

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Each believer must decide for himself what he will believe, based upon his own study of Scripture with prayer. The writings, questions or commentary of other Christians should be valued as stimulating thought and growth. No human being should set himself up as the expositor of absolute truth in the things of God, and it is not my intent to do so in this study. We all “see through a glass darkly.” I offer my opinion, with supporting arguments - nothing more.

I want to make it very clear that I believe Christ our Lord is a divine being, worthy of worship. He is not a created being. He was “begotten” - not created. I do believe that Christ had a beginning, meaning that He has not always existed. He was begotten as a being with an identity or self, separate from that of His Father.

A human son is of human nature, and is of the same DNA substance as his human parents. So before His incarnation, Christ was of the same nature (divine) and substance as His Father. As such, Christ could then, and can now, be called God (meaning divine being).

**“Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is His name, and what is His Son’s name, if you know?”
Proverbs 30:4 NKJV**

TRINITY?

1. **There is no statement in Scripture that there are three coequal, coeternal divine beings (tritheistic-trinitarianism), or that God is one divine being who manifests Himself in three ways - as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (monotheistic-trinitarianism).**
2. **Scripture never uses the word Trinity when referring to God.**
3. Christ referred to God as “the Father.” The New Testament writers refer to “God our Father” many, many times, but no Bible writer, ever referred to Christ as “God the Son,” or to the Holy Spirit as “God the Holy Spirit.” John 1:1-3 clearly states that Christ is divine. He is a divine being because He was begotten from the Father who is divine. The Son of God was to be worshiped by angels (Heb 1:6) and by men (Phil 2:10). The Father of course, is called “God our Father” (Rom. 1:7, 1Co 1:3, 2Co 1:2, Eph. 1:2, Phi 1:2, Col 1:2, 1Th 1:1, 2Th 1:1, 2Th 1:2, 1Ti 1:2, Phm 1:3).

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT WORSHIPED

4. I have found no command in Scripture that we are to glorify, give thanks to, pray to, or exalt the Holy Spirit. There is no account of any created being offering worship to the Holy Spirit by name. Christ came to teach us the truth about God, yet He never taught that we are to worship the Holy Spirit.

“And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth . . . I heard saying, ‘Blessing and honor and glory and power be **to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb**, forever and ever!’” (Revelation 5:13).

In the New Testament Scriptures, two divine beings are worshiped - the Father and the Son.

CHRIST NEVER PRAYED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

5. **Christ prayed only to His Father, and never spoke to another divine being by name.** He instructed His disciples to pray to the Father, in the name of the Son (Matthew 6:10, John 15:16, John 16:23).
6. We are to pray *for* the spirit, never *to* the spirit. The Holy Spirit is the gift.

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13).

“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He (Christ) poured out this which you now see and hear” (Acts 2:33).

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS “HIS SPIRIT”

7. Singular pronouns indicating possession, source, or relation, are used extensively with the word spirit throughout Scripture. The Holy Spirit is called “**His spirit**,” “**My spirit**,” “**the spirit of the Lord**,” “**the spirit of God**,” “**the spirit of Him**” or “**Your spirit**.” This suggests that the Holy Spirit is the omnipresence and power of the Father and/or of Christ. In Matthew 12:18, Luke 4:18, and Romans 8:11, the Spirit is “the Spirit of the Father.” 1Peter 1:10-11 refers to the “Spirit of Christ” as the inspiration of Old Testament prophets.

THE FATHER IS THE SUPREME SOVEREIGN GOD

8. Jesus called **His Father** “**the only true God**” (John 17:3).
9. Paul said, “**There is One God, the Father, of Whom are all things**, and One Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things” (1Corinthians 8:6). He also wrote, “**one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all**” (Ephesians 4:6).
10. **We were created by the Father, through the Son** (1Cor.8:6, Eph.3:9, Col.1:12-16, Heb.1:1-3).

The family is named after the Father.

Paul says, “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ’ of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Eph. 3:14,15).

Those who enter the heavenly mansions will have the name of the Father and of the Son written in their foreheads (Rev. 14:1, Rev.3:12). *Why not also the name of the Holy Spirit?*

“HE IS GOD” - NOT - “THEY ARE GOD”

11. **In Scripture, God is referred to using singular pronouns such as He, His or Him.** “Fear God, and give glory to *Him*, for the hour of *His* judgment is come” (Revelation 14:7).

THE GOD OF CHRIST

12. **The Father is the God of Christ** (John 20:17, Rom. 15:6, 1Cor. 11:3, 2Cor. 1:3, 2Cor. 11:31, Eph. 1:3, Eph. 1:17, Col. 1:3, Heb. 1:9, 1Pet 1:3, Rev. 1:6). The following statement was made by Christ to John, many years after Pentecost 31AD.

“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of **My God**, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of **My God** and the name of the city of **My God**, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from **My God**. And I will write on him My new name” (Revelation 3:12).

THE FATHER’S WILL IS SUPREME

13. “**There is one Lawgiver**, who is able to save and to destroy” (James 4:12).
14. Christ will be subordinate to the Father for all eternity (1Corinthians 15:24-28). The kingdom of heaven, was called by Christ, “My Father’s kingdom” (Matthew 26:29). *There is no mention of “the Spirit’s kingdom.”*

“Our Father ... **Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory**” (Matthew 6:13). The last like the first sentence of the Lord’s prayer, points to our Father as above all power and authority and every name that is named.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO THE FATHER

15. **We are reconciled to the Father through the Son** (Col 1:19-20).
16. He said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father" (John 14:8-9).
He did not say, "You have also seen the Spirit."
17. **Christ was "sent by the Father"** (John 5:23, 5:30, 5:36, 5:37, 6:39, 6:44, 6:57, 8:16, 8:29, 8:42, 10:36, 12:49, 17:21, 20:21, 1John 4:14). *Never did Christ say that He was sent by the Spirit.*

The Father glorified Christ, the Father gave Christ authority, the Father is the "Only True God," the Father sent Christ, the Father was glorified by Christ, the Father assigned Christ His work, and Christ existed with the Father [*no mention of the Spirit*] before the world existed (John 17:1-5).

THE FATHER GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

18. "For God so loved the world that *He* gave *His* only begotten Son." (John 3:16).

John the apostle wrote, "Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of the Father, in truth and love" (1John 1:3).

Why call Him the Son, if He was not really a Son at all, but simply took the role of a son, or was simply a different manifestation of one divine being.

CHRIST WAS THE LITERAL SON OF THE FATHER

19. There is strong indication in Proverbs 8:22-30 that this passage is Christ Himself speaking of His preincarnate existence with His Father. The passage is a corollary on wisdom, but in 1Corinthians 1:24 and 30, Christ is called "the wisdom of God." The "word" of God in John 1:1-3 is the same concept to a Hebrew as "the wisdom" of God. This is the revelation of Himself, which God has sent. The speaker of Proverbs 8 says, "I was brought forth." This the same expression used to say "I was born." (Also see: Job 15:7-8.)

Christ said, "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world" (John 16:27). "I came forth from You [Father] and they have believed that You sent Me" (John 17:8).

Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," and Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:16-18).

"THE COVENANT OF PEACE SHALL BE BETWEEN THEM BOTH"

20. "The covenant of peace shall be between them both" (Zechariah 6:12).
Both is two.

ONLY ONE MEDIATOR

21. **“There is only one mediator *between God and men*”** (1Timothy 2:5).

*If we say that God the Father communicates with us through Christ, Who communicates with us through the Holy Spirit (who is also God), then Christ no longer mediates **between** man and God. This arrangement puts the Holy Spirit as mediator between Christ and man.*

If we say that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are three manifestations of the same Divine Being then there is no mediator at all between God and man.

SALVATION BELONGS TO THE FATHER AND THE SON

22. “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘**Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**’” (Revelation 7:10).

