# God's Mystery Finally Understood

Be free from the bondage of sin and traditions that keep you in prisons without walls.

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# Some Definitions used in this study:

"Father": Nourisher, provider, protector, master, teacher, originator.

"**Son**": Offspring of the parents, male child, young male, one younger than the parents.

"God": A title or description given to one who is worshipped, Deity, Divine one, Supreme One, Author of life.

"Lord": Teacher, master, leader.

"One": One of a kind, only, one.

# A Challenge to God's People

This book is a challenge to you. As a responsible Christian, you need to stop and really reevaluate what you are believing concerning God's word. To obey God, one must first, know who He is; second, know when He is speaking; and third, know what He is saying. When these things are clearly understood, then you will be able to responsibly follow His words and commandments in obedience!

Remember, God's words are not grievous, or empty. The words of God are life to us. We must accept any responsibility for failing to understand God's word. 1 Corinthians 2:14 says: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

The information in this book not only confirms what the work of the Father and Son are, as revealed in Scripture, but it also confirms their relationship to each other and to us. We are expected therefore to understand what has been shown to us from God's revelation. To speculate further would be our own interpretation, and that is contrary to the will of God.

Through the Scriptures one can have a clearer understanding of God. God is beyond finding out, but we are expected to understand what has been revealed to us. We can now know God through His book. Psalm 40:7 states: "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me." After studying what is said about the Father and Son from the Bible, there will be no room for any speculation or confusion concerning the revelation of God's word. This book will discuss and confirm truths that are not popular with the thinking of the world today. Noah had a similar situation in his day. The truth was certainly not popular with the thinking of the time in which he was living. Bible history tells us the rest of what happened! We are living in the last days just before the second coming of Christ. In Luke 17:26 we read... "as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." In other words, the same scenario will take place.

The subject of "the Holy Spirit," the third member of the Trinity, has been in the dark for too long. Fortunately, God has revealed all we need to know concerning His Holy Spirit. It is difficult to comprehend something that is hidden, such as a "mystery." The Trinity has been hidden from our view because it is regarded as a mystery! God has clearly revealed His word for all to understand; therefore it should not be a mystery to anyone. This is the reason we are counseled to *study, that we might rightly divide scripture*. (See 2 Timothy 2:15.) Jesus said: "Henceforth I call you not ser-

vants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." (John 15:15)

Romans 16:25, 26 tells us that there were mysteries, but there was a revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began. This mystery is made known by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God. It is made known to all nations so we can be obedient through faith. Paul, in Romans 1:20, says we are to understand the Godhead. There are some believers today who still consider the Godhead a mystery. Who, therefore, can call the Godhead a mystery when the truth about it has been revealed in the Bible? This book will help you to clearly understand the Godhead the way God has revealed it. Acts 17:29, 30 tells us: "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." Why are we asked to repent? It is because our understanding concerning the Godhead has been perverted. The truth about the Godhead has already been revealed, therefore we are without excuse for this ignorance. We should not interpret Scripture according to our own understanding or imagination. Proverbs 14:12 tells us: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

If the word of God remains to us a mystery or is hidden from our understanding, note what will happen to us: "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one [Satan], and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side." (Matthew 13:19) When a person receives the word of God and does not understand it, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word of God [the seed of truth] that was sown in his heart. This individual who had this understanding taken away from him will receive seed by the wayside (Satan's teaching). See also Mark 4:15. If a person does not understand the history behind the Trinity and continues to believe it is a mystery, Satan will successfully train that mind to believe a lie! The Trinity as taught today will never allow anyone to overcome sin! The word "Trinity" is not in the Bible; this alone should be a clue to you. Studying the Bible as God intended you to will reveal truths that can set you free from the bondage of sin. You can overcome sin, and when you do there is a promise from Christ to us. See Revelation 3:21.)

