

WHO IS GOD?

The age-old question, "Who is God?" What is His name? How do we explain 1John 5: 7?

Who says: *For there are three that bare record in Heaven, The Father, The Word, and The Holy Ghost. These three are one.*" In this Bible Study we will explain and answer these questions by the Word of God.

I pray that you have an original King James Version.

Isaiah 43: 10 *Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*

11---*I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior.*

This is also confirmed by Hosea 13: 4: *Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no savior beside me.*

Remember that when Moses asked God who shall I say sent me God answered simply tell them I am that I am. So when the term I am was used in the Jewish culture it referred to God. We find this term used many times in the Old Testament and at least ten times in the New Testament when Jesus Christ refers to Himself. (which we will get into a little further in this Bible Study).

Before we can find out "Who is God?" we must first find "What is God?" If we read John 4: 24 we will find out "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." This is also confirmed by Genesis 1: 1-2 *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2, And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.* Now remember that God said in Leviticus 17: 11 " *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the alter to make an atonement for the soul: for it is the blood that maketh and atonement for the soul.*"

This is also confirmed in Heb 9: 22 *And almost all things are by the Law purged with blood: and without shedding of blood is no remission.* So, John 4: 24 tells us God is a spirit. And a spirit has no blood. Rev 5: 3 says that a search was made in Heaven, in the earth, and beneath the earth and could not find one worthy. Worthy of what? Worthy to be the Lamb of God.

There was no man or woman who was able, by the shedding of their blood, to be an atonement for the sins of man. So God Himself had to come and take on a robe of flesh (so there would be blood that could be shed.)

John 1: 14 *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.*

John 17: 17 *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."* If anyone is to be sanctified it must be through and by the Word of God which is truth. This is also confirmed by Romans 3: 4. "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged." If the words we speak concerning salvation and the Word of God, do not concur with the Word of God then we are liars. It is that simple. So, we need to be sure that the words we speak are truth. The truth, being the Word of God, is the only thing that can make us free John 8: 32. *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Now according to Psalms 90: 2---Psalms 103: 17---Psalms 106: 48. God is from everlasting to everlasting. Which means He doesn't change. He's the same yesterday, today, and forevermore.

According to John 1: 1-14.

1 ¶ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

2 *The same was in the beginning with God.*

3 *All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.*

4 *In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men.*

5 ¶ *And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.*

6 *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

7 *The same came as a witness to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*

8 *He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

9 *That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

10 *He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.*

11 He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe in His name,

13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

Now according to John 1:1 the word was God, then the 14th verse continues to tell us that the word was made flesh and dwelled among us. So God took upon himself a robe of flesh. Why? Because a spirit has no blood and so therefore could not shed blood. Now that He had taken on a robe of flesh he could shed blood giving mankind another opportunity to walk with Him in the cool of the day. When He could not find another worthy, He did not give up on His Creation but came and went to the Cross of Calvary that you and I might have a right to the tree of life.

Now that we have established what and who God is, let's find out, according to the Word of God, what is His name. John establishes in John 1: 14 that God became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus Christ declared several who He was in the scriptures. According to John 10: 22-29 plainly explains who He is:

22 ¶ And it was at Jerusalem the Feast of the Dedication, and it was winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's Porch.

24 Then came the Jews round about Him and said unto Him, "How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly."

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and ye believed not. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of My sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow Me.

28 And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

29 My Father, who gave them to Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand_

And in the 30th verses He tells them in no uncertain terms "I and my Father are one."

Colossians 2:9 says "In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

John 14: 22-23 Judas (not Iscariot) said unto Him, "Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him and make Our abode with him.

Rev. 3: 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

21 To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with My Father on His throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches!"

John 14: 6-11 says:

6 Jesus said unto him, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

7 If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also; and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him."

8 Philip said unto Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth."

9 Jesus said unto him, "Have I been so long a time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, 'Show us the Father'?"

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself; but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the very works' sake.

Revelations 1: 8: Says:

8 "I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE ENDING," saith the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is written in red making reference to the word of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the fleshly robe that God came in and dwelt among us. God is a spirit and dwelt in that robe of flesh. So that the name of God is not revealed until the angel spoke his name to Mary. And said His name shall be called Jesus.

14 ¶ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 from whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named,
16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height,
19 and to know the love of Christ, which surpasseth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.
20 Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
21 unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Thus the name of God is Jesus Christ. Not just Jesus, or not just Christ. The authority is in both names. Just as your first name at your favorite bank has no authority, neither does your last name. But when you put both your first and last name together it has authority and power. You can cash checks, take out loans, buy bonds, and CD's or whatever, But it takes both names.

When we pray, when we baptize, when we quote His name in Scripture, the power comes when we use both names Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3: 17 *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him.* Remember it takes both names of God. Jesus Christ.

We also should attend His church. Matt 16:18 *And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

This church is to be called by His name and no other. He said ***I will build my church***. He never said that he would build another church, called by any other name.

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