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## INTRODUCTION

If you are comfortable with Christian doctrine as it has been presented to you, then read no further. If you are mildly curious about the origins of Christian beliefs as they are traditionally held, you might continue reading. If you are confused by the illogic of commonly held dogma in main line Christianity, then this work was written to remove a large portion of that perplexity. I intend to address a major piece of the incongruity and contradiction promulgated throughout the centuries in one of the primary doctrines of Christianity, which is contrary to the scriptures of the Word of God.

A conspiracy is a scheme, a plot, a combining of forces to undermine, sabotage, or eliminate a movement. Its purpose can also be to promote an idea contrary to accepted standards. Its very name indicates a unified will of many, with a motive, which in most cases, serves the propagators, but is for harm or destruction to those to whom it is targeted. It is also an effort put forth in secrecy and subterfuge, and its primary movers mostly keep themselves hidden. The fundamental success of a conspiracy is in the promulgation and acceptance of one, or many, deceptions. The deception will be a beautifully dressed lie, or series of lies, fronted by men and women of repute, who are well respected. They will be influential in culture, business, education and the arts, or they will be leaders in political or religious circles. Their lies will be endorsed as truth.

A conspiracy succeeds when no one even notices it. In Christianity a great deception has been accepted because it has always been presented as being sourced from the scriptures. Most Christians accept the Word of God as the only center of reference for truth concerning spiritual matters. One of the great, original masterminds of “the great lie” stated that what he taught originated in the scriptures. He says that “his” doctrine comes from the Word of God, but since it is actually his own opinion, he has thereby moved the center of reference for truth from the scriptures to his position, just because he says so. After thousands of years of accepting the lie, very few even bother to challenge it.

What I am presenting in this work is to expose a conspiracy that has its origins in the first century. It was generated very quickly after God gave the gift of holy spirit on the Day of Pentecost. It was systematically introduced into society by means of deception, seduction and abuse. It is my prayer that in the reading of this you will be thrilled to have had your eyes opened to the truth, and will finish this reading with an increased desire to learn more from the Word of God, the scriptures, about how to operate the power of God given in the gift of holy spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.

The acid test of truth is to measure doctrine against the rightly-divided Word of God.

## WHO AND WHAT IS GOD?

**God is Spirit**, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is **unsearchable**. Psalm 145:3

Unsearchable means cannot be found. God is beyond our reach, outside of the human capability to perceive. He cannot be catalogued, cannot be contained, and cannot be measured, because He is Spirit, undetectable by our five senses, not within our grasp.

I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: Which does great things and unsearchable; **marvelous things without number**. Job 5:8, 9

God alone spreads out the heavens, and treads upon the waves of the sea. Which makes Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. Which does **great things past finding out**; yea, and wonders without number. Job 8:8-10

Have you not known? Have you not heard that the **everlasting God**, the Lord, the **Creator** of the ends of the earth faints not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. Isaiah 40:28

Great is our Lord, and of great power: **his understanding is infinite**. Psalm 147:5

Infinite means boundless, limitless, having no borders, endless, and eternal. How do we, who are finite, perceive God, whose greatness is unsearchable? The only way we can know God, is according to how He reveals Himself, because He cannot be observed by our five senses, nor fully comprehended by our minds.

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may **do** all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29

God has revealed Himself and his will to us in this huge book called the Bible.

**Every word of God is pure**, he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Proverbs 30:5

I will worship toward your holy temple, and praise your name for your loving kindness and for your truth: for **you have magnified your word above all your name.** Psalm 138:2

If God is spirit, then the only way we can know Him is by the **words** that he has given us for our understanding. Jesus Christ said,

It is the spirit that quickens [gives life, energizes], the flesh profits nothing; the **words** that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63

Words that are spirit express spiritual matters, and define all the invisible infrastructure of life. Spiritual matters are the essence of the thoughts, words and actions that we take. Spiritual matters characterize **free will**. Free will is the liberty to choose either light or darkness. It is the option to obey truth, or follow after lies. It is the right to live with discipline, or take the path of least resistance. It is the privilege to worship the one true God, or to worship whatever feels good.

God said to Isaiah in 45:7, “I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.” Light and darkness are complete opposites, as are peace and evil. These provide the end markers of the spectrum of choices that make up the privilege of free will.

Despite the fact that the knowledge of the true God has been buried under religious politics for centuries, there are answers of truth to provide deliverance written in the Word of God available to us today. If the Bible is read with humility toward God, and the meekness to believe and obey it, then God’s promises of healing, peace and abundance will absolutely come to pass for us.

If you will receive my **words**, and hide my **commandments** with you; So that you incline your ear unto **wisdom**, and apply your heart to **understanding**; If you cry after **knowledge**, and lift up your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures: Then shall you understand the fear [awe and respect] of the Lord, and **find the knowledge of God.** Proverbs 2:1-5

In order to find the knowledge of God, we have to actively seek it. Even though spiritual matters are seemingly unobserved by our five senses, we have been acquainted with them our whole lives. Did your parents teach you to say “please” when you asked for something and “thank you” when you received it? Most children are taught to use these little words, because they indicate **kindness** and **sensitivity** toward the person to whom

the request is being made. This courtesy eases and dignifies the transaction. Children, at first, don't know why they are to build these words into the habit of their conversation, but as they grow older, they learn their importance, and develop the ability to use them genuinely. "Kindness and sensitivity" are spiritual matters.

The Apostle Paul says in his letter to the believers at Corinth, "Now concerning spiritual matters brethren, I would not have you ignorant." In this same context he states, "And now abides believing, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Believing, hope and charity are all spiritual matters, but so are hatred, rage, and envy.

The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him **actions are weighed**.  
I Samuel 3:3b

When an action is weighed by God, it is the spiritual character of the action that is being weighed. Character is made up of **motive, intent, and purpose**. Motive is the driving desire. Intent is the objective. Purpose is the final outcome.

God's motive is love.

How excellent is your loving kindness O God! Therefore the children of men put their **trust** under the shadow of your wings. They shall be abundantly **satisfied** with the fatness of your house: and you shall make them drink of the river of your **pleasures**. For with you is the fountain of **life**: in your light shall we see **light**. O, continue your **loving kindness** unto them that know you; and your **righteousness** to the upright in heart.  
Psalm 36:7-10

God's intent is to make his Word and will known to his beloved.

Listen O Israel, unto the **statutes** and unto the **judgments**, which I teach you, for to do them, that you may live, ... You shall not add unto the **word** which I command you; neither shall you diminish any from it, that you may keep the **commandments** of the Lord your God which I command you.  
Deuteronomy 4:1a, 2

God's purpose is that his Word and his will ripens unto full fruition.

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not again, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; So shall my **word** be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall **prosper** in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:10, 11

In contrast:

*The devil's motive* is self-serving; it is to receive worship.

So says the Lord God; Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said I *am* a God, **I sit in the seat of God**. ... You have been in Eden, the garden of God. ... You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till **iniquity was found in you**. Ezekiel 28:2b, 13a, 15

The devil took him [Jesus Christ] up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said unto him, all these things will I give you, if you will fall down and **worship me**. Matthew 4:8, 9

*The devil's intent* is to obliterate the Word of God by deception, seduction and abuse. The parable of the sower reveals this:

Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and understands it not, then comes the wicked one [**Satan's deception**], and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that hears the word, and immediately with joy receives it; Yet has he no root in himself, but endures for a while; for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word [**Satan's abuse**], immediately he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that hears the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches [**Satan's seduction**], choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that hears the word, and understands it; which also bears fruit, and brings forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Matthew 13:18-23 (*Also Mark 4:13-20, Luke 8:11-15*)

*The devil's purpose* is to steal quality of life, kill the body, and destroy the soul in eternity.

The thief [Satan, the adversary] comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I [Jesus Christ] am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

A person may learn some essence of spiritual matters by trial and error, as a result of their life experience. Spiritual matters are the infrastructure throughout all of life. Just

because something is “spiritual” does not mean that it comes from God. **Good and evil are both spiritual matters.** The goal of the genuinely spiritually hungry is to find truth, godly principles, and be able to separate them from lying, devilish doctrines, and then worship God and live accordingly. The only way to do that is purposeful discipline to study and practice the rightly-divided Word of God, which religion and culture cannot provide.

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that doesn't ever need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

The words “rightly dividing” appear no other place in the scriptures, or in any literature of the time. It means an exact, or correct cutting. It means that there is only one way for the Word of God to interpret itself. It must be allowed to speak according to the laws of language and logic. No man's opinion, or private interpretation, can be trusted.

The school of “hard knocks” may teach us to keep our hand out of the fire, but it will not show us how to be approved unto God. Longstanding religious institutions, Christian and otherwise, mostly instill the traditional doctrines of men in order to serve the business of **public devotion** and **philanthropy**. Culture promotes the business of self service, the pleasures of the **flesh** and of the **mind**, in an infinite variety of activities, causes and objects of allegiance. Only the Word of God, as it interprets itself by the laws of language and logic, will truly reveal the will of God to our understanding for true worship and a life of godliness, for individuals and families.

For the **word of God** *is* quick [alive and energetic], and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Religion by its very definition cannot lead men to the true God. The word “religion” originates from the Latin “*religio*,” meaning man's reverence for the gods, of which the Romans had many. In the Greek, this word is “*threskeia*,” meaning man's fear of the gods, including worship performed in ceremonies, of which the Greeks had many. These words and their practice come out of pagan, polytheistic cultures and languages.

Truth, as it can be known from the Word of God, was given by God, **one God**, to those chosen by Him. **The Word and will of God did not originate with men.** Therefore, men have no authority to declare their “opinion” or “interpretation” of the scriptures, especially if what they present contradicts the Word of God.

**Knowing this first**, that no prophecy [words spoken and/or written] of the scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. II Peter 1:20, 21.

This verse tells us that God moved first. Men did not write the Word of God *out of their own minds*, it was given to them by God, according to God's will.

All scripture is **given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction for [which is] instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, throughly perfected unto all good works.  
II Timothy 3:16, 17

This verse says "all scripture is given by inspiration of God." This verse can be also understood as "all scripture God breathed." This is the figure of speech *anthropopatheia* (God having pathos with man), or *condescencio* (God condescending to the nature of man), to draw attention to the importance of what is being said. God doesn't breathe, because he is Spirit. God "breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life." Breathing is a necessary function of **our** lives. The point being emphasized to our understanding is that God's Word is His very life, and the scriptures are to be honored as such.

When we read the Word of God; it is the will of God. We must study it with humility. If we are willing to read the scriptures honestly, according to sound logic, proven research principles, and with meekness, then God's Word will open up to us. That is the only way to know who and what is God.

## WHY IS THERE NO POWER OF GOD IN RELIGION?

Religion as an institution can't begin to evidence the power of the Word of God. That would include most Christian denominations, because they are modeled after their pagan predecessors, including doctrine, ceremony, ritual and all the trappings. For the most part, today, traditional Christian, denominational churches are public institutions practicing a rote order of service with a tri-annual cycle of Bible readings. This was not the design of the churches of the first century, as described in the Book of Acts and the church epistles, which had gift ministries; apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers ordained to teach God's Word, and serve in homes in the local communities. They did this by the energizing of the spirit of God according to the standard of the scriptures, and the needs of God's people. This does not mean that the people serving in churches today are not wonderful saints of God. It just means that they are attempting to serve the Word of God, biased by man-made, thousand-year old, erroneous, traditional doctrines, and from within the confines of a "worldly," centralized system. On a practical level, God has been administered out of "religious" organizations. On a spiritual level, He works daily to get back into the lives of His own.

The historical record of Christianity, after the apex of its outreach in Acts 19:20 "when mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed," is not pretty. Even though most Christians are largely ignorant of the origins and history of their "religion," it has not been hidden from them. What **has been** purposefully and scrupulously kept from the public awareness of Christendom, is the motive behind what drives their current form of "worship."