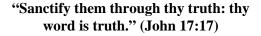
Hebrews 6:18 tells us "that God cannot lie." Why not evaluate yourself right now to see where you stand? Ask yourself these questions: What is

my relationship with Christ? Do I really know Him and am I ready to meet my Maker? Do I have the mind of Christ? Am I manifesting the fruit of the Holy Spirit? (See Galatians 5:22-23.) Are there any sins in my life today that I know about? Can I say that I have dominion over them? Brothers and sisters, you can overcome sins because truth sets you free from them! Yes, you can have the mind of Christ and the fruit of the Spirit also. If you want to be set free, apply the Biblical principles you will learn in this book. It shows very clearly the things we need to know to submit ourselves to God. James writes: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7). Understanding the truth about God will set you free. God is big enough and able to show you if you are going in the wrong direction. (See Isaiah 30:21.) God's Holy Spirit has not been done away with or made of none effect! The Spirit has the same power today as it did at Pentecost. Without God's Holy Spirit we will be lost. With this truth revealed, we can reverence God as Jesus taught us. You owe it to God and to yourself to search out this book carefully. Remember, for us to obey God we must know Him, and to know Him and His Son is eternal life. (See John 17:3.) "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." (Titus 2:11) This includes you dear reader.

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# **Attributes of the Father**

#### God's Word is Credible

What God says will come to pass.

Matthew 5:18: "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

Isaiah 55:11: "So shall my word be that goeth 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."

God cannot lie about His promises; and yes, His words will accomplish His desires.

Titus 1:2: "In hope of eternal life, which *God*, that *cannot lie*, promised before the world began." "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:" (Hebrews 6:18)

2 Corinthians 13:1: "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." God's words are repeated accurately throughout the Bible by different individuals. Scripture is to be compared line upon line. This ensures two or three prophets confirming the word of God.

Isaiah 28:10: "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." By doing this, we receive the refreshing that God knows we must have.

#### **God The Father Loves the World**

John 3:16: "For God [the Father] so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I John 4:9: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God [the Father] sent his only begotten Son [Christ] into the world, that we might live through him."

John 16:27: "For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me [Christ], and have believed that I came out from God."

#### God the Father is Invisible and Immortal

Immortal means being unable to die or not subject to death. John 5:37 states: "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape." Christ is referring to the Father, the invisible God.

1 Timothy 6:15, 16: "Which in his times he [Christ] shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

1 Timothy 1:17: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Christ *was visible* to the people and He also *died*, two things which never happened to the Father.

#### God the Father is Our Teacher

John 8:26-28: "I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as *my Father hath taught me*, I speak these things." Christ makes it very clear who taught Him.

John 15:15: "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

John 6:45, 46: "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father."

## God Said an Idol is Nothing

1 Corinthians 8:4-7: "... an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us [God's people] there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ [the Son], by whom are all things, and we by him. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge...."

Those who have more than one god do not know the truth about the only true God. Moses knew this truth and he shared it with Israel.

Deuteronomy 6:14: "Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you."

Acts 17:29, 30: "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God

winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"

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

John 17:3: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

For us to have eternal life we need to know the Father and the Son who provided a sacrifice for us, something an idol cannot do.

## God the Father is Our Saviour

1 Timothy 4:10: "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the *Saviour of all men*, specially of those that believe."

1 Timothy 2:3, 4: "... God our *Saviour*; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the *truth*."

1 Timothy 1:1: "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of *God* our *Saviour*, and Lord *Jesus Christ*, which is our hope."

Titus 1:3: "But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour." The Father also gave to the Son the work of being a Saviour to the world.

1 John 4:14: "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

John 14:6: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Through Christ we find our way to the Father.

# **Some Extra Reading:**

1 Peter 2:21: "For even hereunto were ye called: because *Christ* also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should follow his steps:"

Romans 15:6: "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Every one of us should speak the same truth about the Father.

# **Attributes of the Son**

## Jesus Acknowledges the God of Heaven

The Biblical evidence about to be shown proves that Jesus is the Son of the Supreme God. It is necessary to establish this point because some really do not believe this. By identifying the Father and Son, we can appreciate when each speaks. Understanding what they are saying will help us to obey them. If Satan should influence us, as he usually does in so many ways, we can discern his voice and his motives because we know the true voice of God and His Son. It is very important to know the only true God and His Son. This assures us eternal life.

John 17:3: "And this is life eternal, that they might *know thee* the *only true God* [the Father], and Jesus Christ [the Son of God], whom thou [the Father] hast sent."

Luke 2:48, 49: "And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he [Christ] said unto them [Joseph and Mary], How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Do you suppose that Christ was talking about Joseph's business or the Heavenly Father's? Christ knew that God was his Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:9: "After this manner therefore pray ye: *Our Father* which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Christ taught the disciples that God was his Father too.

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

John 20:17: "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."

