This is what the Bible means when it uses the expression Jesus and the Father are one and what the expression, “The Father is in me and I am in the Father” means.

The Scriptures also teach that Jesus is in God and God is in Jesus and believers are in Christ and Christ is in them. No-one thinks that this means that believers become Jesus or that Jesus becomes the believer, obviously this kind of talking is foolishness to everyone, yet when the Bible talks of Jesus being in the Father and the Father being in Jesus many believe it means that both the Father and the Son are the one true God even though Jesus, the apostles, Paul and all other disciples only ever refer to Jesus as the Son of God and never as God or God the Son.