From the very beginnings of the conflict between "good and evil," the crux of the matter has always been obedience to THE WORD OF GOD. In the Garden of Eden, Genesis chapter three, the serpent's entire purpose in seducing Eve was to draw her attention away from God's Word, and then get her to disobey God. The seduction **questioned** the Word of God, **challenged** the substance of the Word of God, **added to** the Word of God, **deleted** a word from the Word of God, **adjusted the focus** to something other than the Word of God, **introduced enticements** unrelated to the Word of God, and ultimately, **entirely contradicted** the Word of God, "*You shall not surely die.*" The serpent succeeded in getting Adam and Eve to disobey God, and thereby the dominion over the earth was transferred to the serpent. The aging process, producing death, is each person's individual reality since that time, and holy spirit, given conditionally, originally part of Adam and Eve's three-part makeup, was forfeited. Therefore, every person born since then is a two-part being, body and soul, separated from God.

This seduction is the exact same process in operation today. In Matthew 13, Jesus Christ spoke of it in the “Parable of the Sower” as one of the ways the Word of God is stolen from people. The other two ways it is taken from them are deception and abuse. These three methods, used individually or in concert, can be documented in every situation, in the lives of individual believers, families, churches, communities, and nations, including all the massive wars and travesties of history, and especially those done in the name of Christianity.

The “serpent’s” entire intent has always been to corrupt, violate and/or eliminate the Word of God. If he can do that in the life of one person, or a family, or a neighborhood, or a country, he has won. If you have ever looked around at the world today, he **has** won. We have plenty of religion, but the Word of God is scarce. It is similar to the days of the Judges before Samuel’s ministry when, “the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.” Today, the scriptures are the only means to know how to worship God in spirit and in truth, and therefore manifest the power to prevail over the “serpent,” and take dominion back in our own lives.

For the millions of people on the earth who live without the Word of God, they are almost completely under the control of the serpent, the devil, and have no recourse for deliverance from political, economical, religious, and personal bondage. For those who are functioning within traditional Christian religion, they are pretty much in exactly the same predicament, but remain oblivious, and just think that God is capricious. For the believers of Christendom, our responsibility and privilege is to get back to the Word of God. **The Word of God is the source of the power of God in our lives.** “Christian” religion cannot provide power, because despite good intentions and hard work, it’s very nature does not minister according to the standards given in the Word of God, nor does it rightly divide the Word of God regarding worship, prayer and the operation of the power of God in the lives of believers. We are going to look at why in the next section.

## WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY?

When any kind of system breaks down, in our physical bodies, in a computer, in an engine, in a business operation, in a government, or in a poisoned area of land, there is a standard process for seeking the cause of the damage, for removing and/or repairing it, and getting the organism back to proper order.

The first step is to look into the history of the problem. In Christianity, the Book of Acts documents the outreach of God's Word and the growth of spiritual maturity in the lives of the believers in the First Century. Early on, shortly after the Day of Pentecost, in chapter four, some of the Apostles are thrown into prison by the Judean religious hierarchy for teaching through Jesus Christ the resurrection from the dead. Was this the truth of God's Word or not? Of course it was! This truth was offensive to the **religious** leadership because it cut across what they taught, and their authority was being challenged. These were the exact same people who had recently orchestrated the execution of the Lord Jesus Christ, seed of the serpent.<sup>1</sup> Jesus Christ had said to them "You are of your father the devil" (John 8:44). That is a definitive declaration, and a spiritual truth; it is not figurative.

When Jesus Christ was personally confronted face to face by the devil, the devil offered him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, ...**IF** Jesus Christ would worship him. There you have the devil's **MOTIVE** behind everything that drives him, to receive **WORSHIP**. This incident was not a confrontation described in parable. It is not a legend or fable for learning, this confrontation actually happened. Jesus Christ knew the offer was legitimate, and his response was:

You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.  
Matthew 4:10

Jesus Christ knew who his own father was because he had mastered the scriptures, and he lived them.

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life: And I will put enmity [conflict] between you and the woman, and between **your seed** and **her seed**; it shall crush your head, and you shall bruise his heel.  
Genesis 3:14, 15

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<sup>1</sup> The "seed of the serpent" from Genesis 3:15 were those who have allowed themselves to be deceived into accepting the offer to worship the devil, and who "bruised his [Jesus Christ's] heel" by way of the crucifixion. Elsewhere in the scriptures they are called sons of Belial, children of pride, and children of disobedience. They are those guilty of the unforgivable sin.

The Lord your God will raise up unto you a **Prophet** from the midst of you, of your brethren, like unto me; unto him you shall listen and obey.  
Deuteronomy 18:15

This is **my beloved son** in whom I am well pleased. Matthew 3:17b

The redeemer, the Messiah, the seed of the woman, was always going to be a person “begotten of God.” In this specific context, seed means sperm. This truth was stated in Genesis. Woman doesn’t produce seed; she receives it for procreation. The seed that produced the redeemer came from God, not a man. That is why the devil counterfeited this concept right away. In the earliest pagan religions, gods and demi-gods were commonly declared to have been the product of sexual relations between “gods” and people. Perhaps it is the knowledge of these revolting fabrications in polytheistic idolatry, that Christians have rejected it as the reality for their own Lord and Savior.

Sperm determines the nature of the blood. Jesus Christ’s blood was untainted at birth, and by free will obedience to God’s Word, he kept it that way, to his death. Any other human being, the product of a man and woman, couldn’t have been a perfect sacrifice<sup>2</sup>, because all of us are born mortal, damaged, spiritually separated from God, and under the dominion of the serpent. Jesus Christ was none of those things, yet he was still a human being. He wasn’t a god. He was a perfect man, just as Adam had been originally.

Jesus Christ is called in the scriptures the last Adam (I Corinthians 15:45). Why? It is because he was as Adam had been in the Garden before the fall. The difference between Adam and Jesus Christ is that Jesus Christ never gave in to the deception, seduction or abuse laid on him by the devil. He retained the perfection of immortality, he was not subject to the devil’s dominion in the earth, and he had holy spirit which “in him dwelled all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” He retained this stature of purity and cleanliness because of his mastery and obedience to the Word of God. His death was by free will because he gave up his immortal life. They didn’t take it from him. He was like Adam once was. Adam was not God, neither is Jesus Christ.

The devil **has control** over all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, transferred to him in the Garden of Eden, which is why he could offer it to Jesus Christ. What he craves in addition to that is **worship**. He is very similar to most people, he wants to be recognized, honored, admired, and fawned over, but really, he yearns for pure, unadulterated adoration. He will stop at nothing to get it.

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<sup>2</sup> See Appendix on Sacrifices – Why Must Blood be Shed?

How are you fallen from heaven O Lucifer, son of the morning: How are you cut down to the ground which did weaken the nations. For you have said in your heart, **I** will ascend into heaven, **I** will exalt my throne above the star God: **I** will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **I** will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I** will be **like** the most high. Isaiah 14:12-14

“I will be like the most high.” Lucifer aspires to be LIKE God. This is not because God is light, love and peace; it is because God almighty, who is overall, receives worship from his creation. Lucifer has dominion in the earth, but he **wants worship**, and his means to receive it are deception, seduction and abuse, as revealed by Jesus Christ in the Parable of the Sower.

Lucifer will take worship in any form. In the Old Testament and throughout the ancient world, the devil received vicarious worship via the massive stone, wood, clay and metal forms of the likenesses of men, women, birds, beasts, fish, creeping things, fertility symbols and amalgamations of various kinds.<sup>3</sup> After the redemption, the devil had to be somewhat more subtle, because he had been openly exposed by Jesus Christ’s ministry, and he had to hide himself again.

His first and easiest strategy was abuse. He ruthlessly and brutally persecuted Christians via the powers that be in **government** and **religion** for three centuries, with the intent to wipe them out. That brought only renewed vigor on the part of believing Christians to go underground and resist. At the same time the devil was laying the groundwork for the accompanying seduction and deception that was the final step to his strategy to shut down the power of Christianity. The devil had to develop a different brand of **false worship** that would satisfy the “Christian” community, while maintaining the general appearance of Christianity.

Since the devil always has, and still does, control ALL the kingdoms of the world, from the first through the fourth century he controlled the Roman Empire, which covered a large portion of the civilized world surrounding the Mediterranean Sea, Europe, the Middle East, and northern Africa, which during the fourth century, was ruled by the Emperor Constantine. It is commonly accepted that Constantine, by converting to Christianity, freed the Christians from merciless persecution. He did eliminate a great deal of public horror, but ultimately God’s people went under a different kind of invisible, spiritual bondage. Constantine was a man in one of the highest positions of

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<sup>3</sup> The devil’s kingdom is described in the figurative language of Job Chapter 41 as “Leviathan.” Jesus Christ was very well acquainted with these truths.

authority in his day. His conversion was viewed by Christians as a glorious event, as so stated by Eusebius in his Church History Life of Constantine, Oration in Praise of Constantine, Chapter XVI:

2. Of old the nations of the earth, the entire human race, were variously distributed into provincial, national, and local governments, subject to kingdoms and principalities of many kinds. The consequences of this variety were war and strife, depopulation and captivity, which raged in country and city with unceasing fury. Hence, too, the countless subjects of history, adulteries, and rapes of women; hence the woes of Troy, and the ancient tragedies, so known among all peoples.

3. The origin of these may justly be ascribed to the delusion of polytheistic error. But when that instrument of our redemption, the thrice holy body of Christ, which proved itself superior to all Satanic fraud, and free from evil both in word and deed, was raised, at once for the abolition of ancient evils, and in token of his victory over the powers of darkness; the energy of these evil spirits was at once destroyed. The manifold forms of government, the tyrannies and republics, the siege of cities, and devastation of countries caused thereby, were now no more, and one God was proclaimed to all mankind.

4. At the same time one universal power, the Roman empire, arose and flourished, while the enduring and implacable hatred of nation against nation was now removed: and as the knowledge of one God, and one way of religion and salvation, even the doctrine of Christ, was made known to all mankind; so at the self-same period, the entire dominion of the Roman empire being vested in a single sovereign, profound peace reigned throughout the world. And thus, by the express appointment of the same God, two roots of blessing, the Roman empire, and the doctrine of Christian piety, sprang up together for the benefit of men.

This text was written during the time of the rule of Constantine. Eusebius, its author, was a personal friend of Constantine, and had been appointed Bishop of Caesarea. He speaks of a one-world government. The way he describes it, it sounds like they had arrived at utopia. This is what is called today, propaganda, or political spin. In contrast, the Word of God says;

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness **in high places**. Ephesians 6:12

No matter how benevolent a dictator may appear, tyranny stands at cross purposes to God's fundamental design of free will for his people. Good, honest people have been caught up in power games orchestrated invisibly by spiritual forces they don't recognize or understand, because of their ignorance of the Word of God. This is the subtle reality behind the counterfeit design of Christian religion, or any religion.

A well-documented historic event during the reign of Constantine, called the Council of Nicea, was a meeting of bishops in service to the believers in their local churches. Anyone with leadership ability who had served God's people prior to this time, and those with **ambition** to be a leader in the "church," who had submitted to the authority of Constantine, were part of a conference to decide for all believers the nature of Jesus Christ and the character of Christian worship. Christianity, which had survived underground during brutal persecution, was brought out into the public arena, and became subject to the authority of global politics, and the caprices of men of power. After the years of persecution, which then transitioned into the gradual adoption of "religious" leadership by political authority, the scriptures became less of the reference for truth, and religious politics reigned. Worship was no longer the local church in the community, directed by the adherence to scripture as received by revelation given to the Apostle Paul; it became a tool tied to politics throughout the known civilized world. Christian worship moved out of private, local gatherings, into grand halls of pomp and ceremony. It was taken out of the hands of grass-roots, faithful believers, and put into the hands of men subservient to the political whims of the state, the greatest political power of the day. State and church ruled hand in hand. This is when the devil got his foot-hold.