Mark 12:29: "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:" These verses clearly show that the Son of God had a God. Christ was the Son of God then and still is today. Jesus told the people there is one God; referring to the Father. The scripture states that in the new heaven and the new earth Christ will still be in subjection as a Son to His Father.

1 Corinthians 15:28: "And when all things shall be subdued unto him [referring to Christ], then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him [referring to the Father] that put all things under him [Christ], that God [the Father] may be all in all." Christ, being in subjection to God through obedi-

ence, did not make Him any less of a Son. In fact, He was a perfect example for us to follow.

## Jesus is Acknowledged as God's Son:

**At Christ's baptism** - Matthew 3:17: "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The Father acknowledges His Son.

**At the transfiguration** - Luke 9:35: "There came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."

The high priest and people during Christ's time knew that God had a Son! Matthew 26:63: "But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God." If God did not have a Son, they could never have asked such a question! There is a difference between God and His Son, and even these people knew it!

**By Satan's angels** – Mark 5:7: "And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not." The devils did not refer to Christ as the Most High God, but as the "Son of the Most High God."

The Bible *does* acknowledge that God has a Son, but never calls the Father "the Son." The Father never came to the earth as "the Son."

John 20:31: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." If you do not believe this, you will not have life! By denying the truth, you become a liar. (See 1 John 2:22.)

# Unified as One: "I and my Father are One."

John 10:30: "I and my Father are one." Some have misused this text to prove that the Father and Son are the same Being, causing more confusion. A good example of this is the statement: "God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, three in one."

What is meant when Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30), and "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one [with us], even as we are one [with each other]?" (John 17:21, 22) Does this mean then, that we are also the Father or the Son because we are one with them? Jesus went on to say: "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in *one*..." (John 17:23)

By applying the principles found in Isaiah 28:10, we can understand the subject better. "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." (Isaiah 28:10) Applying this principle to Genesis 11:6, we can begin to understand what God meant.

Genesis 11:6: "And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language." Is this verse saying that all the people became one being?

Judges 20:1: "Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man." Is this really saying that many people became one man?

Christ is an individual Being, totally separate from the Father, but their desires and ideas toward mankind are for one purpose. If one does not study the Bible, it is easy to understand how a simple verse such as John 10:30 can cause confusion. God is not the author of confusion.

God's people have not been responsible in obeying Him. 2 Timothy 2:15 says: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are found wanting in wisdom and understanding because we have been slack in studying!

# The Result of Denying the Father and the Son

If you deny the truth about the Father and the Son, then you are a liar and antichrist. How so? 1 John 2:22 says: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

A good question to ask at this time is "who is the Christ"? Matthew 16:16: "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, *the Son of the living God*." Peter knew that the living God had a Son called Christ, the Anointed. How about you?

A relationship is pointed out in 1 John 2:22 between two Beings, the Father and the Son. This Scripture tells us that the Father could not be the Son. If you do not understand this, you will believe a lie. The Bible could have said the antichrist is someone who denies God and Jesus, but it didn't state it exactly as that! It actually said, they "denieth the Father and Son." A relationship is expressed, indicating that this scripture can only be applied to the Father and His only begotten Son, definitely two separate Beings. If someone mentions that two men are coming to see you, that's all you know about them. But if it is told to you that they are father and son, you now know more. You now know that there is a relationship involved. You will notice throughout all Scripture only two Beings are always mentioned, the Father and the Son! An example of such is found in Revelation 3:21: "To

him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

Revelation 22:3: "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:" See also John 17:3; John 3:16; and John 14:6. A careful reading of these verses reveals that there are two thrones in heaven, not three.

## **Another Popular Misconception**

Today there are many popular teachings about the Father and the Son and their relationship to each other. The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* brings out one of these teachings stating that God is perfect, and so are His thoughts. There is nothing wrong with such a statement. However, the next statement is contrary to scripture. They explain that this perfect thought that is expressed is called God's Son! (Paraphrased) Jesus fully reflected the character of God and we are admonished to have the mind that was in Christ Jesus, which is the Father's. Yet, Jesus is more than just God's thoughts expressed, He is His only begotten Son. This is an example of the feeble understanding of men concerning the Gospel.

The Bible explains very clearly who the Son of God is. God has thoughts, but His thoughts are not His Son. We also have thoughts, and just the same, our thoughts are not our children! Please read: John 3:16; John 20:31; 1 John 2:22; and John 17:3.

