

God according to the Bible

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Part 1: The Father

According to the Old Testament, how many Gods are there?

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.

Deuteronomy 4:39

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that Jehovah he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Exodus 20:2-3

I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Answer: There is only one God. His name is spelled with four Hebrew letters: Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey (YHWH). Some pronounce His name Yahweh, others Jehovah.

According to the New Testament, how many Gods are there?

Mark 12:32

And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he.

Ephesians 4:6

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 Corinthians 8:6

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Answer: There is only one God, our Father in heaven. His name is Jehovah.

Part 2: The Son

What is the relationship between God and Jesus Christ?

Matthew 17:5

Behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

John 3:16

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.

1 John 4:9

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Answer: Jesus is the only begotten Son of God.

What does the Bible mean when it says that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God the Father?

Psalm 2:7

Jehovah hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Hebrews 1:5

For unto which of the angels said [Jehovah] at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

John 8:42

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God.

John 5:26

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

Proverbs 8:22-25

Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up

from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth.

Answer: Before the creation of all things, God (Jehovah) “brought forth” a Son. Jesus said He was “given life” when He “proceeded forth” from, and was “begotten” of God.

Did the people in the Old Testament know that God had a Son?

Proverbs 30:4

Who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

How did Jesus compare Himself to His Father?

John 14:28

For my Father is greater than I.

John 17:3

(Jesus praying to the Father)

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

What can we conclude from these verses?

Our heavenly Father is the one Supreme Being in all the universe. God the Father (Jehovah) is the ultimate source of all life and power. The Father in heaven is the “only true God,” according to Jesus. A clear distinction is made between God and His Son.

In whose image is Jesus?

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of [the Father’s] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

John 14:9

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long

time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

On whose behalf does Jesus speak?

John 8:28

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Answer: Jesus did the will and spoke the words of His Father in heaven. That's why **John 1:1** calls Jesus "The Word of God."

Does Jesus worship His Father?

Ephesians 1:17

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

John 20:17

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Answer: Yes, the Bible clearly shows that Jesus, the Son of God, worships and prays to His Father. The Father, being the only true God, worships and prays to no one.

As God's Son, is Jesus worthy of worship?

Hebrews 1:6

And again, when [Jehovah] bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

Answer: Yes. God has raised His Son to a position that makes it right to worship Jesus.

Part 3: The Holy Spirit

Is the Holy Spirit a third divine being?

Matthew 10:20

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Philippians 1:19

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:9

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

1 Peter 1:11

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Galatians 4:6

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Colossians 1:27

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Answer: No. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father and Christ in the believer.

**The Holy Spirit enters the born again soul.
Whom did Jesus say that would be?**

John 17:26

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto

him, and make our abode with him.

Psalm 139:7

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

Answer: Jesus said both He and the Father dwell in the believer. The Holy Spirit is the holy presence of the Father and the Son.

But Jesus called the Holy Spirit, “the Comforter.” What did He mean?

NOTE: Jesus was teaching the disciples about the Holy Spirit in **John 14:16-26**. Let’s go through these verses to find the answer:

John 14:16-17

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Important Points:

- Jesus referred to the Comforter as the “Spirit of Truth.”
- The world cannot see Him, nor knows Him.
- Jesus said the apostles *already knew* the Comforter because He was dwelling *with* them, and would be *in* them in the future.

Who was Jesus really talking about when He said the Comforter was with them and would be in them in the future?

John 14:18-21

¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

²⁰ At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Answer: The Comforter was with them in the present, but would be in them in the future. Then Jesus told them plainly that *He* was *with* them at that time but would be *in* them later. He then said plainly, **“I will not leave you comfortless: I WILL COME TO YOU.”** Jesus called the Comforter the **Spirit of Truth**. Jesus said of Himself in **John 14:6**, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”**

Did the apostles understand that Jesus was talking about Himself in the third person as the Comforter?

John 14:22-23

²² Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Answer: Yes, **verse 22** confirms that they knew Jesus was talking about Himself. In

verse 23, Jesus again says that the Father and Son alone make their abode in the soul. The Holy Spirit is their Holy presence in the believer. Remember, Jesus said in **John 17:3** that eternal life means knowing The Father and Himself only. He mentioned no other. In fact, “God the Holy Spirit” as a separate divine entity is not mentioned anywhere in all the Bible.

Jesus finished by saying:

John 14:24-26

²⁴ He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. (*Remember in John 14:17, Jesus said of the Comforter, “ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”*)

²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit Comforter is none other than the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Is there another way we can know that Jesus is the Comforter?

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Answer: “Advocate” is the very same word that was translated as “Comforter” in the gospel of John, the Greek word *parákletos*. John is the only Bible author to use this word.

1 John 2:1 is just as accurately translated:

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have a Comforter with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Did the apostle Paul know that the Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ?

1 Corinthians 6:17

He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

1 Corinthians 15:45

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam (Jesus Christ) was made a quickening spirit.

Answer: Yes. Paul plainly said, “the Lord is that Spirit,” and called Jesus “the last Adam.” He then said that Jesus “was made a quickening Spirit.” *Quickening* means *life-giving*. After His resurrection, Jesus was made a **life-giving Holy Spirit** by His Father.

It is the Holy Spirit that enters the heart of the born again Christian. Whom did Jesus say that would be?

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Part 4: The Image of God

How was Adam created?

Genesis 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

NOTE: “Us” in **Genesis 1:26** refers to the Father and the Son making man in their image. Let’s look at Scripture to examine how the “image of God” was created:

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Answer: On the sixth day of creation week, God created a single human being—the man Adam. After putting the man in the Garden of Eden, God says this:

Genesis 2:18

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help

meet for him.