The issue at stake at this council was the nature of Jesus Christ as he relates to God. If I were the devil, I would put my top men at that meeting. Remember, **worship** is his driving motive. Lucifer had said, "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation." He has the legal right to run the affairs of men's lives, as long as they let him. Some of the men at that council, to varying degrees, would have accepted the offer, "all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them are yours if you will worship me." The Pharisees, who crucified the Lord Jesus Christ, were the top religious leaders of their day. Would the devil have looked the other way while "Christian" men gathered?<sup>4</sup> Born-again Christians, in every position of service, have always had deception, seduction and abuse directed toward them. Based on ambition, or preservation of their livelihood, or even the

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<sup>4</sup> See Appendix on Christian Leadership.

good-hearted intention to protect the believers for which they had oversight, some of those men would have been willing to compromise their principles, despite a genuine love for God and the gift of holy spirit. History also records that not everyone at that council agreed with the council's final outcome. They were dismissed in disgrace, and exiled. The persecution of Christians who believed the scriptures continued, just in a different form. Anyone could be a Christian if they accepted the doctrine that Jesus Christ is God, but if not, leaders and whole communities were ostracized from the "Holy Roman Church."

The specific matter in question at the Council of Nicaea was the nature of Jesus Christ. Was he God? In the first century, concepts of false worship were anticipated by the Apostle Peter and straightly declared by John.

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who secretly shall bring in damnable heresies, even **denying the Lord that bought them**, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. II Peter 2:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby you may know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that **confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh** is not of God: and this is the antichrist, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. I John 4:1-3

At the conclusion of the council at Nicaea, it was pronounced that Jesus Christ was God as irrefutable truth. It was then mandated to the ignorant and unsuspecting. What is the clear and simple truth of scripture?

God, in the beginning, created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one God. Deuteronomy 6:4

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ... I am the vine, you are the branches; he that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit. ... You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth much fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:1, 5, 16

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your believing is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers. Romans 1:8, 9

Why was the question of Jesus Christ's identity and nature even at issue? The scriptures are very clear. Of the verses that are commonly used today to support the deity of Jesus Christ, the most influential are documented forgeries, others are translational bias or doctrinal spin, and even others are cultural or language idiosyncrasies that are today foreign to common occidental understanding. The concept of the divinity of Jesus Christ is a brilliantly conceived deception to combine polytheism with the worship of one God. The concept that Jesus Christ is God was adopted at that council, and established by further councils that followed it, and became the **state-mandated doctrine** of Christianity for all Christians under the power of the Roman Empire. This doctrine is the virus that has severely crippled the vitality and the power of God in the lives of believers since that time. As a result, Christianity has been tied to the schemes of kings and emperors for millennia, using the true saints of God's household as political pawns. Christianity ultimately joined all the other false religions as a form of polytheism. Incredibly, by distortion of logic and illusion, over a few hundred years, the global Christian community accepted the doctrine that God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are three-in-one, a trinity.<sup>5</sup>

The **pure** doctrine of the trinity is that God is the Father, God is the Son, and God is the Holy Spirit, co-equal, co-identical, and co-eternal. It doesn't matter which one is God, because they all are. This frees up the deceivers and the deceived, at the very least, to worship a statue or a painting of the Lord Jesus Christ. The logic is that if Jesus Christ is God, then he too is to be worshipped.

You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them.  
Exodus 20:4, 5a

Furthermore, if The Holy Spirit is an additional person of the trinity, in addition to God Himself, then the comforter, the spirit of truth, the promise of the Father, the gift of holy spirit, given to the believers on the Day of Pentecost, is someone to be worshipped. The distinction between God, THE HOLY SPIRIT, and the **gift of holy spirit**, given as a result of the redemption, has therefore been a confused concept. In practical reality, this

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<sup>5</sup> The historical progression of this is well documented in When Jesus Became God, by Richard E. Rubenstein.

confusion eliminates anyone's ability to access the power in that gift, because the gift itself is worshipped.<sup>6</sup> If God is a three-in-one being, every scripture would declare that truth, but there isn't one that does, because God doesn't and can't contradict Himself.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and that your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 5:23

The Apostle Paul says to the born-again believers that they have body, soul and spirit. Since the fall of man, every person is born with body and soul. Adam and Eve started out as perfect, complete and immortal, with body, soul and spirit. By their disobedience they forfeited holy spirit, and consequently handed the dominion over the earth to the serpent, and introduced the dying process to their bodies. The gift of holy spirit, first given on the Day of Pentecost, makes believers again complete with body, soul and spirit, and is spoken of throughout the scriptures from that point forward. Prior to the redemption, select men and women of God were given holy spirit "upon" or "with" them on a **temporary** and **conditional** basis according to their believing. This was the stop-gap solution to Adam and Eve's forfeiture until the redemption.<sup>7</sup> Jesus Christ taught them this, and described what the spiritual reality would be in the future.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another** Comforter, that it may abide with you **for ever**: the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees it not, neither knows it; but you know it; for it dwells with you [now, temporarily and conditionally], and **shall** be in you [future, eternally and unconditionally]. John 14:16, 17

Once the three-in-one doctrine was fully in place, any persecution was unnecessary and, Christians became subject to their Popes, Bishops, kings and governments who directed Christianity in the arenas of both politics and religion. Like sheep, they had no choice but to accept what was handed to them by those in authority over them. Christianity became just another polytheistic world religion, which clouded the spiritual relationship of each believer with God in the body of Christ, in the fellowship of the household of saints, according to the Word of God.

As the civilized world moved into the Dark Ages, church leaders purposely maintained the scriptures in Hebrew, Greek and Latin for only the clergy to read, while the rest of the Christian community, unfamiliar with these languages, remained separated from the scriptures, except what they were told by their "spiritual leaders." Not to mention the fact that the rare and precious hand-written copies of the scriptures were locked up in

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<sup>6</sup> For further reading find on line an article entitled "A Unitarian View of the holy spirit" written by Sean Finnegan.

<sup>7</sup> See Appendix entitled "Old Testament - holy spirit "upon" or "with"

monasteries and churches, far from the peasants and working classes. Through those terrible centuries, poverty, disease, oppression and illiteracy were the norm rather than the exception. They were called the Dark Ages because there was no light of God's Word, and the horrible consequences of sin, due to ignorance and wrong teaching, prevailed. It was the devil's hay day.

In the sixteenth century Martin Luther and others freed Christian believers from much of the despotism of the Roman Catholic (universal) Church, which up until that time had complete and autonomous rule over all Christians. [Other Christians, Coptic, Greek Orthodox, etc. though they separated out from Roman Catholicism, also maintained the doctrine of the trinity.] That time period was known as the Reformation, and overlapped with the age known as the Renaissance (new birth). This is no coincidence. Martin Luther and others translated the Bible into the languages of the people, and because of the invention of the printing press, put it more freely into the hands of those outside of the clergy. The Word of God was now much more available. Light was being brought into the homes and lives of God's faithful, and by Martin Luther's leadership, they were delivered from many of the abuses of the papal mandates, both in the Roman Catholic Church, and among the Protestants. Despite the magnitude of this liberation that spread throughout Europe and beyond, traditional religion, worship of a three-in-one god, in the hands of powerful men, continued to hold sway with believers, rather than the God-breathed Word. The power of God has never been demonstrated on the wide-scale basis as it was during the first century as recorded in the Book of Acts, because Christians, to this day, still don't know who they worship.

Christianity has therefore bumbled along, even until now, worshipping a three-headed god, under the rule of men and women, most ignorantly, but with good intentions, serving, not the true God, but an ancient lie. Today, statues of Jesus Christ, Mary and dead saints adorn chapels and gardens everywhere. They aren't the massive, grotesque fabrications of ancient lore, but despite their "Christian" appearance, they are manufactured to be objects of worship, and violate the first and second of the Ten Commandments written first by Moses, and then spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the Lord your God, and you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down yourself to them, or serve them. Exodus 20:2-5a

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the

second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus Christ did not put himself into this verse as being a recipient of being loved by the believers. Had he done so, it would have been sin, and he would have not remained spiritually clean in order to accomplish the redemption.

THE WORD OF GOD is our **only** source for how and why to 1) worship the One True God. It has to be our **only** standard of reference for the truth of doctrine and practice in 2) making Jesus Christ our Lord in order to be born again, and it is the **only** genuine guide that instructs us in 3) the operation of the manifestation of the gift of holy spirit. These are three qualities of the Christian lifestyle, which anyone is welcome to call a trinity. Their character is one in motive, intent, and purpose, but they are absolutely **not** one in identity. God, The Holy Spirit, is overall the eternal Creator of the heaven and earth. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, a man of flesh and pure, uncontaminated blood, born into time, and by free will accomplished the redemption. The gift of holy spirit was given by God on the day of Pentecost and after, to all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, that God raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9).

## WHAT IS THE TRUTH OF WORSHIP, AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Worship is the core of all spiritual matters in life. Who, and how, a person worships has a direct correlation to the quality of life that is manifest. Consider the first of the Ten Commandments to have no other gods before the One True God, in contrast to what the devil craves, to be worshipped as a god! Jesus Christ further enlightened Israel as he prepared them for the redemption.

**God is Spirit**, and they that worship him, **MUST** worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

How can this command be carried out if “spirit” is understood to be part of a trinity to be worshipped? With that logic, no one can obey the commandments given by Moses and the Lord Jesus Christ, or believe the truth stated by the Apostle Paul.

For we are the true circumcision, **who worship God in spirit**, and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh. Philippians 3:3 (RSV)

The devil’s triumph in the trinity is that he has directed worship to a three-in-one god, which is not described as such anywhere in scripture. Not only has he made Jesus Christ to be God, but he has also limited people’s understanding to a doctrine that forces them to believe that the word “spirit” means a person of the trinity. When “spirit” is read in each individual context, it may mean any number of things. Frequently it refers to God, but sometimes it refers to soul. People and animals are born with a body and a soul. A “soul” is spirit, but it is not holy spirit, as is stated in Ecclesiastes 3:19 where “breath” is the Hebrew word *ruach*, also translated spirit, 203 times. Sometimes it is referring to the heart, the center, the innermost core of a person’s will and being. Spirit can also be referring to a devil spirit or an angel. In the Old Testament “spirit” is many times referring to holy spirit given conditionally and temporarily by God “with or upon.” After the Day of Pentecost “spirit” also refers to the gift given as a result of the redemption.

And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the **holy spirit which is given unto us**. Romans 5:5

Has one of the persons of the trinity been given to the believers? That makes no sense.

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 holy spirit**. Acts 2:38

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the **gift** of **holy spirit**. Acts 10:45

Now we have **received**, not the spirit of the world, but the **spirit** which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely **given to us** of God.  
I Corinthians 2:12

For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly **gift**, and were made partakers of **holy spirit**. Hebrews 6:4

We have received a gift, holy spirit. We are not carrying a piece of one of the persons of the “Holy Trinity” within us. It is not a “Holy Trinity,” it is an unholy lie. Confining the meaning of the word “spirit” to represent one of the three persons of the trinity eliminates the great power to walk with God according to the guidance and commandments of the scriptures. This has served the devil well for many centuries. The gift of holy spirit is what believers have been given to prevail over the serpent. Having redefined the nature of “spirit” by false religious doctrine, the devil has efficiently undercut any Christian’s ability to have dominion over “spiritual wickedness in high places.”

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT?