TWO DIVINE BEINGS - THE FATHER AND HIS SON

23. **We “abide in the Son and in the Father”** (1John 2:24).
24. **“Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son”** (1John 1:3).

Jesus said, **“I and My Father are one”** (John 10:30). *He prayed that those who believed would be “one” with the Father and Himself (John 17:11,21,22,23). Christ did not say that He was also “one” with the Spirit, or that we would ever be “one” with the Holy Spirit.*

25. The Father forgives (Matt 6:12,14,15). Christ also forgives sin, because He received all authority from His Father, (John 5:22, 27; Matt 28:18) but nowhere in Scripture do we read that we are forgiven by the Spirit.
26. “Jesus spoke these words lifted His eyes to heaven, and said: ‘Father [first person] the hour is come. Glorify Your Son [second person] that Your Son also may glorify You [first person], . . . And this is eternal life, that they may know You [first person], the only true God, and Jesus Christ [second person] Whom You [first person] have sent’” (John 17:1,3).
27. If Christ was not a separate being from His Father, then He prayed to Himself to be delivered from death (Luke 22:42). When He said, “Not my will but Thine be done” does this not signify that there were two individual wills, and therefore two separate beings. He said, “I came down from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me” (John 6:38).
27. All of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in the Father and the Son (Colossians 2:2-3).
28. Ten times in the New Testament, Paul wrote **“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”** It is hard to believe that it was an oversight on his part, not to have mentioned the Spirit also in these passages.

ONLY THE FATHER KNOWS

29. Christ stated that no one, not even the Son Himself, knew the day or the hour of His return to earth, but the “Father only” (Matt. 24:36).

“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and **no one knows the Son except the Father**” (Matthew 11:27).

The Holy Spirit did not know the day and hour?

The Holy Spirit did not know the Son?

THE TRINITY IS CONFUSING.

30. The doctrine of the Trinity teaches that we worship one God. The Father is God. The Son is equally God. The Spirit also is equally God. Yet we do not worship three Gods. This seems confusing.

“Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us *His* Holy Spirit” (1Thessalonians 4:8).

Who is the giver in this verse?

Does God [three beings] give us His [their] collective spirit?

Does God [one being] give one manifestation of Himself?

Does the Holy Spirit give Himself?

If you believe that God is our Heavenly Father, then the passage is easy to understand. “God [the Father] gives us His spirit [presence and power].”

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS

Perhaps no one section of this study, by itself, would convince the reader that God is or is not a Trinity. It is the cumulative weight of all the arguments together, which I believe urges the view.

COUNCILS AND CREEDS

A SHORT HISTORY

The disciples of Christ, scattered by persecution, spread the gospel of the kingdom. In Egypt, these missionaries found a ready acceptance of the new religion and as usually happens, the growing numbers of believers began to gravitate toward certain charismatic leaders. The two most famous of these men were Arius and Athanasius, both of Alexandria.

Arius (c.250-336) held that Christ is the Son of God, and that because He is the Son He therefore had a beginning. “It is a necessary condition of the filial relation,” He wrote, “that the Father must be older than his Son. The Father and the Son are of “like substance” (or nature) and therefore Christ is divine and worthy of worship. (A century before Arius, another believer named Novation of Rome held a similar view. A short passage from his writings can be found on page 52 of this study.)

Athanasius, the Bishop of Alexandria, headed the opposing party which held that the Father and the Son are of “one substance,” coequal, and coeternal. They asserted that the doctrine of Arius lowered the Son making Him less worthy of worship than the Father. It is worth noting here that the Egyptians had worshiped a triune God (Isis-Horus-Set, otherwise known as Amun-Mut-Khonsu) for thirty centuries.

Such heated debates took place between these two factions that the citizens of Alexandria amused themselves with theatrical satires and plays depicting the protagonists, and not many years went by before it could be said that nearly every Christian man and woman had an opinion concerning the nature of Christ. The Jews and Pagans exasperated things by their mocking derision.

The emperor Constantine was at first very amused by all the squabbling. It kept the people occupied. But as the controversy dragged on and on, he finally called a council of nearly 300 bishops to settle the matter. **The first ecumenical council of the Christian church took place in Nicaea, now in modern Turkey (c.325), 294 years after the death of Christ.** The presence of the emperor added to the vehemence of the arguments. He would listen to all sides and then rule. His verdict would decide truth.

As to the main point, **the Son was declared to be of the “same substance” with the Father.** Arius was branded a heretic and banished to one of the remote provinces of Illyricum. “I am persecuted,” He cried, “because I have taught that the Son had a beginning and the Father had not.”

The conclusion was ambiguous and settled nothing. The ruling of the Emperor was clear. He quickly issued letters denouncing Arius and ordered that anyone found with a copy of his writings must burn it or be put to death.

Concerning the nature of Christ, the first Nicene Creed reads: **“The Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church anathematizes those who say that there was a time when the Son of God was not; and that before he was begotten he was not, and that he was made out of nothing, or out of another substance or essence, and is created, or changeable, or alterable.”**

At the Council of Nicaea, the debate was over the nature of Christ (begotten vs unbegotten). The nature of the Spirit was not an issue. It would be another fifty-six years before the church would decree worship of the Holy Spirit.

Now the Emperor Constantine was a base and vile criminal. He had murdered his son Crispus, his nephew Licinius, and suffocated in a steam-bath his wife of twenty years Fausta, mother of three of his sons. The public abhorrence of his deeds could not be concealed. A plaque comparing his reign to that of Nero was affixed to the palace gate. Constantine threatened to massacre the Roman populace who had insulted him.

This is the same Constantine who feigned a “conversion” to Christ, but not wanting to antagonize the pagan element, waited until he lay on his death bed to be “baptized” (just in case there is indeed a judgment). He is the same who decreed that Christians and pagans should “rest” on the same day - Sunday.

The favorite sister of Constantine, a supporter of the disreputable teacher, prevailed upon her brother and barely three years after the date of the council Arius was restored to favor. He was treated by the whole court with the respect which would have been due to an innocent and oppressed man. His faith was approved by the synod of Jerusalem; and the emperor seemed impatient to repair his injustice. He issued a royal command that Arius should receive the holy communion in the cathedral of Constantinople, but on the same day which had been fixed for His triumph, Arius died very suddenly and under strange circumstances. The opponents of

Arius said that God had answered their prayers and saved the church from the worst of her enemies. The three principle leaders of the Catholics, Athanasius of Alexandria, Eustathius of Antioch, and Paul of Constantinople were deposed, accused by numerous councils; and were afterwards banished to distant provinces. The believers were left to choose what they would believe with regard to the death of Arius - be it miracle or poisoning.

The council which took place in Nicaea (c.325) was only the first of nine “world” councils in early church history. Creed followed creed. The seventh ecumenical council, the second to take place in Nicaea (c.787) was convened by the Byzantine empress Irene to rule on the use of saints’ images and icons in religious devotions. The council declared that the veneration of images was “legitimate” and the intercession of saints “efficacious,” yet their veneration must be distinguished from the worship due to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE NICENE CREED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Regarding the Holy Spirit, the original Nicene Creed stated simply: **“We believe in the Holy Spirit.”**

This was later modified by the Council of Constantinople (c.381) to read: **“We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets.”**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

The Apostles’ creed is not the work of the Apostles themselves. It had its origin in the form of a confession of faith recited by the candidate before baptism. It is based on a formula current in Rome (c.200) although its present form did not appear before the 6th century. It is used by Roman Catholics and many Protestant churches but has never been accepted by the Orthodox churches.

“I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.” *The Apostles’ Creed*

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

The first clear reference to this writing was made during the 6th century, therefore Athanasius himself is unlikely the author. It is Latin in origin, and in the Middle Ages it was regularly used in church services. Since the Reformation its use in worship service has been confined to the Roman Catholic church and the Anglican Communion, although it is now infrequently recited.