1 John 5:5: "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" Dear friend, the Bible makes it plain that if you do not believe that Jesus is God's Son you cannot overcome sin and the world. Actually, you will be a liar, denying Christ, and the Bible states plainly that you will be lost!

Revelation 3:21: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

#### Jesus is the Authentic Son of God

Jesus is not referred to as *God* the Father, *God* the Son, or even *God* the Holy Spirit in the Bible. The Bible declares Him to be *the Son of God*.

If you search the King James Bible, you will find the phrase "God the Father" is used thirteen times, referring to the Father. When you look up the phrase "God the Son", you will not find that phrase referred to anywhere in the Bible! And you will never find "God the Holy Spirit" ever mentioned as such in the Bible.

Statements such as "God the Son" instead of "the Son of God", and "God the Holy Spirit", instead of "the Holy Spirit of God" are what causes

confusion and helps to establish the mystery about the Trinity. Because of this kind of thinking we end up with the three-in-one concept. As you will see later, this thinking presents some major problems such as: denying that Jesus is the only begotten Son and denying His complete death on the cross. If Christ is the same as, or is, the Father, He could not die. The Bible says that "without [the] shedding of blood [there] is no remission" of sins. (Hebrews 9:22) The Bible would have to be rewritten, removing all the pages that would create conflicts! These are but a few of many such problems in denying the Father and Son relationship.

#### Jesus was Begotten of God

This indicates that there was a time when the Father was alone. According to the scriptures, Christ was begotten of God, and He was called the Son of God.

There are many scriptures in the Bible showing that Jesus Christ was begotten of God in heaven. This is the reason why He is called, "the Son of God." When Christ's birth took place in Bethlehem, He was referred to as "the Son of man."

John 18:37: "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world [Bethlehem], that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." There are many references that confirm the fact about Christ's being brought forth, which took place before and at Bethlehem.

#### **Christ Existed Before the Earth was Created**

Many believe that Christ came into existence at His birth in Bethlehem, but let us look at what the Bible says. Proverbs 8 gives a historical outline of Wisdom. Christ is referred to as the "Wisdom of God." "But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (1 Corinthians 1:24) "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom,..." (1 Corinthians 1:30) Read Proverbs 8:12-21 in the Septuagint (Greek version of the Old Testament), and you will find that it reveals a verse not found in the modern Hebrew Bible. This is the correct translation of the missing part in verse 21. Christ speaking as Wisdom says, "If I declare to you the things that daily happened, I will remember also to recount the things of old." (The Septuagint with Apocrypha - Greek and English a Benton publication by Hendrickson Publishers.)

Proverbs 8:22: "The LORD *possessed* me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old." Notice how the word "possessed" [7069] is used

in Genesis 4:1: "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have *gotten* [7069] a man from the LORD."

Proverb 8:21-31: "If I declare to you the things that daily happened, I will remember also to recount the things of old. The LORD possessed [7069] me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men." These verses are actual quotes of Christ speaking.

John 3:13, 16, 18: "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even *the Son of man* which is in heaven.... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.... He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Genesis 1:26: "And God said, *Let us* make man in our image, after our likeness:" Christ was there at creation with the Father.

John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with [the] God, and the Word was [of] God. (See the original text in the Interlinear Bible.)

Philippians 2:5-7: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ *Jesus: Who, being in the form of God*, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and *took upon him the form of a servant*, and was made in the likeness of men." Christ was in heaven in the image of the Father. In heaven He had to leave off the form He had and come in another form, that of a man. From these verses we see that Christ actually lived in heaven before He came to earth as a baby.

Micah 5:2: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from

everlasting." You have already read about this going forth in Proverbs 8:21-31. In Micah 5:2 the term "going forth" [4163] means *origin* or going out from. The word translated "everlasting" [5769] means "indefinite or unending future." Many people misapply this word to mean "without beginning or end."

Romans 6:22: "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." This verse is saying that if we obey God we will have everlasting life. Everlasting life is promised to God's people. Do you know any of God's people today who did not have a beginning? Have they always existed? Of course not.

Psalm 115:18: "But we will bless the LORD <u>from this time forth</u> and for evermore [5769]." "For evermore" here has a beginning.

Psalm 103:17, 18: "But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting [5769] to everlasting [5769] upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them." The promise is to those who are obedient to God. All these people have a beginning, but not an end, if they obey.