What is worship? From the Old Testament, worship was an attitude of humility in the presence of God, and obedience to His will. Worship hasn't changed in quality since the redemption, but the law defined the character of worship to require an offering of the first and best of one's livelihood to the priests of the temple, as a sacrifice at an altar, and was often **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the glory of God in song or spoken praise. Worship was also exhibited in solemn feasts. Worship could be carried out in a position of subservience on one's knees, or even lying flat on the ground in the presentation of a specific prayer petition. Most importantly, **a lifestyle of worship is a person placing God's will as the priority of their life in all matters**, honestly and genuinely.

God has made us to be very like Him in some ways. One of the greatest satisfactions of our lives is joyful interaction with those we love. It is the same for God. God designed us to worship and fellowship with Him because it blesses Him, and it blesses us. Part of the Old Testament worship was to offer a sacrifice upon a fire that God Himself provided. **God always wants to be involved in our worship.** When two priests, sons of Aaron, offered "strange fire," it was fire that they themselves generated. As a result of their disobedience, they died before the Lord, instantly: Leviticus 10:1, Numbers 3:4, and 26:61. God takes worship very seriously.

What does it mean when Jesus Christ said the Father seeks us to worship Him **in spirit**?

And they were all filled with [the gift of] holy spirit, and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit [God] gave them utterance. Acts 2:4

**He that speaks in a tongue** speaks not unto men, but unto God; for no man understands himself, however, **in the spirit** he speaks mysteries [divine secrets]. I Corinthians 14:2

No man speaking **by the spirit** calls Jesus accursed. I Corinthians 12:3b

If I **pray in a tongue**, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray **with the spirit**, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing **with the spirit**, and I will sing with the understanding also. I Corinthians 14:15

For if you **praise God only in the spirit**, how can those who don't understand you praise God along with you? How can they join you **in giving thanks** when they don't understand what you are saying? (New Living Testament) I Corinthians 14:16

For we are the true circumcision, who **worship God in spirit**, and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh. Philippians 3:3 (RSV)

Speaking in tongues, as was recorded on the Day of Pentecost, was the Apostles speaking languages unknown to themselves, but on that unique occasion, by God's prerogative, they were understood by many of the bystanders. Jesus Christ had told them on the day of the ascension that they would receive power, after the gift of holy spirit would come upon them, and that they would be witnesses of the resurrection (Acts 1:8). **Speaking in tongues was the witness** and the evidence of the power in the gift of holy spirit. The Apostles themselves spoke by their free will, but the words they spoke were given by God to their **gift of holy spirit**.

And they were all **filled** with [the gift of] **holy spirit**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit [God] gave them utterance. ... The multitude were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another ... We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:4, 6, 11

To speak by the spirit is the free will ability to speak words given by God. God gives the words, and we speak. Why? **God wants to be part of our worship**. Just like in the Old Testament when he provided the fire for the sacrifices. If He gives us the words, we can't speak them in error, especially when we don't understand them. From the previous verses we can see that speaking in tongues is prayer, praise, giving of thanks, speaking divine mysteries, and declaring the wonderful works of God. All of those things fall into the category of worship. Therefore, **speaking in tongues is worship in spirit**.

The beauty of it is that we can choose to speak in tongues out loud with interpretation, when appropriate in a worship gathering, or we can speak in the privacy of our own minds. Speaking in tongues can be happening anytime a believer chooses to do so as long as his or her mind is free. Obviously a person can't speak in tongues while speaking out loud in their own language, or sleeping, or in concentrated focus on the job at hand. But when we are listening to music, or to someone else talk, or driving, or walking, or carrying out a rote task that doesn't require studious attention, we can be speaking in tongues inside our minds. Worship can be happening anytime, anywhere. How great is that?! It doesn't require a synagogue, or a church, or a certain day of the week, or an animal sacrifice, or a financial offering, or an altar, or a Bible, or a position of humility, or even other people. God designed it so that each of us can worship Him, at will, **anytime** in the course of our lives. **Worship is the core of all spiritual matters in life**. Who, and how, you worship has a direct correlation to the quality of life that you manifest.

You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.  
Matthew 4:10

## GOD CHOOSES AND USES WORDS WITH PRECISION

The Word of God, inspired by God, has a very systematic and godly design. Words are used with an accuracy that is reflected in the significance of each word's first usage, how many times it is used, where it is used, the book and administration in which it appears, as well as its immediate context. No words in the scriptures are used haphazardly, and every word is chosen by God and placed with divine intent.

Consider the words "Jesus," "Christ," "Holy Spirit," "gift of holy spirit," "body, soul and spirit," "Lord," "Son of God," and "God." If indeed God meant to teach us that the trinity, a three-in-one, co-equal, co-identical, co-eternal, triune godhead was the nature of the God we are to worship, why are the scriptures so clear in stating it otherwise?

Matthew 1:1 says, "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David." If Jesus Christ is indeed God, then God, the Creator, is the son of David. Matthew 1:20 says, "Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto you Mary your wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." Apparently, Joseph is also a son of David. Does that make him God too? Why does it say "that which is conceived in her is **OF** the Holy Spirit," but it doesn't say, "that which is conceived in her **IS** the Holy Spirit?" There are countless examples of verses similar to this.

The whole "mystery" of the trinity, is that it defies logic on every count. The very statement that **three are one** is fundamentally unsound and illogical. Nowhere in creation, or in the scriptures, are numbers forced into a formula that doesn't work, even in quantum physics. Three cannot equal one. A young child can tell you that. Does God defy his own laws of creation to describe Himself? He certainly hasn't, if the scriptures are his means of revealing himself to us.

Many have tried to explain the trinity analogously to ice, water and steam. That is how three are one. Even that doesn't work, because ice, water and steam are physical matter functioning in a universe set in order by space and time. Even if a single body of H<sub>2</sub>O was separated out into three separate forms, they are still three separate forms. The analogy doesn't work. Three cannot be one. It is as if you take Mom's apple pie, and cut it into three pieces, you have three pieces of one pie, but each piece is distinct from the others. If it is logical to say that three are one, it is just as logical to say that twenty are one. The idiocy of it is astounding. If Jesus Christ saying, "I and the Father are one," makes them the trinity, where is the Holy Spirit? Why doesn't the Holy Spirit get a say in any of this. Where is the will and nature of the Holy Spirit?

To say Jesus Christ is God is to violate every scripture in the Gospels. If you were to say that God took a little piece of himself and formed it into a sperm placed in Mary, and allowed it to grow to full term, and be born, how does that make that infant God? That little person had to wear diapers, be nursed, learn to walk and talk. If it was God, why did it have to do all that? Why would God need to wait centuries to do that? If God Himself could have accomplished the redemption, why didn't he just put himself into Eve? The answer is that a true MAN, the product of free will, had to accomplish the redemption. God, who is Spirit, and who is not a man, is the author of salvation, but he is not its agent. God established the contract with Abraham and his descendants, who were Israel, but the free will of the nation of Israel was a necessary part of the accomplished redemption. God is perfect, and he cannot override free will. Jesus Christ had to have free will. He had to be a willing sacrifice, and he had to be a man. He had to have the option to choose not to be the sacrifice for all men. A contract is between two parties. God had a part, and Israel had a part. Jesus Christ, on his maternal side, was a descendant of Adam, Abraham, Judah, David, and Mary, and on the paternal side, was begotten of God, by perfect sperm.

If Jesus Christ is God, why did he have to learn obedience? To whom was he obedient? Furthermore, to whom did he pray, and why? In the Lord's Prayer, why did he say "Our Father," and not "Me?" Why did he ask God to let this cup pass from me in the Garden of Gethsemane, if he was God himself? Was a little piece of God dead for three days and three nights, and he just raised that piece of himself from the dead because he could? If God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are all one and the same, wouldn't God and the Holy Spirit be dead for three days and three nights too? Co-identical, co-equal, and co-eternal is just an illusion, a masterful deception, an ungodly paradox, to redirect worship to a false god who has cunningly, and yet openly, deceived the masses for centuries. It is truly the best conspiracy of all time, and IT IS TIME TO LET IT GO.

The simplest way to define the doctrine of the trinity is that it is a man-made doctrine. Very few people even argue that point; history documents it. Despite the forgeries, the twisting and corruption of verses, the scriptures don't support the trinity, and it makes no logical sense in any way. **The trinity's whole motive, intent and purpose is to turn worship from the one true God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, to a three-headed freak.** It further annihilates the power in the name of Jesus Christ, and replaces it with "the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit." It is a brilliant deception that has bound up Christians, and severely minimized the power of God in their lives since it was conceived.

When lust has conceived, it brings forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. James 1:15

The Trinitarian lie was born of the lust of the devil to accrue worship to himself. It has produced centuries of sin and death in the guise of religious doctrine. Religion is manmade reverence for the gods. The gods are the hosts of heaven, devil spirits that obey the god of this world, who was the serpent, who is declared in the Word of God to be OUR adversary, the devil.

Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: I Peter 5:8

**The god of this world** has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. II Corinthians 4:4 (It doesn't say "Christ, who IS God.")

The devil's primary driving motive is self-glory, to receive worship, and he is the master of deception, seduction and abuse, to steal the Word of God from God's people.

The truth is that we are instructed to worship God, and him only are we to worship. The first and great commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Jesus Christ spoke that commandment, and he did not put himself in it as a recipient of that love, but rather in obedience to it. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son; He did not give Himself. In order to be born again, be saved, made whole, we are to believe that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and make Jesus Lord in our lives. We are to pray in the name of Jesus Christ, laying our petitions before God.

If God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are all one, and the same in identity, and co-exist in eternity, then words are useless as a means to communicate spiritual matters. The whole Bible would have to be rewritten, and a few of the verses would look something like this:

God, and the Holy Spirit, and Jesus the Messiah, (not yet born, but existing in eternity with us), all one and the same, in the beginning created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

And I, God, who is the promised seed, and the Holy Spirit, will put enmity between you [the serpent] and the woman, and between your seed and her seed, (who is Me, my Son, and the Holy Spirit), and the seed, which is the three of us, shall crush your head, and you shall bruise our heel.  
Genesis 3:15

You shall love the Lord your God, and Me, Jesus the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit, three persons in one, and all three of us shall you serve. Luke 4:8b

God so loved the world that he gave Himself, his only begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit, that whosoever would believe on these three-in-one, should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord, who is the Father, the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and believe that God raised Himself, his only begotten son, also Himself, and the Holy Spirit, also Himself, from the dead, you shall be saved. Romans 10:9, 10

Let all the House of Israel know assuredly, that God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, have made that same Jesus, who is God and the Holy Spirit, whom you have crucified, Lord God, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Acts 2:36

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give you, In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rise up and walk. Acts 3:6

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house, and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit that appeared unto you in the way as you came, have sent me, that you may receive your sight, and be filled with God, the Holy Spirit, God, the Son, and God. Acts 9:17

And hope makes us not ashamed, because the love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is shed abroad in our hearts by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit which are given to us by themselves. Romans 5:5

But if the Holy Spirit, God and Jesus the Son, that raised up Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit from the dead, dwell in you, they that raised up Christ, God and the Holy Spirit from the dead shall also quicken, make alive, your mortal bodies by their three-fold spirit that dwells in you. Romans 8:11

If we believe that Jesus the son, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, will the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit bring with them. For this we say by the word of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Father, the Son and

the Holy Spirit, shall not precede them which are asleep, for the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit themselves shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and the dead in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit shall rise first. I Thessalonians 4:14-16

Now, any thinking person would say that these verses are ridiculous. They are. The problem is that if the doctrine of the trinity is the truth, then these verses should make sense, and there should be no difficulty in reading them. "Co-equal, co-eternal and co-identical," means one and the same, and therefore interchangeable. For example, I am one person; I am a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, and an aunt. I have different titles associated with various relationships in my family, but I am only one person. If that is true, then God can be the Father and the Son all at once. The problem with that is that according to the laws of life, no person can be his own father, or his own son. I suppose God can do that because He is God. Except for the fact that God is perfect, and he wouldn't, and couldn't, break his own laws. Where do the scriptures say that God is the Son? Where do the scriptures say that the Son is the Father? Where does it say that the Holy Spirit is the Son?