“We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the substance. We distinguish among the persons, but we do not divide the substance. For the Father is a distinct person; the Son is a distinct person; and the Holy Spirit is a distinct person. ... The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal. Nevertheless, there are not three eternal beings, but one eternal being. Thus there are not three uncreated beings, not three boundless beings, but one uncreated being and one boundless being. ... Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. But there are not three gods, but one God.” *From the Athanasian Creed*

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*"For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him,
should not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16 KJV*

THE STORY OF GOD OUR FATHER AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST

Before the beginning ----- God was.

God became "the Father" when He begat a Son in His express image (2John 1:3, Heb. 1:1-3). This was "the beginning" (John 1:1-3, Prov. 8:22). The Son of God was a divine being exactly like His Father - all knowing, all powerful, and everywhere present. The Father and the Son took bodily form so that they could be seen and heard by created beings with eyes to see and ears to hear. While They existed in bodily form, yet they continued to exist also in Spirit. Their presence and Their power pervaded the universe.

The Son carried out His Father's will and plan in the creation of the earth and of every living thing (Heb. 1:2, Eph. 3:9, 1Cor. 8:6). The Son was called "the Word of God" (John 1:14) because He represented the Father to all created beings. He was the commander of all the angels of Heaven (Heb. 1:6, Rev. 12:7).

Lucifer, the highest *created* being became jealous of God's Son. He refused to be under Christ's authority any longer and "there was war in Heaven." Lucifer the Light Bearer, became Satan the deceiver. He was cast out of Heaven with his angel followers (Rev. 12:7).

Satan deceived the woman and the man in a planet called earth, speaking to them through the mouth of a tree snake (Gen. 3) They believed His lies about the Father. When Adam and Eve rebelled against the Father they were separated from Him and from Heaven. Satan now used the earth as his base of operations. He would continue the war against the Father and the Son.

Adam and Eve were separated from God the Father because of their sin. The Father withdrew His presence (Spirit) from the earth. But Christ the Son became the Mediator and His Presence preserved the earth from ruin. He would try to win the man and the woman and their descendants back to the Father. He would try to bring about a reconciliation (Col. 1:19-10). The Spirit of Christ spoke through all of the Old Testament prophets telling the people of the power and love of God. He told the people of a Savior to come (1Peter 1:10-11).

Christ and the angels under His command kept up a constant connection between Heaven and earth, until the time came for Christ to become a man. He came to earth, as a man to reach men. He came to represent the Father and to tell of His love. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Satan had caused men to live in fear of God, to believe that God is an avenging destroyer. Christ came to sweep away the lies. He spoke of God as a Father who cares deeply for every created son and daughter.

When the Son of God incarnated, He could not longer be omnipresent in Spirit. But now, because the Son of God had become a man, the Spirit of God the Father was restored to the earth (John 6:44; John 5:17; John 20:22; John 7:39; Matt. 6:6, 18). The Spirit of the Father flowed through the Son, enabling Him to heal the sick and raise the dead (Acts 2:22, John 14:10). Christ said, "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself" (John 5:26). Through Christ, the Father would pour out His love for the world.

Men controlled by Satan and his evil angels crucified the Son of God, but the Father raised Him to life again and took Him back to Heaven (Gal.1:1, 1Pet. 1:3). The Son asked the Father to restore to Him the glory He had once shared with the Father, before He became a man - before the earth was created (John 17:1-5). This the Father did in the gift of His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33). The Spirit of the Father became also the Spirit of the Son. This Spirit restored to the Son His capacity to be omnipresent.

Before His death Christ had promised His disciples, "I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:16-18).

Who is this Comforter, Who stood "with" them even as He spoke, but would soon "be *in* them?" Who could take the place of their beloved Jesus?

No one could take His place. "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" (Gal. 4:6). The Spirit of the Son, the vital presence of their master, would be with them always. The Holy Spirit is Jesus - in spirit. He is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphans; *I will come to you*" (John 14:18). "And lo, *I am with you always*, even to the end of the world?" (Matt. 28:20). "For where two or three are gathered together

in My name, I am there in the midst of them” (Matt. 18:20).

“The first Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit” (1Cor. 15:45). Christ the man, became Christ the Holy Spirit. “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2Cor. 3:17). “He who descended (into the grave) is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things” (Ephesians 4:10). The Comforter is Christ Himself - not Christ in body, but Christ in spirit. He is with us and in us!

Through Jesus, the Father has poured upon us His Holy Spirit (Titus 3:4-5, 1John 4:12-13, 1John 3:23-24). This is the Spirit which “proceeds from the Father” (John 15:26), through Christ to men. Jesus said, “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13).

Christ has received from the Father the gift of His Spirit. This gift has enabled Christ to baptize us with His own Spirit (Matt. 3:11, John 20:21-22). Every spiritual gift is given to us by the Father, through Christ the Son (Acts 2:33, Eph 4:7-8). We are strengthened by the Spirit of the Father in our inner being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts, (Eph 3:14-18) and through this gift we become the extension of Christ in this world..

The Father has given this world into the hands of Christ. He is the only Mediator between God and man (1Tim. 2:5). When the great war between good and evil finally comes to an end, when every enemy of God is either reconciled or destroyed, then Christ will deliver to His Father the kingdom He has won. Then Christ Himself will be subject to His Father, “for the Head of Christ is God” (1Cor. 11:3). For eternity to come, God Our Father will be all in all (1Cor. 15:14-18).

*“And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth
and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them,
I heard saying: Blessing and honor and glory and power be
to Him who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”
(Revelation 5:13).*

TWO DIVINE BEINGS

1. “The covenant of peace shall be between them both” (Zechariah 6:12).
Both is two.
2. “Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son” (1John 1:3, 1John 2:24).
3. All of “the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in the Father and the Son”

(Colossians 2:2-3).

4. “Not My will but Thine be done,” Jesus prayed (Luke 22:42). “I came down from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me” (John 6:38).

“My will” - “Thy will.” Two beings? Or was Christ praying to Himself?

THE FATHER GLORIFIED

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and **glorify your Father in heaven.**”

Galatians 1:4-5 [Christ] “who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, **according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**”

Romans 15:6 KJV “... that ye may with one mind and one mouth **glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

Ephesians 3: 14-15 “For this reason **I bow my knees to the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.”

Philippians 4:20 “**Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever.** Amen.”

Philippians 2:11 “... and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father.**”

Revelation 4:9-11 “Whenever the living creatures **give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne**, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders **fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him** who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: **‘You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.’**”

GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER

“... giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”
(Ephesians 5:20).

“We **give thanks to the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you”
(Colossians 1:3).

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father** through Him” (Colossians 3:17).

“At that time Jesus answered and said, **“I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,** that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes” (Matthew 11:25).

“Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, ‘**Father, I thank You** that You have heard Me’” (John 11:41).

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”
(1Peter 1:3).

“... giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light” (Colossians 1:12).

“**The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying”
(2Corinthians 11:31).

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).

CHRIST HONORED AND GLORIFIED

“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders **fell down before the Lamb**... Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!**”
(Revelation 5:8-12).

“... that **all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father**. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (John 5:23).

“... but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen**” (2Peter 3:18). (See also Hebrews 1:6 and Philippians 2:11).

*Note: There is no Scriptural command to thank the Holy Spirit.
We thank the Father for sending us His Spirit.
We pray in the Spirit, but are never instructed to pray to the Spirit.*

THE FATHER CREATED ALL THINGS THROUGH HIS SON

1Corinthians 8:6 “... yet for us there is one God, **the Father, of whom are all things**, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.”

Revelation 4:9-11 “Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to **Him who sits on the throne**, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before **Him who sits on the throne** and worship *Him* who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ‘You

are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For **You created all things**, And **by Your will they exist and were created**.”