QUESTION: Why did God not create two humans at the same time, and in the same manner—out of the dust of the ground, side by side, male and female? Remember, man is created in the “image” of God, after the likeness of the Father and the Son. Notice that God says, “It is not good that the man should be alone.” Could it be that it is because the Father understood what it was like to be alone? In the ceaseless ages past, before the creation of the universe and the angels, there was Jehovah—alone.

How was Eve created?

Genesis 2:20-23

²⁰ And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

²² And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

²³ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

NOTE: God does nothing without purpose. Eve's creation (in the image of God) was a lesson for us. Eve was not an afterthought on the part of an omniscient God. He did not put Adam here by himself, then suddenly realized that he should not be alone. We must conclude that Eve's manner of coming forth was explicitly planned for all creation to observe. The creation of mankind was after the relationship between the Father and His only begotten Son. Adam was first, as Jehovah was first. Adam was alone among his kind. There was none other like himself.

Jehovah is eternal. God is love. How unfathomable to the human mind is the contemplation of a lonely God—for One who is love to have no one to love and no one to love Him. Love was His primary motivation for bringing

into existence all things.

By Jesus' divine birth, which preceded his human birth (He was born again), Jehovah was no longer alone. He had a Son to love, and who was "brought up" loving Him. Jesus is not a son by creation, like the angels, nor a son by adoption, like the forgiven sinner, but a Son *begotten* in the express image of the Father, in all of His majesty and glory. Jesus is one with God in nature, character, and purpose.

God waited for the moment in which Adam realized that he, too, was alone in his existence. When the moment came, God said, "I will make him an help *meet* for him." The word "meet" means fit. Only a being equal to himself would be suitable for him. In the image of God was Eve taken from the side of Adam, and not from the dust of the ground. For she was "bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh." For in this act, Christ illustrated to all the witnessing angelic host that He was likewise brought forth from the bosom of the Father, divinity of His divinity. As Eve came from the side of Adam, Jesus was brought forth from the side of God. The Son of God—

not created, but begotten of Jehovah.

If the Father is the only true God, according to Jesus and the apostles, then how is Jesus divine?

Answer: Again, the answer is found in the creation of mankind. Woman came from man. Though she was created subordinate to the man, and less in stature, she was 100% human. In the same way, the Father is the one true God, and Jesus was brought forth from Him. Although Jesus is subordinate to His Father, He is 100% divine because He was brought forth from God.

Did the apostles understand that Jesus is literally the begotten Son of God?

John 16:27-31

²⁷ For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

²⁸ I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

²⁹ His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.

³⁰ Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

³¹ Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

Answer: Yes. In **John 16:29-31**, the disciples finally understood that Jesus is literally the Son of God. And Jesus wants YOU to understand and believe this sacred truth.

The Bible denies the trinitarian claim that the Father and Son are co-eternal. It denies that there is a third divine entity known as “God the Holy Spirit.”

Then from where did the idea that God is a trinity come?

Answer: The trinity doctrine was conjured up by the imaginations of men hundreds of years after the Bible was written. The term “trinity” was never used in the pages of Scripture. It was used in the writings of Origen (185–254)

and Tertullian (160–220). Also, a general idea of a “divine three” was expressed in the second-century writings of Polycarp, Ignatius, and Justin Martyr. At the Council of Constantinople in 360 A.D., the doctrine in a more developed stage was formulated. A final version of the trinity was decided upon in 381 A.D., primarily devised by Gregory of Nyssa.

Which version of God should we accept as truth?

Acts 5:29

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

What does the Bible say about denying the Father and the Son?

1 John 2:22

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

2 Corinthians 11:4

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Galatians 1:8-9

⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

⁹ As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Why is the correct knowledge of God so Important?

John 17:3

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Answer: Eternal life depends upon knowing the truth about the one true God and Jesus

Christ His only begotten Son.

What does the Bible say about worshipping a false god?

Exodus 20:1-6

¹ And God spake all these words, saying,

² I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Answer: The Father is the only true God. Jehovah raised His divine Son to a position that makes it right for Him to receive the

worship of angels and men. We are to worship no other. When men created the trinity, they created an idol—not of stone but the imagination. The trinity does not exist. To worship the trinity is to worship a false god before the one true God and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent.

Part 5: What About These Verses?

1 John 5:7-8

⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”

Doesn't this verse imply that God is a trinity?

Answer: To receive the fullness of a biblical principle, we must examine all verses about a particular subject, especially verses by the same author. In the same epistle, John identified the Holy Spirit in this verse:

1 John 4:13

(Speaking of Jesus)

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Isn't Jesus talking about a trinity here?

Answer: In error, some quote this verse with the words, "God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit." "God the Father" appears readily in Scripture. However, many are perplexed when they find out that the words "God the Son," and "God the Holy Spirit" do not appear anywhere in the Bible. Jesus mentioned the Holy Ghost, then in the very next verse, said that it is Himself who is with us always in Spirit, "even unto the end of the world." The apostles fully understood this, as it was in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ alone that they did baptize.

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:12

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Conclusion: Jesus said in **Matthew 28:19**, “baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” We have no choice but to apply all other Scriptures to this: The Father is Jehovah, the only true God. Jesus Christ, “brought forth” from God, is the only begotten Son of the Father. The Holy Spirit is their omnipresence and power, and not a separate entity apart from them.

Knowing God, His Son, and receiving their Holy Spirit means “life eternal,” says Jesus. These facts are the foundation of all truth.

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