Let us review what we have just covered here. When God spoke to His people about an everlasting [5769] promise, it meant that as they conform to His ways His promise will begin to be fulfilled. In other words, this everlasting has a starting point but not necessarily an ending. This very principle is also applied to the Son of God. Jesus had a beginning of days. In Micah 5:2 the word "everlasting" refers to "the days of eternity," where Christ had His beginning. Christ was brought forth in the days of eternity, this is why He is called the Son. Micah 5:2 mentions Christ being brought forth twice: first in heaven, then in Bethlehem. In Isaiah 9:6 we read: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting [5703] Father, The Prince of Peace."

The word translated "everlasting" [5703] is described as "world without end" in Isaiah 45:17. The world had a beginning as the scriptures tell us. The reference, however, is to show that there is a beginning, but not necessarily an end. When you read Isaiah 9:6, remember what the word Father means. (Go to page i to review.)

#### **Some Extra Texts:**

John 16:27, 28: "For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from

the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."

John 17:5-8: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."

John 8:42: "Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for *I proceeded forth and came from God*; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."

John 6:62: "What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?" Scripture is very clear on the point that Christ was in heaven before He came down to this earth. Anyone teaching differently than what these Bible verses reveal is a deceiver.

Colossians 1:15-17: "Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature [referring to Christ]: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Remember, when Christ came to this earth as a babe, creation week was already finished. Christ had to be present at the beginning of creation for anything to have been created!

Proverbs 30:4: "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"

The Bible teaches about God and His Son. If you do not accept it, you simply do not believe God's word! Abraham believed what God said and that was counted as righteousness for him. If you do not believe what God says, you are counted as an unrighteous person. In Revelation the Bible says that only the righteous will enter into heaven.

John 1:15: "John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that <u>cometh after me</u> is preferred before me: <u>for he was before me</u>." It is obvious John knew this truth that so many have forgotten.

John 3:31-36: "He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For *he* [Christ] whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Fa-

ther loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him."

#### Think of the Love the Father has for Us.

There is a wonderful reason why the sacrifice of Christ is so special. Just like your children are real to you, Jesus is the real Son of God. It was Jesus, not the Father, who actually died for your sins and mine! The Father allowed this sacred sacrifice.

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Luke 9:35: "... This is my beloved Son: hear him." God said He had a Son and that is exactly what He meant! Humans understand what a son is: a male offspring, a male that is younger than the parents! Christ is the real Son of God. The Father is older than the Son. This is what Christ meant when He said "my Father is greater than I." (John 14:28)

#### Is Christ Co-Eternal with the Father?

Many say that Christ is co-eternal with the Father. What does the word "co-eternal" mean? It means always was and still is. In order to apply the word co-eternal to Christ, He would have to be the same age as the Father, never having a beginning. However, the Bible tells us Christ had a beginning in the days of old, the days of eternity when there was no earth.

As we humanly understand, a son is younger than the parent. It would be incorrect for a grandson to call a grandfather "son". A forty year old man calling another forty year old man his son is lying! God cannot lie, He called Christ a Son because He was one! Applying the word co-eternal, meaning that there was never a beginning to the Son of God, negates what the Scripture says about Him.

Does this mean that Christ was created then? *Absolutely not*! There is a difference between something being created and someone being born. God can create something from nothing, such as the angels. Angels are not born from other angels, they are created. This is not so with us, or the Son of God. Christ came forth from His Father, and we came forth from our parents. We were not invented or created, we were born! The word born can be found in Proverbs 8:24, where it says: "*I was brought forth* [2342]." See Job 39:1; Isaiah 51:2; and Isaiah 54:1 for the proper usage of this word.

We need not speculate on just how the Son of God was brought forth. The Bible does not give us the details, we must leave that alone.

Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie. Hebrews 6:18 states: "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie,..." If it was not true that God had a Son, then the Father would never have said, "This is my beloved Son, hear him." (Luke 9:35)

John 5:26: "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." The Father had to be first in order to give His Son life. The co-eternal concept that comes from the Trinity teaching negates all that God has said about His Son. The way that Satan gets away with this lie, and deceives many, is by telling people it is a "mystery." A mystery is something you really cannot understand because it is hidden!

Friends, God expects us to understand all that He has revealed to us. If something was hidden and it is now revealed to you, it's no longer a mystery, is it?

Romans 1:20: "For the *invisible things* of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, *being understood* by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

Romans 16:25, 26: "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith."