Ephesians 3:14-15 “For this reason I bow my knees to the **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**”

Ephesians 3:9 “ ... and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in **God who created all things through Jesus Christ;**”

Hebrews 1:1-3 “**God**, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by **His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the worlds**; **who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person** [singular], and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

John 1:3 “**All things were made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

John 1:10 “He was in the world, and **the world was made through Him**, and the world did not know Him.”

Colossians 1:12-16 “ ... giving thanks to **the Father** who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of **the Son** of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn** over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him**.”

Proverbs 8:27-31 “**When He prepared the heavens ... When He established the clouds above ... When He assigned to the sea its limit ... Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman**; And I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.”

THE FATHER’S WILL SUPREME

Ephesians 4:6 “... **one God and Father of all, who is above all**, and through all, and in you all.”

Luke 11:2 “So He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: **Our Father in heaven**, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. **Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven**’” (Matt. 6:10).

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does **the will of My Father in heaven**.”

Matthew 12:50 “For whoever does **the will of My Father in heaven** is My brother and sister and mother.” (Mark 3:35)

Matthew 18:14 “Even so it is not **the will of your Father who is in heaven** that one of these little

ones should perish.”

Matthew 26:42 “Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, ‘**O My Father**, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, **Your will be done.**’”

Luke 22:42 “... saying, **Father, if it is Your will**, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

Mark 14:36 “And He said, ‘Abba, **Father**, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, **not what I will, but what You will.**’”

John 4:34 “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do **the will of Him who sent Me**, and to finish His work.’”

John 5:30 “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but **the will of the Father who sent Me.**”

John 6:38-39 “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but **the will of Him who sent Me**. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.”

Hebrews 10:7 “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come -- In the volume of the book it is written of Me -- **To do Your will, O God.**’”

John 6:40 “And this is **the will of Him who sent Me**, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Galatians 1:4 “ ... who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to **the will of our God and Father,**”

Ephesians 1:5 “ ... having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, **according to the good pleasure of His will,**”

Ephesians 1:9 “... having made known to us **the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,**”

Ephesians 1:11 “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of **Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,**”

Note: The entire first chapter of Ephesians is a praise to God the Father, Who foreordained, and purposed that we would someday be adopted as His sons and daughters, through Jesus His son. He planned this before the earth was created. The creation of this earth, and the salvation of those who would accept His Son Jesus Christ, was ultimately and originally the will, the idea, the plan of God Our Father.

Hebrews 13:20-21 “Now may **the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead**, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **make you complete in every good work to do His will**, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

*Note: The Father raised Christ from the dead. (1Peter 1:3, Gal 1:1)
The Father works His will, in us, through Christ.*

Revelation 4:11 [To the One who sits on the throne] “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For **You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.**”

Note: The Bible does not say that Christ came to do the will of the Holy Spirit--only the will of His Father.

Note: 1Corinthians 12:11 speaks of spiritual gifts, which are distributed by [or through] the Spirit “to each one individually as He wills.” “And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.” After reading the above references, would you say that the “He” in 1Corinthians 12:11 refers to the Father or to the Holy Spirit? Does the Spirit distribute spiritual gifts according to “His” will, or does the Father distribute spiritual gifts, through Christ, according to His own will, by means of His Spirit?

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HIS FATHER, AND HIS GOD

John 20:17 “Jesus said to her, ‘Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to **My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.**”

Romans 15:6 “... that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

1Corinthians 11:3 “But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and **the head of Christ is God.**”

2Corinthians 1:3 “Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,”

2Corinthians 11:31 “**The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.”

Ephesians 1:3 “Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”

Ephesians 1:17 “ ... that **the God of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,”

Colossians 1:3 “We give thanks to **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, praying always for you,”

Hebrews 1:9 “You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore **God, Your God, has anointed You** With the oil of gladness [the Holy Spirit] more than Your companions.”

1Peter 1:3 “Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

Revelation 1:6 “ ... and has made us kings and priests to **His God and Father**, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Revelation 3:12 “He who overcomes, **I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God**, and he shall go out no more. And **I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God**, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven **from My God**. And I will write on him My new name.”

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SENT BY THE FATHER

1John 4:14 “And we have seen and testify that **the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.**”

John 5:30 “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of **the Father who sent Me**” (John 5:23, John 5:37).

John 5:37 “And **the Father Himself, who sent Me**, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form” (John 8:16).

John 6:39 “This is the will of **the Father who sent Me**, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.”

John 6:44 “No one can come to Me unless **the Father who sent Me** draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:57 “As **the living Father sent Me**, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.”

John 8:16 “And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with **the Father who sent Me.**”

John 8:29 “And **He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone**, for I always do those things that please Him.”

John 8:42 “Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but **He sent Me.**’”

John 10:36 “Do you say of **Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world**, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God?’”

John 12:49 “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but **the Father who sent Me** gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.”

John 17:21 “... that they all may be one, as **You, Father**, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that **You sent Me.**”

John 17:25 “**O righteous Father!** The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that **You sent Me.**”

John 20:21 “So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As **the Father has sent Me**, I also send you.”

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RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY HIS FATHER

Acts 3:15 “... and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.”
(Acts 4:10)

Acts 13:30 “But God raised Him from the dead.”

Acts 17:31 “... because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

Romans 4:24 “It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.”

Romans 6:4 “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as **Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who

raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Romans 10:9 “ ... that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Galatians 1:1 “Paul, an apostle not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead,”

Ephesians 1:17-20 “that **the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory**, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, **according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places**,”

1Thessalonians 1:10 “ ... and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

1 Peter 1:3 “**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who according to His abundant mercy **has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**,” [See also Romans 6:9, Romans 7:4, Colossians 2:12]

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GREETINGS AND BENEDICTIONS

Romans 1:7 “To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**.”

1Corinthians 1:3 “Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**.”

2Corinthians 1:2-3 “Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,”

Note: He is the God of Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.

2Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord **Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the communion of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all. Amen.”

Note: God Our Father gave His Son and sends forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts (Gal. 4:6). The indwelling of the “Spirit of His Son” results in sweet communion between fellow believers. This communion is the result of the love of God and the grace of Christ, Who give to us the Holy Spirit.

Note: In this verse Paul makes reference to Christ, and God, and the Holy Spirit. If by God, He means the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), then Christ and the Holy Spirit are mentioned twice and the Father only once. If by God He means the Father, then can we say that "God" is our Father in heaven?

Ephesians 1:2 "Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**"

Ephesians 6:23 "Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, **from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**"

Philippians 1:2 "Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**"

Philippians 4:19-20 "And my God shall supply all your need according to *His* riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to **our God and Father** be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Colossians 1:2-3 "To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colossi: Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**. We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,"

1Thessalonians 1:1 "Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in **God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**: Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**"

2Thessalonians 1:1-2 "Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in **God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**: Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**"

1Timothy 1:2 "To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace **from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.**"

Titus 1:4 "To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace **from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.**"

Philemon 1:3 "Grace to you and peace **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**"

2John 1:3 "Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you **from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father**, in truth and love."

Jude 1:1 "Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, **sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:**"

Revelation 1:4-6 "John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from **Him who is and who was and who is to come**, and from the seven Spirits [angels Rev. 8:2] who are before His throne, **and from Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Conclusion: Thirteen times Paul greeted the disciples of Christ in the name of the Father and the Son. Once He prayed that the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Spirit would be with the followers of Christ. The weight is on the side of two divine beings, not three.

AFTER PENTECOST

THE SPIRIT OF THE FATHER, THROUGH CHRIST, TO MEN

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **he saved us**, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of *his* own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Titus 3:4-6 RSV).

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?**” (Luke 11:13 NKJ).

“And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that He may be with you forever” (John 14:16 NKJ).

Why does Jesus have to ask His Father to give the other Helper? Why would the Father need to “send” or “give” a being Who is equal with Himself?