Then the Trinitarian gainsayers say, each member of the trinity has separate functions and that is why they are given independent jobs throughout the scriptures. Can you have it identical and separate? Same identity means same one. According to the logic of the trinity, God is the Creator, and he is the seed of the woman, and he raised himself from the dead, and he sat himself at his own right hand. In the least common denominator three-in-one is polytheism in its purest form. It is genius, and it is blasphemy. It is idolatry. It is ridiculous, and yet it permeated Christianity as soon as the devil could get anyone to believe it.

God has very clearly used words to make distinctions between His own identity as The Holy Spirit, which is different from the gift of holy spirit, and Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of the Father. *[In the Greek, the article "the" is used when Holy Spirit is referring to God, and not used when it is referring to the gift of holy spirit. The translators in English arbitrarily added or omitted the article "the," because in their doctrinal bias, they ignored the purpose of its use.]*

The truth is that the three entities, God, the gift of holy spirit, and the man, Jesus Christ, have separate identities, separate functions, but they all share the same motive, intent and purpose of love, righteousness, godliness, holiness, joy, wisdom, peace, goodness, victory, kindness, light, warmth, and eternal life. Jesus Christ stated it in a verse used to prove the trinity, "I and the Father are ONE." Additionally in John 17:11, Jesus Christ

says, “Holy Father, keep through your own name those whom you have given me, that **they** may be **ONE as we are.**” If he said the believers are one, as Jesus Christ is one with God, then we are all God. Either words define spiritual matters, or they don’t. **ONE**, in these verses, refers to defining the free will of Jesus Christ and the believers to choose obedience to godly, spiritual matters. It identifies their oneness of **motive, intent and purpose.** That is why holy spirit is not included in this verse, because holy spirit is a gift given to the believers that becomes a part of them and their free will. The gift of holy spirit is an “it,” not a “who.” God Himself is The Holy Spirit, but He is not His own gift.

Consider these verses:

That I should be the minister of **Jesus Christ** to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of **God**, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by **holy spirit.** Romans 15:16

For we are the circumcision, which worship **God** in **spirit**, and rejoice in **Christ Jesus**, and have no confidence in the flesh. Philippians 3:3

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 5:23

If the trinity is the truth, then the “Father, Son and Holy Spirit” should be used interchangeably in these verses. The word of God is God-breathed. These words cannot be used interchangeably, nor are they all used together simultaneously, because a particular one is purposely used to make a specific point based on their independent meaning and function. The Word of God does not support the concept of the trinity. It does not teach the doctrine of the trinity, and it refutes it in the logic of every scripture beginning in Genesis 1:1.

## CONCLUSION

In summary, the pure doctrine of the trinity is a devil spirit-driven conspiracy, introduced to men by deception, seduction and abuse. **Its origins are spiritual, but its substance is man-made.** It was conceived in a time when polytheism saturated culture.

Governments, culture and religion were, and still are, controlled by the devil. The concept of the trinity was designed with the original **motive** to transfer worship from the one true God to a three-headed, false god. No triune god exists anywhere in the history of Israel or Judaism, but it does in spades in pagan religions.

The practical outcome of worshipping a trinity obliterated the use of the name of Jesus Christ in prayer and in operation of the power of God, and replaced it with “the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,” by a single forgery placed in Matthew 28:19 in the fourth century.<sup>8</sup> It further confounded the usage of the Holy Spirit, referring to God, and meshed it with the gift of holy spirit given to men, so that no one understands the character and use of the power that was given on the Day of Pentecost. This is further confused by the translators and publishers randomly capitalizing Holy Spirit, or not capitalizing holy spirit, and placing or omitting the article “the” in association with “*pneuma*” the word for spirit, as it suited them. The devil really got a great lie going. Christians worshipping in denominations aren’t clear on who they worship, nor to whom they pray, and they do it in a three-fold name. Furthermore, they have no knowledge of the gift of holy spirit, which is the key to walking according to the will of God, in the power of God. Who and what is God?

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

If God is one God, and he is eternal, unsearchable, and infinite, as He so states throughout the scriptures, how can he be three persons? A God who exists beyond the boundaries of space and time, who has no measure in either time or space, doesn’t need to be more than one. He is already without limit. To add two other “persons” to his identity, is to force our finite understanding onto an infinite being. So, God, who occupies eternity, has three identities, three heads, three selves? If he is infinite, why couldn’t he have ten, or six thousand, or no limit of identities? Why only three? The point is; He is only ONE. This distinction separates him from Lucifer and his armies.

For **God** has not given us the spirit of fear; but of **power**, and of **love**, and of a **sound mind**. II Timothy 1:7

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<sup>8</sup> Eusebius quoted this scripture multiple times, not as “in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,” but “in my name.”

I have a sound mind, so for the God I love and worship to have three separate but identical identities, doesn't make sense.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all. I John 1:5

The concept of the trinity falls into the category of darkness. It doesn't introduce light.

There are many "three-fold groupings" in the scriptures, that anyone is welcome to call a trinity. In the scriptures, three is the number for completeness. Some examples would be: body, soul and spirit; past, present and future; thought, word and deed; faith, hope and charity; the law, the prophets and the Psalms.

And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

**God** alone is to be worshipped, and He only is The Holy Spirit. **Jesus Christ** is our Lord and Savior. The **gift of holy spirit**, the energizing of the power of God, unconditionally and eternally, was first given on the Day of Pentecost. These three entities are one in **motive, intent and purpose**, but NOT one in identity. We pray to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, to exercise our authority in the gift of holy spirit. That is the power that shuts down the devil's impact. That is a threefold cord that is NEVER broken.

The devil doesn't want you to believe that. ...Do you?

## WHAT IF I AM WRONG?

What if everything written in this work is wrong? What if God is the Son? What if the Son is the Holy Spirit? Then I am guilty of worshipping only one-third of God. If I am wrong, when I stand before the Lord Jesus Christ, who is God, I will be held accountable for having said that two-thirds of Him is not God. I will be shown that I did not worship Him and his other two identities fully, as was instructed by the religious authorities of the world churches. How much is two-thirds of an infinite god?

But... If I am right, then I have worshipped the one true God in spirit and in truth by speaking in tongues. I have honored my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a member of his body, and I have properly operated the power given in the gift of holy spirit. Most importantly, I am not ashamed because I have rightly divided the Word of truth, and stand approved before God. Furthermore, the fruit of my life is a testimony to the truth I believe and live.

If I am right, then all those worshipping God, Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit as a three-in-one god are ignorantly guilty of error, even as they were deceived, seduced and abused. Their lives will show evidence of that false worship in the consequences they reap. God, the searcher of all hearts, knows the circumstances of each person's life, and will judge them accordingly.

God also knows the evil spirits that have perpetrated the three-in-one lie, and those who have accepted the direction of those spirits knowingly and willfully, to serve that lie to the detriment of God's people, and, of course, ultimately to themselves. Accountability is in their future.

My purpose in presenting this work is to expose the devil's motive, intent and purpose in perpetrating this destructive, unholy doctrine, introduced after God gave the gift of holy spirit on the day of Pentecost. One great benefit in reading this expose is that those who believe it will be freed of the bondage of the consequences of the Trinitarian lie.<sup>9</sup> With a proper understanding of the Word of God, God's people can worship the one true God in spirit and in truth. They can receive the deliverance promised in scripture, and take back from the devil dominion in their own lives, as well as provide it to others, so that the greatest conspiracy of all time can be exposed and debunked, so God's people can live abundantly to the glory of God the Father.

With knowledge of the truth of scripture, **God's** faithful can again operate the power in the gift of **holy spirit** as directed by the scriptures, in the name of **Jesus Christ**.

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<sup>9</sup> See appendix on biblically stated consequences of idolatry.

## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Can Christian ministers be corrupted? Certain people have expressed their disdain for anyone that would dare to suggest that a Christian Minister, a Priest, a Bishop, or God forbid, a Pope, could be fallible. In recent years there has been a rash of Christian ministers from many different denominations exposed in adultery and other forms of avarice, indicating spiritual violations on a grand scale. **No man or woman** is exempt from weakness and broken principle. In biblical vernacular, we all have sin in our lives.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. I John 1:8-10

These verses state a great many truths. “Sin,” in the singular without an article, is the condition into which we are born as a result of Adam and Eve’s disobedience in the Garden of Eden. A “sin” or “sins” are the consequential behaviors of that innate damage. One of the major benefits, among many, of the redemption, is that in the created gift of holy spirit given to each born-again believer, that individual becomes a son of God, righteous, as Adam had been as the first son of God. By their disobedience, Adam and Eve forfeited the conditional spiritual connection with their Creator, holy spirit; and gave up their righteousness, but Jesus Christ bought it back with his life, by perfect and complete obedience, for all who believe. When God creates holy spirit individually and unconditionally in each person who believes on the Lord Jesus (Romans 10:9) as a result of the redemption, that individual becomes a son of God, which is a permanent family relationship. That causes each of us in the sight of God to be righteous. Whether we walk in that righteousness with God is our free will choice.

Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts: and be renewed in the life of your mind; and put on the new man, which after God is **created** in righteousness and true holiness. ... Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children.  
Ephesians 4:22-24, 5:1

The “old man” refers to the man of body and soul who innately carries damage from the disobedience and “sin” of Adam and Eve. The “new man” refers to the gift of holy spirit **created** in each individual as the result of confessing Jesus as Lord, and believing that God raised him from the dead, as so stated in Romans 10:9. That is when a man or a woman is saved, made whole, **changed** from being only body and soul, to being body, soul and spirit.

Free will is still the determining factor as to whether a person thinks, speaks and behaves according to the Word and will of God. To live renewed in the life of our mind according to the “new man” is each born-again believer’s choice. Believing men and women who offer their lives to teach the Word of God and minister, have answered a call to be a gift to the family of believers, the body of Christ.

When he [Jesus Christ] ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:8, 11, 12

These leaders are to serve according to the standards set by the Apostle Paul throughout the church epistles, with the additional directives given in the epistles to Timothy.

Neglect not the **gift** that is in you, which was given you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give yourself wholly to them; that your profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto yourself, and **unto the doctrine**; continue in them; for in doing this, you shall both save yourself, and them that hear you.

I Timothy 4:14-16

There were many great men and women who answered the call to serve the believers in the first century, and the Apostle Paul lovingly mentioned them by name:

I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a **servant** (*diakonos*) of the church which is at Cenchrea; That you receive her in the Lord, as becomes saints, and that you assist her in whatsoever business she has need of you: for she has been a succourer [providing comfort and relief] of many, and of myself also. Greet Priscilla and Aquila my **helpers** (*synergos*) in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Romans 16:1-4

In contrast, the Apostle Paul gave warning and admonition regarding those who did not **serve** in righteousness and holiness.

Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which you have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such **serve not** our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by

good words and fair speeches DECEIVE the hearts of the simple [humble].  
Romans 16:17, 18

Each man and woman who steps up in service in the household of the saints is accountable before God in their own heart and life. It is **the Word of God** which sets the standard for their conduct. Because we function in the Body of Christ, God has provided the means for the members to guard and protect one another in love.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, in case you are also tempted. Galatians 6:1

Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. I Timothy 5:19

God knows that the devil will be successful in subverting men and women by his strategies of deception, seduction and abuse. It is each believer's responsibility to measure spiritual matters against the Word of God. Our spiritual leaders need to be held accountable, just as public servants in government are to be held to the standards of the United States Constitution and the law of the land.