In other words, God has revealed this knowledge to all so that all people of the world would come to know the truth and follow it by faith. Remember, faith comes by hearing, and hearing the word of God.

Acts 17:29, 30: "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

What should we repent from? God wants us to repent from our ignorance concerning Him and His Son. Remember, this is life eternal, to know God and His Son!

John 14:28: "...For my Father is greater than I." The Father was before the Son.

John 5:30: "I [Christ] can of mine own self do nothing."

John 6:38: "For I *came down from heaven*, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Christ came from heaven (which means that He existed first in heaven) to earth.

Hebrews 1:1, 2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days

spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."

Colossians 1:16: "For by him [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

John 5:34, 36: "I receive not testimony from man: ... But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me." The Father sent the Son to show us the way, and to leave us an example.

John 14:6: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (See also 1 Peter 2:21.)

#### What is a Name?

Although the Son is called by many names such as the Anointed One, Messiah, Intercessor, Mediator, and Lord, yet the scriptures clearly state that He is a separate Individual from the Supreme God. At times the word "name" can be misleading and cause confusion to some. "Name," as used in the Bible, refers to a certain type of character or nature. Character is described as the combination of qualities or features that distinguishes one person, group, or thing from another. "Name" is a description of a person's attributes, nature, traits, or abilities. When one prays in Jesus' name, we are actually praying in His character. The Scripture says that if we ask anything in Jesus' name (character), the Father will give it to us. John 15:16: "...that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, [asking in or having my character] he may give it you."

John 16:23: "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."

2 Peter 1:4: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might *be partakers of the divine nature* [character], having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." In other words, we put away the thinking of the world and partake of Christ's mind, name, or nature instead.

Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a *child is born*, unto us *a son is given*: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his *name* [character] shall be called *Wonderful*, *Counsellor*, *The mighty God*, *The everlasting Father*, *The Prince of Peace*." (See pages 10, 11 to define the word "everlasting.") The Father has these very characteristics that Jesus is attributed with. Jesus

is the express likeness of the Father, therefore He can bear those characteristics or names of the Father. When we behold Christ we become like Him, and we are called Christians, or Christ-like. We can bear His name. When His mind is in us as Philippians 2:5 says, we too become partakers of His divine nature.

2 Chronicles 7:14: "If *my people*, which are called by *my name*, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

# **Summary of the Father and the Son**

- 1. Scripture says there is *One God*, *not three*. God's word is credible and whatever He says He means. He can be trusted.
- 2. The Son of God acknowledges the Father as His God. Christ is not the Father; the *Supreme* God. The Father is not Christ.
- 3. The Father leads us to His word through His Son, thus making us all "one" in them. When Christ's mind is in us, it makes us one with Him. The conclusion is the Father and the Son are two separate Beings.
- 4. The Son of God was brought forth before, and at, Bethlehem. Christ had a beginning but will not have an end.
- 5. When someone looks at us, they should be able to see Christ in us because we bear His character, or name. We become partakers of the divine nature.

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." (1 Corinthians 8:6)

# The Holy Spirit of God

The topic of "the Holy Spirit" is mysterious to many people. It is vital to understand God's word clearly about this subject so that, if it is presented to you incorrectly, you will be able to detect the deception. God's children should not rely on anyone's word concerning this subject, but the Bible itself.

1 John 2:27: "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that <u>any man</u> teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

## The Bible Definition of the Word "SPIRIT":

"Spirit" = [7307] Hebrew, [4151] Greek. Consider these definitions carefully.

Ruwach (Roo-ahk); [7307 Hebrew]. Strong's Bible dictionary says: "Spirit, wind, or breath, from 7306." (*Spirit-7307 comes from the Hebrew root word Spirit-7306*).

Gesenius' Hebrew definition for ruwach is: "Breath of the mouth; to breath out; creative words of God; breath of air in motion; mode of thinking; will and counsel; steadfast mind."

Gesenius' Hebrew Dictionary gives this definition for the root word Spirit [7306]: "breathing in as to smell, smell with pleasure, to be pleased with smell, of breathing in."

If a living person breathes in, what will he eventually have to do? He will have to breathe out! When they speak words out of the mouth, that wind is described as spirit. [7307 spirit].