Note: The word in Greek for “another” means “another just like the first” - “a duplicate.” The spirit of Christ is Christ with us in Spirit, rather than in bodily form. Yet it is still Christ, who comforts us. The Father gave Christ, and the Father gives the Spirit of Christ.

“**He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**” (Romans 8:32).

Would not “all things” include the “spirit of Christ” which is given to us by the Father?

THE SPIRIT OF THE FATHER LIVES IN US

“**. . . one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all**” (Ephesians 4:6).

Note: The Father is “over all” and “through all” and “in all.” The same Being who “sits on the throne” is omnipresent by His Spirit. “Jehovah will come down as the rain” (Hosea 6:3).

“But if **the Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, *He* who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit** who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11).

Note: The Father raised Christ from death (1Peter 1:3; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:17-20).

THE FATHER SANCTIFIES AND CLEANSSES US THROUGH CHRIST

“Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, **sanctified by God the Father** and **preserved in Jesus Christ**” (Jude 1:1).

Note: Two beings are mentioned here.

“ . . . for it is **God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure**”
(Philippians 2:13).

“ . . . giving thanks to **the Father, who has qualified us** to share in the inheritance of the saints in light”
(Colossians 1:12 NAS).

“Now may **the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead**, [the Father] that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do *His* will, **working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ**, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20-21).

Note: The Father brought Christ from the dead (Gal.1:1; 1Pet.1:3). The Father empowers us for righteousness, working in us what is “pleasing in His sight.”

“But may **the God of all grace**, who called us to *His* eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. **To Him be the glory [Rev. 5:13] and the dominion forever** [1Cor. 15:24-28] and ever. Amen” (1Peter 5:10-11).

Note: The Father is the only true God (John 17:1-3; 1Cor.8:6; John 20:17; Eph. 4:6; Rev.4:9-11; 1Cor. 15:24-28).

THE FATHER : THE GREAT SOURCE

“Yet for us there is one God, **the Father, from whom are all things** and for whom we exist, *and* one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist” (1Corinthians 8:6 RSV).

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you **from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father**, He will testify of Me” (John 15:26).

Note: The word “who” (Strong’s #3739) may also be translated “which” as in Matt 3:9 - “the star which they saw.” The word translated “He” (Strong’s #1565) may also correctly be translated “it.” In the Greek, the word “spirit” is neuter. Having said this, I believe that the Spirit is the manifestation of a personal being - Christ.

The Spirit is given - as was Christ (Luke 11:13). The Spirit was “the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4, Acts 2:33, Luke 24:49). I believe that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father, which is manifest to us as the presence of Christ (Eph. 3:14-29).

“ . . . **one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in you all**” (Ephesians 4:6).

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

“And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, ‘Which,’ He said, ‘you heard of from Me, for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now’” (Acts 1:4 NAS). (Luke 24:49)

“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He [Christ] poured out this which you now see and hear” (Acts 2:33 NAS).

*Note: Christ received the Holy Spirit from His Father.
He then poured this Spirit upon His disciples.*

THE FATHER GIVES EVERY SPIRITUAL GIFT ACCORDING TO HIS WILL THROUGH CHRIST

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and **comes down from the Father** of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17-18).

“*He* who did not spare *His* own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, **how shall *He* not with Him also freely give us all things** (including the gifts of the Spirit)?” (Romans 8:32).

“... **giving thanks always for all things to God the Father** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20).

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but **the same God who works all things in all persons**. . . . **But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as *He*** [God] **wills**” (1Corinthians 12:4-11 NAS).

Note: The “He” in this text might refer to the Spirit or to the “God who works all things.” I believe they are one and the same. In a later section I will explain this more fully. The point here being that the Spirit does not seem to have a separate or individual will from that of the Father, which argues against the Spirit being a third divine being.

“**God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to *His* own will?**” (Hebrews 2:4).

Note: The Father’s will is supreme.

“**Our Father who art in heaven**, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven**” (Matthew 6:9-10).

“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of **Christ’s gift**. Therefore He says: ‘**When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men**’” (Ephesians 4:7-8).

THE SPIRIT IS THE GIFT

“And as I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit fell upon them**, as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If therefore **God gave them the same gift as He gave us** when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?” (Acts 11:15-17).

“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**’ (Acts 2:38).

“No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and *His* love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in *Him*, and *He* in us, because **He has given us of His Spirit**” (1John 4:12-13).

Note: No man has seen the Father (John 6:46).

“And this is *his* [the Father’s] commandment, that we should believe in the name of *his* Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as *he* has commanded us. All who keep *his* commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.” (1John 3:23-24 RSV).

Note: We abide in the Father and the Son (1John 1:24) by the Spirit which He has given to us, through Christ. In John 14:23 Jesus said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and Make Our home with him.” The Spirit then is the spirit (or presence) of Christ and it is also the spirit (or presence) of the Father.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO US THROUGH CHRIST

“This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Titus 3:6 NRS).

“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear” (Acts 2:33).

The Father gave the gift of the Spirit to Christ, Who then gave it to men.

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire**” (Matthew 3:11 Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33).

“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ And when He had said this, **He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’**” (John 20:21-22).

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

THE SPIRIT OF THE FATHER, HAS BECOME ALSO THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His” (Romans 8:9).

“And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’**” (Galatians 4:6 NAS).

“For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and **the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**” (Philippians 1:19).

“For this reason I bow my knees to **the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **that He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Ephesians 3:14-18).

Note: The Spirit of the Father dwelling in, and flowing through His Son, enables Christ to dwell in us. Both the Father and the Son live in us. Their nature becomes also our nature as we partake of divinity.

THE FATHER DWELLS IN CHRIST, AND CHRIST DWELLS IN US.

[Jesus prayed to His Father:] “**I in them**, and **You in Me**; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that *You* have sent Me, and have loved them as *You* have loved Me” (John 17:23).

Note: We have fellowship with the Father and the Son (1John 1:3). We “abide in the Son and in the Father” (1John 2:24). John does not say that we abide in the Spirit, or that we have fellowship with the Spirit.

THE RIVER OF LIFE FROM THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB

“Then he showed me **the river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, **flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb**” (Revelation 22:1 RSV).

“He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘**Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.**’ **Now this he said about the Spirit**, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:38 RSV).

*We are “baptized” in water, and we are baptized with the Holy Spirit. (Mark 1:8)
Christ gives to us “living water” which cleanses our heart and then flows out from us. (John 7:38)
We are washed and made spiritually clean by “water and the word.” (Ephesians 5:26)
The “early rain” and “latter rain” symbolize the outpouring of the Spirit. (Hosea 6:3)
Water for Israel flowed from the smitten rock (Exo. 17:6).
We drink of the “water of life.” (Revelation 21:6)
The “river of life” flows from “the throne of God and the Lamb” (Revelation 22:1).
The “river of life” is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which flows from the Father and the Son.*

HE WILL GLORIFY ME

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me” (John 15:26).

In what way does the Spirit “testify of” Christ? Does this verse convince us that the Holy Spirit must be a third divine being, or at least a third manifestation of the one divine being?

The word “who” (Strong’s #3739) may also be translated “which” as in Matt 3:9 - “the star which they saw.” The word translated “He” (Strong’s #1565) may also correctly be translated “it.” In the Greek, the word “spirit” is neuter. Yet this “spirit” is said to “testify.”

“But I have a greater witness than John’s for the works which the Father has given Me to finish- the very works that I do-bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.” (John 5:36).

“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39).

Miracles, signs and wonders testify. Works testify. Scriptures testify. I note this only to say that things other than a personal being can “testify.”

The miracles, wonders, and signs were convincing manifestations of supernatural power. These wonders were performed by Christ, and later by His followers in His name. The signs themselves “testified” that something beyond the ordinary was taking place. The manifestation of the Spirit “testified” to the authenticity of Christ.

Personal beings also “bear witness” or “testify.”