There were false prophets also among the people, even as **there shall be** false teachers among you, who secretly shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. II Peter 2:1, 2

No man or woman is exempt from the strategies of "the wicked one," as so stated in the Parable of the Sower. It is our responsibility as believers and ministers who serve the Lord Jesus Christ to:

**Study** to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall: II Peter 1:10

The words "study" and "give diligence" are from the Greek word *spoudazo* which is also translated "endeavor," "labor" and "be diligent." There is a level of responsibility that God's people are to uphold, and especially leaders. There are commands we are to obey,

standards we are to maintain, and directives we are to follow. This is what makes us not ashamed, and enables us never to fall. Jesus Christ taught:

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.

Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 7:13-21

How was Israel to do the will of Jesus Christ's Father, in heaven, while Jesus Christ was on the earth? The answer is, and always has been, that the will of God is given in **the Word of God**. There is no other way to have knowledge of God. Rightly dividing the scriptures is the **ONLY** way we know Him. Jesus Christ declared God, made Him known to Israel, not because he was God, but because as the Son of God he perfectly obeyed God's will, which is known by the Word of God, and he exemplified a life of godliness and righteousness.

Any doctrine presented to God's people as God's truth must be **measured against the Word of God**. Even if that doctrine has been perpetrated for centuries out of the grand halls of Christian tradition, even if it is proclaimed by Popes, Cardinals and Bishops, highly esteemed for their elite positions, and even if it is believed by the sincerest, most humble believer, it still must be **measured against the Word of God**.

Men and women who answer the call to serve amongst the believers are the primary targets of deception, seduction and abuse. People need leaders, and people follow leaders. If the devil can corrupt and dominate leadership, he controls all those that follow. The devil is not hindered from offering enticements to people of natural leadership ability, he has the **right** to pressure them by the means at his disposal, and he has the **means** to offer lying deceptions to connive them out of decent principles. The devil is the author of death, and therefore the perpetrator of sickness, injury and

destruction. He has the dominion originally given to Adam and Eve, which includes “over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, **and over all the earth**, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth” (Genesis 1:26). The devil has no restrictions upon him, abides by few rules, and wields lots of power. The devil can, and does, corrupt leadership in every category of life, ESPECIALLY religion. It is only free will adherence to **the rightly-divided Word of God** that protects God’s leaders from the adversary’s wiles.

Leadership is a subject handled in depth throughout the Word of God. God didn’t want Israel to have a king, but when he relented to their requests, and allowed it, he gave instructions for the king’s behavior and resulting spiritual responsibility.

And it shall be, when he [the king] sits upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left: to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel. Deuteronomy 17:18-20

This was God’s instruction to the kings that were to lead God’s people Israel. This was the commandment to each king. The priests, the Levites, were expected to educate themselves in the scriptures, because it was their primary duty to teach it to God’s people. Did the kings do it? Some did, and some did not.

*As for* my people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead you cause *you* to err, and destroy the way of your paths. Isaiah 3:12

The scriptures record that the leaders of God’s people during the time of Isaiah’s ministry were not godly. Jesus Christ observed the same thing in his day regarding the Scribes and Pharisees.

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. Matthew 15:14

What is the status of the leadership for God’s people today? As in the days of the Apostle Paul, some are true servants, and others serve their own belly.

The point to remember is that titles, official positions, beautiful robes, centuries old traditions, long-established religious institutions, hymnals and prayer books, sacred ceremonies, beautiful singing, and magnificent buildings, do not truth make.

The only thing that separates truth from error is **the rightly-divided Word of God.**

The Roman Catholic Church, the founding institution for all Christendom, established the doctrine of the trinity in its grand halls of power, and continues to perpetrate this great lie to obscure truth and generate false worship. The Roman Catholic Church, the Greek Orthodox Church, and every other international Christian Denomination, with the exception of the Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists, teach, believe and worship three gods, but its okay, because three are really one. The scriptures do not declare this, do not support it, and refute it in every possible way according to the laws and logic of language.

It is also interesting to note that through the ages there have been those who have stood up and said quite publicly, that we are to worship ONE GOD, **not** three. All were condemned for their beliefs, and many persecuted and executed. Some of them were called Arians, Monotheists, Deists, and others Unitarians. Today, there are Christians speaking out against the trinity in their fellowships, in print, and on the internet, condemning its counterfeit origins, its illogic, and its idolatry. They boldly proclaim that we are to worship ONE GOD according to the teaching of the scriptures. These are believers not part of established institutions. These are Christians not bound by an ancient doctrine, or a global conglomerate, or an established policy, or worldly authority of any kind, financial, religious, or state. **They have stepped out of the devil's dominion, and are denouncing his lies.**

That is what God calls us to do. Raise our beliefs to the truths set by the scriptures, and stand up for them. As Christians we are not enemies of one another, we are members of the body of Christ. Our mutual adversary is Satan, the devil, the serpent, the Destroyer, the enemy of all righteousness. As Christians, our common point of reference is the Word of God. To walk in love toward one another is to go to the scriptures and let them speak. When we can't agree, then we can only agree to disagree, and continue to walk worthy of our calling in the love of God toward one another, as sons and daughters of God.

That is true Christian Leadership!

## OLD TESTAMENT – holy spirit “UPON” OR “WITH”

In the Old Testament, there were times when God’s committed servants were directly and exclusively dependant on God’s initiative to teach them how to understand spiritual matters. God sought them out. A good example of this is recorded in I Samuel chapter 3, regarding a young man given to the service of the temple by his mother, a faithful woman of God named Hannah.

I Samuel 3:1-21

There are many records of great men and women of God after the fall of man who received holy spirit “upon” or “with” them. It was their believing example that initially taught Jesus Christ how to believe God, to understand the nature of holy spirit, and to walk with the power of God. The Old Testament believers of Israel were servants, not sons, and they received holy spirit “upon” or “with” them based on their free-will believing, obedience and faithfulness. Since the redemption was still future, this holy spirit was conditional, not eternal, and each one did not receive the same amount.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you, before I be taken away from you. And Elisha said, I pray, let a double portion of your spirit be **upon** me. II Kings 2:9

Elisha asked for a double portion of holy spirit upon him, because he believed God that he could walk with twice the manifested power of Elijah. As is recorded in the scriptures, he did exactly that.

II Kings 2:1-22

Right away Elisha was operating the power of God via the operation of holy spirit in the revelation and power manifestations. This was just one of the examples that Jesus Christ would have studied to see how he was to walk with God. The Word of God records that Elisha was faithful to his believing request, because he exhibited a double portion of the holy spirit that was “upon” him, by performing twice the number of supernatural acts of power as Elijah, as can be counted in the scriptures.

Not every one that received holy spirit “upon” them were as faithful as Elisha. When God sent Samuel to ordain a new king in place of Saul, who had disobeyed God, the Word of God very clearly records the spiritual matters associated with these men’s lives.

Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord has not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *your* children? And he said, There remains yet the youngest, and, behold, he keeps the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he comes. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy [healthy looking], *and* of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came **upon** David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. But the Spirit of the Lord [Jehovah] departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord [Jehovah] troubled him\*. I Samuel 16:11-15

*\*This is the figure of speech "Idiom of Permission." Evil spirits don't come from the true God. The believers of the Old Testament were spiritually protected from the devil when they obeyed the Law, but were incapable of standing against the devil in their own lives, as we can today. God took on the attributes of the devil in their understanding so they would have a healthy respect, otherwise known as "the fear of God," for the consequences of unbelief and disobedience.*

Saul's disobedience to God produced unrighteousness. He never came clean with God, and forfeited the holy spirit that was "upon" him. He was then directed by the evil spirit "that troubled him" to confer with a woman possessed of a familiar spirit, heed her advice, and finally to commit suicide. He accepted the lies of the devil all the way to his death. Had he come clean of his sin when Samuel confronted him, he could have turned all this evil around. He, by his **free will**, chose not to turn back to God.

What was the first great act of believing that David did after he received holy spirit upon him? He slew Goliath. Another great man of God, Daniel, also manifested the power of God in his day and time.

Daniel 6:1-28

In summary, we see that in the Old Testament, from these few examples, that believing precedes righteousness, and righteousness precedes the receiving of holy spirit "upon." It is also evident that when holy spirit was **upon** or **with** a believing man or woman, that was the prerequisite for the power of God to be manifest. We have also seen that in the absence of believing, when fear and error are predominant, that the consequences of sin will absolutely follow. When people disobey God's Word, and walk outside of the commandments of God, that is when the devil has the freedom to carry out his will of destruction and death.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind: the Lord raises them that are bowed down: **the Lord loves the righteous.** Psalm 146:8

## CONSEQUENCES OF IDOLATRY

Idolatry is a big, ugly, scary word that conjures up images of worshipping monstrous, horrific, statues of antiquity. The devil has adapted his methods of false worship to the cultures and religions of today. In modern day America, idolatry is rampant; inside religion and outside of it. It had just taken on a different look. No Christian of today considers himself to be an idolater; neither do those who practice other religions, or even atheists.

Idolatry in its purest form is worshipping **anything** other than the true God. God designed us to worship Him. Everybody worships something. In the absence of faithful, godly observance, what do people do who don't "worship" within a spiritual context?

Commonly, the word "worship" brings to mind the image of sitting in a solemn service, or bowing in prayer before an altar. This is the generally-accepted, public version of worship. What about those who don't practice any form of religion?

What is the nature of worship? When there are no set rules or behavioral boundaries in place, a person's desires, needs, and wants have no limits. Emotions that are not held in check can move into the category of obsession, infatuation, fascination, enchantment, mesmerized, absorbed, monopolized, gripped, or mentally immersed. Jesus Christ taught in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." It is very easy in our culture to observe what people hold dear. Just read bumper stickers or T-shirts. The slogans and clichés that define people today are very revealing.

*Shop till you drop. It must be five o'clock somewhere. I used to care but I take a pill for that now. I love my German Shepherd. You had me at beer. I'd rather be sailing. He who dies with the most toys, wins.*

People emblazon their cars with sports icons, mission slogans, personal philosophies, political allegiances, hobbyist passions, memorials, and some fearless few put statements of faith.

Jesus Christ further said in this same context, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [stuff]" (Matthew 6:24). What is precious to you, you will serve. The Apostle Paul said in Romans 6:16 and 23 "Don't you know, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? ... For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

At a personal, emotional level, people pursue that which brings them comfort, respite from anguish, escape from stress, recognition, self gratification, or even ecstasy. Because there is such a dearth of the Word of God, even within a Christian context, many people grasp at whatever gives them relief from the burden of reality. That doesn't mean they are evil people, it just makes them easily subject to the adversary's dominion. They serve and pursue whatever makes them happy. For some people they never reach the point of worship of the things they enjoy, but they remain so distracted, that they never have time for the true God. Others, who focus on little else but their chosen passion, may have moved into the category of worshipping a visionary concept, a pastime, a sports team, a charity, a job ambition, a volunteer service, a hobby, a political party, or whatever.

In our prosperous, materialistic society there are so many comfortable distractions. Television and the internet provide passive entertainment that requires no effort. Readily available gourmet foods are commonplace. Unrestricted sexual mores give a false sense of inflated self-esteem. Easily obtained drugs and alcohol provide a brief escape from pain, physical or emotional. Gambling keeps people on the cusp of the euphoria of possible sudden wealth. The list of sensual pleasures, emotional props and intellectual crutches is as long as the list of people who seek them. God designed us for worship. The desire to worship is inherently part of our soul's infrastructure. In the absence of the Word of God in people's lives, the void is filled by whatever Satan provides that anyone will accept. Idolatry comes in every conceivable shape and form.