Jesus said, “I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” (John 8:18).

“And the Father Himself, who sent me, has testified of Me” (John 5:37).

The Holy Spirit is not mentioned here as bearing witness of Christ.

Christ prayed, “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.” (John 17:5).

It is the Father who glorifies Christ. Never once did Christ pray, “Holy Spirit, glorify me.”

In John 16:13-15, speaking of the “Spirit of truth,” Christ said “He will glorify me.” This should tell us that this “Spirit of truth” is the Spirit of the Father -that the Father is indeed glorifying His Son (Compare Matt. 10:19-20 with Luke 12:12 and Mark 13:11. One writer says “the Spirit of the Father, the other two say “the Holy Spirit,” in the same context).

THE LAST ADAM BECAME A LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT

“And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being.’
The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.” (1Corinthians 15:45, Romans 5:14).

“It is the spirit who gives life” (John 6:63).

Romans 8:10-11 “And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Here clearly “Christ is in you” through “the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead.” And it was the Father who raised Christ from the dead (Gal. 1:1, 1Pet. 1:3). The dead will come forth because they hear “the voice of the Son of God” (John 5:25). The reason why Jesus can raise the dead is because the Father has give to the Son to have life in Himself (John 5:26). How does the Father do this? By His spirit - which He has given to His Son without measure (John 5:34). The Father dwells in the Son by His Spirit, enabling Him to raise the dead.

THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT

“Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2Cor. 3:17).

Did you catch that? Jesus IS the Holy Spirit!

THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS

“He who descended [into the grave] is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things” (Ephesians 3:10).

How does Christ “fill all things”? He has been given the power of omnipresence. He has become a “life-giving spirit.” Ephesians 4:6 says that the Father is “through all, and in you all.” So also Christ ascended above the heavens, “that He might fill all things.”

The Father “dwells in” the Son and this enables the Son to “dwell in” us. Christ has been given the power to be omnipresent once again. How this is accomplished - I could not venture to guess. I only know that the Holy Spirit is now the combined spirit of the Father and the Son (John 14:23, 1John 1:3, 1John 2:24).

GOD IS SPIRIT

Speaking to the woman at the well, Jesus said, “God is Spirit,” yet He did not say that men should worship the Spirit. “The true worshipers will worship the Father,” He said, “for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” (John 4:23-24).

One is left with the impression that the Father and the Spirit are one and the same divine being. This is what I believe. God exists as a physical being, who “sits on the throne,” who can be seen and heard by His created beings. God also exists as spirit. Both at the same time. Yet He is only one being.

I believe that the Father and the Son are two distinct beings. They have separate identity. Before the incarnation, I believe that Christ, like His Father, existed as a physical being, and as spirit - both. At the time of the incarnation Christ emptied Himself of His divine attributes. He then existed only as a physical being - and a very limited one at that. He became a man.

When Christ returned to His Father - He was reinstated in the place which He had left vacant. The power to be omnipresent was somehow restored to Him. The Father “dwells in Christ” and Christ is enabled to “dwell in” those who believe in Him.

The Holy Spirit then - is the spirit of both the Father and the Son.

*“Yet for us there is only one God, the Father,
of whom are all things, and we for Him;
and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things,
and through whom we live. 1 Corinthians 8:6 NKJ*

A NEW TESTAMENT REVIEW

Matthew 3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is **My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.” (See also Matt. 17:5, Mark 1:11, Mark 9:7, Luke 3:22 and Luke 9:35.)

2 John 1:3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father *and* from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

John 1:14 And the Word became 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.

Note: Jesus Christ is never called the Son of the Spirit.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and **glorify your Father in heaven.**

Matthew 5:45 that you may be **sons of your Father in heaven**; for **He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Note: The omnipresent Father makes His sun shine, and sends the rain.

Matthew 6:4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Matthew 6:6 pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Matt. 6:18)

Matthew 6:9-13 In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.** Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For **Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Note: Why nothing in Scripture about the Spirit's kingdom, power, and glory forever?

1Corinthians 15:24-28 **Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father,....then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.**

The kingdom is ultimately the Father's kingdom (Matt. 6:9-13, Matt. 13:43, Matt 26:29).

The Father is head of Christ, Who is head of mankind (1Cor. 11:3).

The Father has given to Christ, the kingdom (Lk. 22:29, Dan. 7:13-14).

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does **the will of My Father in heaven.**"

The Father's will is presented in Scripture, as supreme..

Matthew 10:32 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 11:25-27I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, . . . **All things have been delivered to Me by My Father,** and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

Matthew 12:18 Behold! **My Servant** whom I have chosen, **My Beloved** in whom My soul is well pleased! **I will put My Spirit upon Him,** And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

Note: The Father gave His Spirit to His Son.

Matthew 15:13 But He answered and said, **Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted** will be uprooted.

Matthew 18:14 It is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Matthew 18:19 Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, **it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.**

Matthew 20:23 So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but **to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.**”

Matthew 23:9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for **One is your Father, He who is in heaven.**

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

Note: Why not “God only” rather than “the Father only?”

Didn't the Holy Spirit know? Mark 13:32 says that Jesus Himself did not know.

Matthew 26:39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, **not as I will, but as You will.**"

Note: The action of two separate wills, demonstrates two separate individuals - the Father and His Son. In John 6:38 Christ said, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30).

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came and spoke to them, say, ‘**All authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth.’ *This is the same as saying that “all things are put under his feet” (1Cor. 15:25-28).*

Mark 12:29 Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**’”

Note: The Greek word “heis” (#1520) means “the numeral one” or the emphatic “only one.” “One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law” (Matt 5:18). The lawyer who spoke to Christ was quoting from Deut. 6:4. “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!” The Hebrew word ‘echad’ (#0259) means “one, same, single, first, each, or once.” While it is true that one nation may be composed of many individuals, the Hebrew word used here is not used most often to refer to units composed of parts. And the Hebrew word for unity is a different word altogether. The context of Moses appeal to Israel in Deut. 6:4 is that the God of Israel is the only God. (Deut 5:9; 6:5).

Zechariah employs the word with this meaning. “The Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be (the only) one, and His name (the only) one” (Zech. 14:9). This Lord Who will be king over all the earth is the Father, according to 1Cor. 15:24-28. Christ will deliver the kingdom to God the Father and will then Himself be subject to His Father. The saved of earth will have written in their foreheads the name of the Father. He is the One Who sits on the throne (Rev. 22:3-4; Rev. 14:1).

Mark 12:36 For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: “**The Lord [Father] said to my Lord [Christ], ‘Sit at My right hand,** Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’”

(Luke 20:42, Acts 2:34)

When Christ returns in the clouds, He will be “sitting at the right hand of the Power” (Matt. 26:64). This tells us that even when He returns in glory, Christ will still be subject to His Father. The Father is The Power, and Christ is at his “right hand,” meaning next in authority.

Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and

sat down with My Father on His throne.

Mark 16:19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and **sat down at the right hand of God.**

Acts 2:33 Therefore **being exalted to the right hand of God,** and having **received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,** He [Christ] poured out this which you now see and hear.

Ephesians 1:20 [The working of His mighty power] **which He [the Father v.17] worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.**

Note: The Father raised Christ from the dead (Gal 1:1; 1Pet 1:3).

Luke 2:49 And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that **I must be about My Father’s business?**”

Luke 10 21-22 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, ‘I praise You, **Father, Lord of heaven and earth,** . . . **All things have been delivered to Me by My Father,** and no one knows who the Son is but the Father, and who the Father is but the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.’

Wouldn’t the Holy Spirit “know” who the Father is, and who the Son is?

Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

The Holy Spirit is the gift, given to us by the Father.

Luke 12:32 Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

*The Father gives the kingdom to Christ, who shares it with us
(Matt. 6:9-13, Matt. 13:43, Matt 26:29, Lk. 22:29, Dan. 7:13-14).*

Luke 22:29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as **My Father bestowed one upon Me.**

Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them,** for they do not know what they do.”

Note: In Scripture the Holy Spirit is never spoken of as forgiving sinners.

Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “**Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.**” Having said this, He breathed His last.

Note: Christ never spoke to the Holy Spirit.

John 1:14 And the Word became 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 1:18 **No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.**

John 2:16 And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!

The Temple was the “Father’s house,” not “My (Christ’s) house,” or “the Spirit’s house.” The Temple was symbolic of heaven. Christ said, In My Father’s house are many mansions” (John 14:2). “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God” (Rev. 3:12).

John 3:16-17 For **God** so loved the world that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send *His* Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

2 John 1:3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

John 3:18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of **the only begotten Son of God**.

John 3:34-35 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. **The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.**

John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when **the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.**

Note: Why did Christ never say that we are to worship the Holy Spirit.?

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do **the will of Him who sent Me**, and to finish **His work**.”

John 17:4 [Father v.1] I have glorified thee on the earth: **I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.**

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, “**My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.**”

Note: Why did Christ not say that the Holy Spirit had been working also?

John 5:19-23 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that **all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father**. He who does not honor the Son does not honor **the Father who sent Him**.

Note: Only two divine beings are spoken of here.

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

Note: While living on this earth as a man, Christ had only that power which was granted to Him by His Heavenly Father.

John 5:30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, **because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.**

John 5:36 But I have a greater witness than John's; for **the works which the Father has given Me to finish -- the very works that I do -- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.**

John 5:37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

John 5:43 **I have come in My Father's name.**

John 7:16 **Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but *His* who sent Me."**

Note: Could we understand from Christ's statement that "the law" is the Father's law?

John 6:27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because **God the Father has set His seal on Him.**

John 6:37-39 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. **For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.** This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

Note: Never did Christ say that He had come to do the Holy Spirit's will, or that the Holy Spirit had sent Him.

John 6:46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

John 6:57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

John 6:65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

John 7:16 Jesus answered them and said, 'My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.'

Here is an indication of two individual beings.

John 7:33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then **I go to Him who sent Me.**

John 8:16 And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but **I am with the Father who sent Me.**

John 8:18-19 "I am One who bears witness of Myself, and **the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.**" Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father.

If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”

John 8:26-29 “I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but **He who sent Me is true**; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.” They did not understand that **He spoke to them of the Father**. Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as **My Father taught Me, I speak these things**. “**And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.**”

Note: The Father was not bodily present with His Son. He was present by His omnipresent spirit.

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for **I proceeded forth and came from God**; nor have I come of Myself, but **He sent Me.**”

John 8:54-55 Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. **It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God**. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.”

Here again are two individual beings. The Father honors Me.

John 10:17-18 Therefore **My Father loves Me**, because I lay down My life that I may take it again . . . This command I have received from My Father. (*See John 14:31 - ‘I love the Father.’*)

John 10:29-30 **My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all**; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. **I and My Father are one**

Note: Christ did not say that He was also “one” with the Holy Spirit.

John 10:32 Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”

Note: The power to do miracles, came from His Father.

John 10:37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that **the Father is in Me, and I in Him**.

Because God our Father is an omnipresent Spirit as well as a being who sits on a throne, He could dwell “in” His Son, and Christ can dwell “in” us.

John 12:27-28 Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? **Father, save Me from this hour?** But for this purpose I came to this hour. **Father, glorify Your name**. Then a voice came from heaven, saying, **I have both glorified it and will glorify it again**.

Note: Why did Jesus never pray to the Holy Spirit?

John 12:44-45 Then Jesus cried out and said, “**He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.**”

John 14:9 **He who has seen Me, has seen the Father.**

John 12:49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but **the Father who sent Me gave Me a**

command, what I should say and what I should speak.

Note: No commands from the Holy Spirit?

John 13:1 Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father,

John 13:3 Jesus, knowing that . . . He had come from God and was going to God.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me.**"

Note: We are reconciled to the Father through the Son (Col. 1:19-20).

John 14:7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also,

John 14:9 He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father.'

John 14:10 do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but **the Father who dwells in Me does the works.**

*The Father could "dwell" in Christ
because He (singular) "is Spirit" (John 4:24) as well as a physical being.*

John 14:11 Believe Me that **I am in the Father and the Father in Me**, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Note: He did not say, "I am in the Father and the Holy Spirit, and they are in Me."

John 14:13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, **that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

Note: The Holy Spirit is never glorified in Scripture.

John 14:20 At that day you will know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.**

John 14:23 (Jesus answered) 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

John 14:24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and **the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.**

John 14:31 But that the world may know that **I love the Father**, and **as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do.**

Note: Only the Father seems to be directing Christ.

Note: Jesus loves the Father (John 14:31). The Father loves Jesus (John 10:17).

"The Father loved Me" (John 15:9). "The love with which You loved Me may be in them... (John 17:26).

Father ... You loved Me before the foundation of the world (John 17:24).

The Scripture does not say that the Spirit loved Christ or was loved.

John 15:9 I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in his love.

John 15:15 whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

John 15:23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.

Note: No word about hating the Holy Spirit also?

John 16:23 And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.**

Note: No mention of asking the Holy Spirit for anything?

John 16:25-28 I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that **I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and** have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.

*Note: Christ never said, "I came forth from the Spirit."
He also never said, "the Spirit Himself loves you."*

John 17:1-5 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "**Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God,** and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, **O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

The Father is the "only true God."

The Father sent Christ. The Father gave Christ authority.

The Father gave Christ His work. The Son's work was to glorify the Father.

The Son existed with the Father [no mention of the Spirit] before the earth was created.

John 17:7-11 [Father] Now they have known that **all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me;** and they have received them, and have known surely that **I came forth from You;** and they have believed that **You sent Me.** I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. **Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.**

The disciples knew that Christ had come forth from God. Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). They also knew that Christ had been sent to earth by His Father.

John 17:20-25 that they all may be one, **as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us,** that the world may believe that **You sent Me.** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that **You have sent Me,** and have loved them as You have loved Me. **Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father!**

The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

Note: The entire chapter John 17, is Christ's prayer to His Father

John 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

Note: The Father is the God of Christ.

John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Romans 15:6 that you may with one mind and one mouth **glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

He is the God of Jesus Christ. He is the Father of Jesus Christ.

1Corinthians 1: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Corinthians 6:14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

1Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

The Father created all things through His Son (Rev. 4:9-11, Heb. 1:2, Eph. 3:9, Jn. 1:3, Col. 1:16).

Matthew 23:9 for **One is your Father, He who is in heaven.**

Mark 12:29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**'"

John 17:1-3 **Father** ... this is eternal life, that they may know you, **the only true God**, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Ephesians 4:6 **one God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Galatians 1:4-5 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of **our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever**. Amen.

Philippians 1:2 Grace to you and peace from **God our Father**, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:20 Now to **our God and Father** be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

1Corinthians 15:24-28 then the culmination, when **he (Christ) hands over the Kingdom to God the Father**, after having put an end to every rulership, yes, to every authority and power. For he has to rule until

he puts all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be done away with will be death, for “He put everything in subjection under his feet” (Ps. 8:7). But when it says that “everything” has been subjected, obviously the word does not include God, who is himself the one subjecting everything to the Messiah. Now when everything has been subjected to the Son, then **he will subject himself to God**, who subjected everything to him; so that God may be everything in everyone. *The Complete Jewish Bible Translation by David H. Stern*

*Note: Christ is to be subject to the Father, and no mention is made of the Spirit.
If Christ and the Holy Spirit are coequal and coeternal with the Father,
then why is the Father to be supreme for the rest of eternity?*

2Corinthians 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Corinthians 1:4 Blessed by **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Paul give the credit for our comfort to the Father. How does the Father comfort us?