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they [Israel in the days of Moses] also lusted. **Neither be ye idolaters**, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt ~~Christ~~ Christ (the Lord) as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for examples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. I Corinthians 10:6-11

Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed in case he falls. There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee from idolatry**. I Corinthians 10:12-14

God is very clear about His will for our lives. For our own best profit, we are blessed and benefited by worshipping the One, true God. Worship of anything else only leads to bondage and misery. That is the bottom line of life. Worship according to the religious doctrines of men or institutions, be they ever so well respected, if they do not align with this basic truth, puts people **outside of the will and protection of God.**

Just because idolatry looks different today than it did in the Old Testament, the consequences of false worship are just as real, and just as dire today, as they were then. One of the ways the consequences of false worship are described in the Old Testament scriptures is, God “will visit their sin upon them,” as occurred in Exodus when they worshipped the golden calf. “And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made” (Exodus 32:34, 35). This was an actual event, but it was not God that plagued the people. God is the author of life. God in his perfection gave them free will. He had told them that if they “serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless your bread, and your water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of you” (Exodus 23:25).

The plague was the direct result of worshipping the golden calf. By their own choice, they had turned from God, had opened their minds to the idea that a thing, a golden calf, would be their protector. Bovine worship was a common cult in Egypt, where the people of Israel had spent the previous four hundred years. They had walked outside of God’s protection, giving the devil the freedom to inflict them with sickness. This was not God’s will, but God had warned them, and took responsibility for the plague, which is the figure of speech, Idiom of Permission. God is never the instigator of harm or ill will. Until the ministry of Jesus Christ took the shrouds off the devil, in the scriptures, God attributed to himself as being the source of evil. **People today, after the redemption, are still blaming God when bad things happen. This is because of their ignorance of the Word of God, and the devil is happy to keep it that way.**

Deuteronomy chapter 28 speaks very clearly of blessings that are the direct result of obedience, and curses, that are the direct result of disobedience. Deuteronomy is part of the law given by Moses, and was addressed to the people of Israel. The nation of Israel, within its land boundaries, was the promised home and maternal family lineage of the redeemer. Until the redemption, God gave them a law to provide literal parameters, and behavioral boundaries that would protect them from evil. Their unseen, undetected enemy, the serpent, the devil, a spiritual being, whose will and purpose was to garner worship from them, was then able to steal, kill and destroy them. In the days before the redemption, the devil’s will was to get rid of the Word of God, and cut off the blood line of the coming redeemer. In our day, after the redemption, the devil’s will is more ruthless in his mission to get rid of the Word of God, because it explains the redemption,

which not only exposes the devil, but it gives God's people dominion over the devil in the name of Jesus Christ.

Damage, destruction, poverty, oppression, and sickness are all promised in the curses of the Old Testament, when God's people practiced idolatry and turned from worshipping the one true God. If today, God's people erroneously believe that their God is three-in-one, when He is truly only One, then they are being deceived into idolatry. God cannot protect them when they walk outside of the truth of worship that He designed. Why do bad things happen to good people? Mostly it is because they don't know the god(s) they are worshipping. They are ignorantly worshipping a false, multi-headed god that has the freedom to steal, kill and destroy them, and many of them right inside Christian churches.

Those who don't even consciously worship any god or gods in a religious format, may worship something in the category of "mammon," cars, houses, jewelry, collectibles, antiques, land, boats, people, money, ambition, intellectual superiority, comfort, power, sensual pleasure, etc. They too are **subject to the same consequences**.

The One True God, will protect, prosper, heal and deliver His own, those who worship him in spirit and in truth, because of the accomplishments of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we have power to bring to pass the will of God in our lives.

God has highly exalted him [Jesus Christ], and given him a name which is above every name; That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers. III John 2

Our soul prospers because we worship One true God, we rightly divide His Word, and know His will for our lives. Therefore, we prosper and are in health.

Christians who ignorantly worship three gods are idolaters. Others who worship other things are also idolaters. False worship, idolatry of any kind, leaves people easy prey to evil consequences. True and genuine worship of **One God** according to the scriptures brings deliverance, physical healing, peace and abundance.

Let all those that put their trust in you rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because you defend them; let them also that love your name be joyful in you. For you, Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor will you compass him as with a shield. Psalm 5:11, 12

## SACRIFICES – WHY MUST BLOOD BE SHED?

In the scriptures the word “blood” is used in a few different ways. In some cases it is literally referring to the liquid that runs through the veins and arteries of a living being. In other cases it is a figurative reference as in “flesh and blood” meaning human beings, or “shed blood,” referring to the death of an individual.

And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the **blood** he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord has said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the **blood**, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the **blood** of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you concerning all these words. Exodus 24:6-8

For we wrestle not against **flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12

Their feet are swift to **shed blood**. Romans 3:15

As a young student of the Bible, it always puzzled me why God needed a blood sacrifice for atonement, for remission of sins, or for a covenant. Why did he have to use a body part? Why not money, or labor, or time? And if he did need a body part, why couldn't He use hair, or fingernails, or teeth, or even ear lobes? Why blood? And it is not just a few ounces of blood, as when you give to the Red Cross, but all the blood in the being whose blood it was, because they end up dead. If God is love, why is there all this killing and death in sacrifices?

God doesn't enjoy death. God is the author of life. Death is the consequence of the free will choice of Adam and Eve to disobey God. The reason why God requires blood in payment for sin is explained throughout the Bible in a whole variety of references. The redemption accomplished by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the full and final sacrificial blood payment which reversed the damage from the disobedience in the Garden of Eden. The absolute completion of the redemption is yet future, but the full payment in blood has been made.

Why is blood the key component of sacrifice, atonement, and remission of sins in the Old and New Covenants?

Every moving thing that lives shall be meat for you: even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, the blood thereof, you shall not eat. Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning. From the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed. Genesis 9:3-6

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11

God had said to Adam in the Garden of Eden, "In the day you eat thereof, you shall surely die," or in a better translation, "dying, you shall die." Obviously, Adam and Eve did not drop dead at the moment of the infringement. If their disobedience brought the dying process, then if they had never sinned, their continued obedience would have sustained their life, and they would have remained indefinitely immortal. Therefore, if the life of the flesh is in the blood, then their disobedience, violation of God's will, sin, provided in some way for their blood to no longer be able to sustain immortality.

Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. James 1:14, 15

To be enticed is a passive verb. The subject is acted upon, rather than acting of itself. In the Garden of Eden, the serpent enticed Eve. The seduction did not originate with Eve. It was brought to her. Any attractive lure initially comes from outside of the individual, at least the first time. If Eve had walked away, ignored the serpent, and told him to be gone, she would have remained sinless, but she entertained the enticement.

Furthermore, the serpent is in other places described in the scriptures as "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience," "your Adversary, the Devil," "the Destroyer," "the Accuser," "the Devourer," and many others. As a spirit being he can operate at a higher level than the basic principles of physics, beyond what we perceive with our five senses, and can manipulate matter and energy.

Since the serpent is a spirit being, that the scriptures refer to him as a serpent is a figurative term to emphasize his wily subtlety. He is a master of deception and seduction. It is not likely that he appeared as a snake. That would hardly be enticing. (The same being appeared to Jesus Christ, and in the Gospels no reference to his form is ever noted.) How the devil appeared and what he literally offered Eve is purposely

omitted in the scriptures. The record of this event is intentionally left in figurative language to emphasize the nature of the seduction, not the substance of it. The entire purpose was to get her to disobey God, and it worked. Whatever it was, Adam thought it was pretty great because he conceded to it, and you can be sure, it was not a piece of fruit.<sup>10</sup>

Why would certain thoughts and behavior on the part of Adam and Eve cause their blood to change from immortal to mortal? Sin was experientially unknown to Adam and Eve. They knew one of the consequences that God promised them, and they knew the difference between wrong and right. What they didn't know were the broad reaching results of their choices on that day. Their only responsibility was to obey. In failing to do that, it has been in the centuries following, including the redemption, that God has revealed in His Word the underlying realities of the fall of man, and why it took such a high price to repair the damage.

Leviticus 17:11 says that the life of the flesh is in the blood. Flesh describes our bodies and minds. A human body without a mind can not function; therefore the life spirit that flows through our bodies in our blood, also called the soul, is the living energy of each person. A person's soul is carried around his or her body in blood. The identity of every individual's soul is the product of their thoughts, words and deeds.

Jesus Christ knew and understood the spiritual principles associated with the human mind. In the figurative language of the Old Testament he saw how the mind is described as a house. In his teachings, he used the same figures of speech.

Through wisdom is a **house** built and by understanding it is established, and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. Proverbs 24:3, 4

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days come not [*days of old age*], nor the years draw nigh, when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers [*hands*] of the **house** [*body which contains the mind*] shall tremble, and the strong men [*legs*] shall bow themselves, and the grinders [*teeth*] cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows [*eyes*] be darkened. Ecclesiastes 12:1-3

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<sup>10</sup> The substance of the seduction can be ascertained by cross referencing how these figures of speech are used throughout the rest of the scriptures.

Whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his **house** upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that **house**; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock [*one God, one center of reference for truth*], and everyone that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his **house** upon the sand [*many gods, multiple centers of reference for truth*]: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that **house**; and it fell and great was the fall of it. Matthew 7:24-27

In this teaching in Matthew, Jesus Christ is explaining to Israel that when a person builds their life on anything other than the one true God, that their “house” will be unstable. He further speaks of a mind being violated.

Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man’s **house** and spoil his goods, except he first bind [*remove the free will by deception, seduction or abuse of*] the strong man? And then he will spoil his **house**. Matthew 12:25-29

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he [*the spirit*] walks through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, I will return into my **house** from whence I came out; and when he is come, he finds it empty, swept, and garnished. Then he goes, and takes with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Matthew 12:43-45

Jesus Christ was the first man of God ever to take devil spirits out of anyone as recorded in the Word of God. Why is that? It is because Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, was not party to Adam’s sin, because he was not descended from Adam by blood. Therefore, he was, first, immortal, second, not under the dominion of the serpent, and third, the holy spirit he had “upon” him was “the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” In his earthly life and ministry he was as Adam had been before the seduction of Genesis.

And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, ... Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God. Luke 3:23-38

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure [*pattern*] of him [Jesus Christ] that was to come. Romans 5:14

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [Jesus Christ] was made a quickening spirit. I Corinthians 15:45

How do devil spirits get into people? They trick, charm or bully their way in by deception, seduction, abuse, or a combination thereof, as taught by Jesus Christ in the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:18-23, Mark 4:13-20, Luke 8:11-15). Where do they go when they enter into people? They go into the "house" of the person. The house is the containment for the soul. It is the mind that must be opened in order for a devil spirit to enter. A devil spirit cannot, at will, jump into a person, as they can into animals. A person's mind is protected and contained by their thoughts. To get into a person, devil spirits have to work on the thoughts of a person by introducing stimulus (seductive, deceptive, and/or abusive) from outside the person. Once a devil spirit has access to the "house," it has access to the blood. When Adam and Eve were seduced, they accepted the false logic offered to them by the serpent, and they both unwittingly allowed devil spirits into their minds, which then entered their blood stream and damaged their blood.

Jesus Christ never allowed a devil spirit into his mind because he guarded the "house" of his mind by perfect obedience to the Word of God. Not only did he die with the same perfect, immortal blood with which he was born, but he proved that the Word of God is the light of truth that will stand against every strategy of willful evil and darkness. Despite all the horrific abuse, torture, harassment, and ultimately death that he accepted at his execution, he never allowed the containment of his mind to be breached. That includes all the intentional deceptions and seductions that were presented to him during his life and ministry.

The spirit [*soul, mind*] of a man will sustain his infirmity [*short-term weakness or illness*]; but a wounded [*broken through*] spirit [*soul, mind*], who can bear? Proverbs 18:14

A wholesome tongue is a tree of life; but perverseness therein is a breach [*broken hole*] in the spirit [*soul life, the mind*]. Proverbs 15:4

Jesus Christ had read these and other related verses, and he understood them. His blood, uncontaminated, immortal, perfect, which housed his identity, was never violated. When he offered up his immortal life, his perfect blood was shed. That was the grounds God required for reversing the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying; Drink all of it; For this is my **blood** of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 26:26-28

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his **blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. Romans 3:23-25

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the **obedience** of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:19

The Old Testament, the Law given to Moses, set the pattern for how God wanted things done. Until the redemption was accomplished, there were stop-gap arrangements provided for in the law, namely the priests offering sacrifices of animals that enabled God's people to be temporarily given remission of sins, righteousness, and atonement with God. They were righteous when they carried out the necessary sacrifices instituted, but more specifically, as they stayed their minds on the Word of God.

Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by **his own blood** he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctified to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself **without spot** to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:11-14

In order for God to reverse or repair the damage, certain principles had to be observed. For God, who is perfect, to raise Jesus Christ from the dead, He had to be completely within His rights to do so. When Jesus Christ gave up his life, his soul life had no death

in it. His blood was never contaminated. His mind was never breached. The blood of Jesus Christ that was shed was perfect. Jesus Christ not only didn't have to die based on the completely unjust conditions of his execution, but he couldn't die, because his blood was immortal. That he died was a function of his free will to give up his life. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," and he **gave up** the ghost (Luke 23:46). Why could God raise Jesus Christ from the dead? Because as Peter said on the Day of Pentecost, "Because it was not possible that he should be held by death."

Forasmuch then as the children [*all human beings*] are partakers [*koinoneo – share fully*] of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part [*meteko – only the flesh part*] of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:14, 15

How do we know that we are all descended from Adam?

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he gives to all life, and breath, and all things; And has made of **one blood** all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth. Acts 17:24-26a

If we could have been descended from more than one man and woman, or from a variety of primates, Neanderthal or Cro-Magnon creatures, we couldn't all be of one blood. Only Jesus Christ had different blood than the rest of us. That is why the sacrificing of animals was a temporary measure, and why no one of us could have accomplished the redemption, because all of us have damaged, death-producing blood. Jesus Christ alone, the second, and only begotten, Son of God, accomplished our redemption by shedding his own perfect blood by a lifetime's free will decision to obey his Heavenly Father.

What have we gained by the payment of Jesus Christ's blood? We have been given the gift of holy spirit, which has restored us in a Father/child relationship with our heavenly Father, even better than what Adam had, because it is unconditional and eternal. We have been given dominion in our own lives over the power of the "serpent" in the name of Jesus Christ, and we have been given eternal life, which we will receive in new bodies at the return of our Lord and Savior at the gathering together, as promised in Thessalonians.

All that was lost in Genesis has been regained, the serpent will ultimately be destroyed, and we will spend eternity with our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father, God.

## WHO IS THE LORD?

The answer is that the scriptures have set a distinctive standard for the usage of the word “Lord” based on each immediate context in which it is used in both the Old and New Testament. Commonly, Christians who are unaware of these distinctions use the term “Lord” loosely, and it is unknown, usually even to them, of whom they are speaking. Especially, if Trinitarian in belief, Christians use the term “Lord” to mean God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, which to their understanding, all have the same identity, and so to them, making a distinction is unnecessary.

As it turns out, a distinction is made in every usage of scripture. If we desire to worship, pray and speak accurately according to the standards set in the Word of God, which is the will of God, it behooves us to know the unique usages of “Lord.”

The word “Lord” is a title which gives authority. It refers not only to God, but also to men who hold authority in governments, religious and cultural organizations, and in their own households.

There are at least ten (10) basic words or names used for God, as well as in His capacity as Lord, in the **Hebrew** Old Testament scriptures. I say “at least” ten, because sometimes these words are combined to make an even broader meaning. With definitions they are:

1. *Elohim*: **God**, the creator, in relation to his creation [vertical relationship]. (This word is also used in reference to false gods, because it is a plural word. It is plural, not because God is more than one, but because of the limitations of language, using the plural is one finite way to express God’s vast, infinite nature.)
2. *Jehovah*: **God** the eternal, immutable, in covenant relation to his people [horizontal relationship]. (Also included with this name are the variations of *Yehovah*, *Yahweh*, and *Yah*.) Additionally there are more than ten “Jehovah Titles” which are words associated with Jehovah to emphasize a particular characteristic of God in the immediate context. i.e. Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Ropheka, Jehovah-Nissi, etc.
3. *El*: **God** the omnipotent who knows all and in whom all the divine attributes are concentrated.
4. *Elah*: **God** who is our primary and only object of worship.
5. *Eloah*: **God** who is to be worshipped with regard to his will, rather than his power.

6. *Elyon*: The dispenser of **God**'s blessings in the earth.
7. *Shaddai*: The Almighty **God**, the source of grace, all bountiful, refers to his power to supply.
8. *Adon*: The **Lord** as ruler in the earth.
9. *Adonai*: The **Lord** in relation to the earth, the owner.
10. *Adonim*: The **Lord** who rules his own in blessing (also a plural word).

The word "God" is a name, while the word "Lord" is a title, a specific reference to a type or level of authority. At times the name and title for God are combined, or more than one is used in the same sentence. For example:

Adonai Jehovah – Lord God  
 Jehovah Elohim – Lord God  
 Elyon El – Most High God  
 El Shaddai – God Almighty

Deuteronomy 5:9 ...for I the Lord (*Adonai*) thy God (*El*) am a jealous God...

David wrote many times in the Psalms of the coming redeemer. This was his hope, just as it was for all of Israel. He knew and understood that one day, born of his descendants, would be him of whom Moses spoke, "The Lord [Jehovah] your God [Elohim] will raise up unto you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brethren, like unto me; unto him shall you hear and obey;" (Deuteronomy 18:15). David wrote of the redeemer:

The Lord (*Jehovah*) said unto my Lord (*adon*), Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool. Psalm 110:1

In the **English** it appears that David used the same word "Lord" referring to God, as he did referring to the coming Messiah, but you can see that they are two different words in the Hebrew. When this verse is repeated in the Gospels and the Book of Acts, the word "Lord" both times and in both cases is translated from the same Greek word "*kyrios*," making no difference between them. By the laws of language, there is clearly a distinction between them, because it is talking about two separate entities. Jesus Christ himself, in this very same context, made this point.

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What do you think of Christ [the anointed Messiah]? Whose son is he? They said unto him, The son of David. He said unto them, How then does David in spirit [*holy spirit upon*] call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit on my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool? If David then calls him Lord, how is he his son? Matthew 22:41-45

Jesus Christ clearly knew his own identity as the Son of God, his father literally being God, and his mother being a fleshly descendant of King David. He knew that one day he would be Lord over all of Israel, including over David, who looked forward to the coming of the Savior, the redeemer of Israel, who will rule forever in righteousness. David had no problem making the distinction between the coming Redeemer, a man, and God, the Creator of all heaven and earth.

In the Gospel period, the disciples called Jesus Christ Lord (*kyrios*), but they never called him God (*theos*). The title “Lord,” addressed to a man, refers to someone in authority in the immediate context, be it spiritual, cultural or governmental. Jesus Christ himself during his earthly ministry spoke of God as Lord.

I thank you, O Father, **Lord of heaven and earth**, because you have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them unto babes.  
Matthew 11:25

During his earthly ministry Jesus Christ spoke of himself of being Lord of something else:

I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if you had known what this means, I will have mercy and not sacrifice, you would have not condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day. Matthew 12:6-8

Jesus Christ’s authority during his earthly ministry extended to things including the natural elements and commanding devil spirits.

And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commands he even the unclean spirits, and they do **obey** him.  
Mark 1:27

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no believing? And they feared exceedingly; and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea **obey** him? Mark 4:39-41

Jesus Christ was Lord over certain things during his earthly ministry. Once he fulfilled all the Law in accomplishing the redemption, and was seated at the right hand of the Father, he became Lord over much more. Jesus Christ was given authority “far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and [God] has put all things under his feet” (Ephesians 1:21, 22a).

God doesn't have any issues with turning over Lordship to his son, Jesus Christ. God is the Creator, limitless, infinite, omniscient, eternal, omnipotent, and all love. Jesus Christ, a man, born into the flow of time, an untainted, perfect man, immortal, justly earned the title of Lord.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God** has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both **Lord and Christ**. Acts 2:36

Wherefore **God** has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things **in** heaven, and things **in** earth, and things **under** the earth; and that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

It says “God highly exalted him.” It further says God gave “him a name which is above every name.” Finally, “that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to **the glory of God the Father**.” For Jesus Christ to be made Lord, to the glory of God, doesn't change God's position as being the Creator, or of being Lord of heaven and earth. God's Son is Lord of things **IN** heaven and things **IN** earth, and things **UNDER** the earth.

What is additionally true to form after the accomplished redemption beginning in the Book of Acts and after, is that the word “Lord,” (Greek - *kyrios*), the majority of times is without question referring to the Lord Jesus Christ, with some exceptions, including quotes from the Old Testament clearly referring to God, or referring to persons who are masters over their servants, (in contemporary language, employers over their employees).

In the Old Testament, the Lord refers primarily to God, except when the context prophetically indicated the coming Messiah. In the New Testament the Lord refers primarily to the Lord Jesus Christ. No wonder Christians are confused!

As Christian believers, we don't speak of God as *Jehovah*, or as *Elohim*, not just because we don't use the Hebrew language, but because our relationship with God is no longer that of servants, as Israel was in a covenant (*contractual*) relationship with God. As a result of the accomplished redemption, we are now sons of God, with holy spirit, seed of God, family. We can address God as Heavenly Father, Daddy, or Poppa, or whatever intimacy suits us. A family relationship is considerably different than a "servant" employer/employee relationship. This is another reason we do not generally refer to God as "Lord" because he is no longer our master to be served, as he was to Israel. He is our Father to be loved and worshipped.

In this Age of Grace, in the New Testament, when a son "serves" his father, it is a choice made out of great love, it is not a requirement. In the New Testament the ministers who served in the body of Christ were called servants, *doulos*, which is a choice to serve. It is not a matter of employment, but rather of relationship. It honors both, as each are benefited, and so both are glorified.

There are mainly three Greek words referring to God in the Gospels and the New Testament, *theos* (God), *kurios* (Lord), and *pater* (Father). After the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Paul uses these words with a distinctive purpose as he writes the Church Epistles by revelation.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son **Jesus Christ our Lord**. ... To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, call saints: Grace to you and peace from **God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ**. Romans 1:1-3, 7

Paul, called an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, Called saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of **Jesus Christ our Lord**, both theirs and ours: Grace be unto you, and peace, from **God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ**. I Corinthians 1:1-3

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

Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and **God the Father**, who raised him from the dead;) And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: Grace be to you and peace from **God the Father**, and our **Lord Jesus Christ**. Galatians 1:1, 2

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

The Apostle Paul makes clear and specific distinctions in the names and titles of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. The above are only some examples. All verses of scripture from the Day of Pentecost forward carry this same unvarying pattern.

In conclusion, for Christians today, the **Lord** in our Administration of Grace is the **Lord Jesus Christ**. We honor and obey the teachings of our Redeemer, and the further teachings given to the Church, the Body of Christ, by way of the ministry of the Apostle Paul. There is not one verse in the Gospels or the New Testament that states that we are to worship or pray to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are to worship GOD in spirit and in truth (John 4:24), and let our requests be made known unto GOD (Philippians 4:6) in the name of Jesus Christ. The simplest way to clarify our communications when referring to God, the Creator, is to speak of Him as **God, the Father**, and to speak of His Son, **Jesus Christ, as Lord**.

For Christian believers, in this day and time, who is the Lord? He is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Captain of our salvation, the Prince of Peace, the Redeemer, the Head of the body, the mediator between God and men, the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

... and he is not God.

## **ADDITIONAL SOURCES**

### Books

Jesus Christ is not God

One God, the Unfinished Reformation

The Trinity, Christianity's Self-Inflicted Wound

When Jesus Became God

### Websites

[Christianmonotheism.com](http://Christianmonotheism.com)