He has given us “another Comforter” - the Spirit of His Son

(Gal. 4:6, John 14:26, Luke 11:13).

John 14:16 (Jesus said) I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter.

2Corinthians 11:31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

Galatians 1:1 through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead

Galatians 1:4 [Christ] who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to **the will of our God and Father**, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 3:20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.

Note: It makes no sense to say that Christ mediates for the Trinity, of which He is Himself a part. For commentary on the word “one” see Mark 12:29.

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Note: God our Father, sends the Spirit of His Son (Luke 11:13).

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ

*Note: Ephesians chapter 1, is a praise to God the Father.
It was His purpose and plan to adopt us into His Heavenly family,
through the saving work of His Son.
He planned this before the earth was created.
It was for this purpose that Christ was begotten.*

Ephesians 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of

wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Note: It appears the Father was, is, and always will be “the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 1:(17),20,22 the working of His mighty power, which He [the Father] worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places ... And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

Ephesians 3:14-16 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;

Note: God is the Father of the whole family both in heaven and in earth.

Every being owes his existence to the Father.

The Spirit of the Father is also now the Spirit of the Son.

Ephesians 4:6 one God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 5:5 the kingdom of Christ and God

Ephesians 5:20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Note: We are not told to thank the Spirit.

Ephesians 6:23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the ather.

Note: We are never told to glorify the Spirit?

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. **Now to our God and Father be glory** forever and ever. Amen.

My God = Our Father

Colossians 1:Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to **the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Note: Paul could have said, “We give thanks to our God, the Father of Jesus Christ.”

But he chose to say that the Father is also the God of Jesus Christ, thus showing hierarchy.

Colossians 1:12 **giving thanks to the Father** who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **He has translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**,

Colossians 1:19 For **it pleased the Father** that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him **to reconcile all things to Himself**, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

*Note: We are reconciled to the Father, through the Son.
All the fullness of divinity dwelt in the Son, because that is what pleased the Father.*

Colossians 2:2-3 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, **to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

Note: The “mystery of the Trinity” speaks of three divine beings in one God, but here we read that “the mystery of God”, “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” are hidden in the Father and the Son - two beings.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Note: No recognition is given to the Spirit.

1Thessalonians 1:1 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Thessalonians 3:11 Now may **our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ**, direct our way to you.

*Note: “our God and Father Himself” - first being.
“our Lord Jesus Christ” -second being.*

1Thessalonians 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before **our God and Father** at the coming of **our Lord Jesus Christ** with all His saints.

2Thessalonians 1:1-2 To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Thessalonians 2:16-17 Now may **our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father**, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

1Timothy 1:2 Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.

1Timothy 6:13-16 I urge you in the sight of **God who gives life to all things, and** before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see**, to whom be honor and everlasting power.

1. No man has seen the Father (John 6:46, John 1:18).
2. Only the Father knows the time of Christ’s return.
3. The Spirit is invisible, therefore the Holy Spirit does not generate or dwell in “unapproachable light.”
4. “As the Father has life in Himself, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself” (John 5:26).

Conclusion: The Father alone has immortal life, which He has given to His Son (by inheritance and by covenant). Christ then gives this immortality to us, by adoption.

2Timothy 1:2 Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Titus 1:4 Grace, mercy, and peace from god the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

Hebrews 1:1-6 God [the Father] who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us **by His Son**, whom He [the Father] has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He [the Father] made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory [the Father's glory] and **the express image of His person**, [the Father's person] and upholding all things by the word of His power, [the Father's authority] when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained [from His Father] a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He [the Father] ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"?

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And again: "**I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son**"? But when He [the Father] again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." And of the angels He [the Father] says: "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire." But to the Son He [the Father] says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore **God [the Father], Your God, has anointed You [Christ] with the oil of gladness [the Holy Spirit] more than Your companions [angels and then men].**" [emphasis supplied]

Note: When the Father addressed the Son, He said, "Your throne O God."

On the other hand, when the Son speaks of the Father, He says "My God" (John 20:17, Rev. 3:12).

Christ is divine, because His Father is divine, yet the Father is the God of Christ.

Hebrews 3:1-2 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, **who was faithful to Him who appointed Him**, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.

Hebrews 5:5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was *He* [the Father] who said to Him: "You are *My* Son. Today I have begotten You."

Hebrews 5:7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to *Him* who was able to save Him from [out of] death, and was heard because of His godly fear.

Note: The Father did not save Him from dying,

but He did save him "out of" death, when He resurrected His Son.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily **be in subjection to the Father** of spirits [angels] and live?

Hebrews 13:20 Now may **the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead**, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **make you complete in every good work to do His will**, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be

glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Note: The Father raised Jesus from the dead (1Peter 1:3, Galatians 1:1).
The Father works in you what is pleasing in His sight. He does this through Christ.*

James 1:17 **Every good gift** and every perfect gift is from above, and **comes down from the Father** of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

James 4:12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

1Peter 1:3 Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who according to *His* abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1Peter 5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to *His* eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. **To Him be the glory and the dominion** forever and ever. Amen.

Matt. 9:9-13 **Our Father in Heaven . . . Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

2Peter 1:17 For **He received from God the Father honor and glory** when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

1John 1:2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you **that eternal life which was with the Father** and was manifested to us— (1Tim. 6:16, John 1:1, John 5:26).

1John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly **our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.**

1John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1John 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? **He is Antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.**

*Note Almost every Christian denomination teaches that
Christ is not literally the Son of God the Father.*

1John 2:23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

*Why is the Spirit not mentioned here if "He" is a third divine being?
- or a third manifestation of the One divine being?*

1John 2:24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, **you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.**

1John 3:1 **Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us** that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

Note: I know of no Scripture which says that the Holy Spirit loves us.

1John 4:9-10 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that **God has sent His only begotten Son into the world**, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and **sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

Note: "His Son" - the words include only two persons.

1John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that **the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.**

1John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who *begot* also loves him who is *begotten* of Him.

2John 1:3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you **from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father**, in truth and love.

Note: Christ is always called the "Son of the Father," never "the Son of the Spirit."

2John 1:9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ **has both the Father and the Son.**

Why does he not also "have" the Spirit?

Is it because the Spirit is not another divine being?

Is it because the Spirit is not a third and different manifestation of One divine being, but rather the Spirit presence of both Christ and the Father.

Jude 1:1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, **sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:**

Revelation 1:4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come [the Father], and from the seven Spirits [angels] who are before His throne, *and from Jesus Christ*, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him [Christ] who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and **has made us kings and priests to His God and Father**, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of **My God**, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of **My God** and the name of the city of **My God**, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from **My God**. And I will write on him My new name.

Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Revelation 4:2, 8 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and **One sat on the throne**. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: **"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"**

Note: The created beings say, "Holy, holy, holy" because "the One who sits on the throne" is God of the past, the present, and the future. He changes not.

Revelation 4: 9-11 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For **You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.**”

*It is ultimately by the Father's will that we exist.
Christ carried out His Father's will, when He created all things.*

Revelation 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “**Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb**, forever and ever!”

Note: Only two divine beings are worshiped in this scene.

Revelation 7:10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “**Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**”

Note: Once again, we are saved by two divine beings!

Revelation 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, **having His Father's name written on their foreheads.**

Revelation 15:3-4 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are Your ways, O King of saints!
Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?
For You alone are holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.

*This is the song of Moses and the song of Christ.
Christ will lead the great host of delivered saints
in a great song of victory and praise to His Father - Our God!
(See Rev. 4:2,8 “One sat on the throne” who was called “Lord God Almighty.”)*

Revelation 21:22-23 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ... for the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb is its light.

Revelation 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from **the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

Revelation 22:3-4 And there shall be no more curse, but **the throne of God and of the Lamb** shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

Why did I put all of these verses in this study, one after another, after another, after another? Because reading through them leaves a greater impression than simply sitting a few.