**Breathing in,** or accepting air inwardly, is referred to as "ruwach." Spirit [7306] is when we accept what comes out of someone's mouth and allow it to enter our mind. Prayer is what comes out of one's mouth and enters the ears of God. Prayer is received into the mind as breath is inhaled into the lungs. Here is an example of this concept.

Leviticus 26:31: "And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not *smell* [7306] the *savour* of your sweet odours [prayer]."

*Savour* is defined as: "To appreciate fully; enjoy or relish; a distinctive quality or sensation."

*Odours* is defined as: "The property or quality of a thing that affects, stimulates, or is perceived by the sense of smell. A strong, pervasive qual-

ity: An odor of sadness permeated the gathering. Esteem; repute: <u>a doctrine</u> that is <u>not</u> currently in <u>good odor</u>." Notice the following uses of ruwach when it refers to odours:

Deuteronomy 4:28: "And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor *smell* [7306]." Images cannot and do not receive prayers!

Amos 5:21: "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not *smell* [7306] in your solemn assemblies." God told these people He would not respect, honour, or receive their worship, because they were rebellious

**Breathing out** or expelling is ruwach [7307]. Think all of this through! Have you ever heard of a dead person carrying on a conversation? Of course not! A dead person cannot carry on a conversation because there is no breath [spirit (7307) or wind] in him. In other words, they cannot talk or breathe.

Try an experiment: hold your breath and try talking. If you do it correctly, no air should come out of your lungs, or sound out of your mouth. This is because there is no air moving through your voice box. When a person is talking and air is moving through their voice box, they are expressing what is in their mind, or what they are thinking about. *This is expressed as ruwach* (spirit [7307]) *or moving air*.

Try to communicate clearly without any air moving out of your lungs. You can't do it, can you? Now breathe out and say something at the same time. You have just successfully communicated! You have shared your spirit [7307] by speaking. (See Galatians 3:5)

# An Example of Ministering Spirit

Suppose I ask you to go to my spouse and ask her for my car keys that are next to her desk. What do you suppose she will do? She will give you the keys!

Now, who was talking to her? You were! Whom do you think she heard when you spoke? Right again, she heard me speaking through your mouth because I was the only one who knew where the keys were. You were speaking for me! You were a messenger, and you carried the thoughts of my mind to her. You actually gave her my spirit or thinking, and she responded just as if I were speaking to her at that time.

Matthew 10:20: "For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."

The Spirit of God is the mind of God that has been revealed or expressed to us in words or knowledge. The Spirit of God has great power, so much power [authority] that whatever God says happens. So much power

that heaven and earth will pass away, but not His Word [Spirit]. His word will not come back void.

Isaiah 55:11: "So shall my word be that goeth 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." "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit [4151] of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." (2 Thessalonians 2:8)

# **Scriptures Confirm this Point**

Romans 1:20: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

What do you suppose the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world were? Think for a moment. The thoughts of the Father and Son were invisible while they were involved in creation. But, they are now clearly seen. How? We can understand what they were thinking by the things that were made. Christ's thoughts were made manifest when He spoke creation into existence. When looking at creation, you can understand what the Father and Son were thinking. Let us look at another scripture to confirm this.

Genesis 1:2 states: "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit [7307] of God moved upon the face of the waters [deep]." The Spirit of God moving upon the face of the waters is the same as "and God said." God spoke what was in His mind and it happened. If you look at verse three, it tells you so. "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." The invisible things of Christ from the creation of the world were His thoughts. If a person were able to be there and listen to what was going on, he would have heard what was said, "let there be light" [God's breath moving upon the waters].

# The Words "Spirit" and "Mind" are Used Interchangeably

Isaiah 40:13: "Who hath directed the *Spirit* [7307 Hebrew] of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?" Paul quotes the Septuagint, or Greek version of this text, in Romans 11:34: "For who hath known the mind [3563 Greek] of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?" In these two Scriptures, the words "mind" and "spirit" are interchangeable.

In this next text, the words spirit and mind are translated from the same Hebrew word spirit [7307].

Ezekiel 11:5: "And the *Spirit* [7307] of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of

Israel: for I know the things that come into your *mind*, [7307] every one of them."

There are many Bible references to illustrate that mind and spirit are used interchangeably. Notice the following:

Psalm 33:6, 9: "By the *word of the LORD* were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the *breath of his mouth* [Spirit-7307]. ...For he *spake*, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." Genesis 1:2, 3 says: "...And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, And God said, Let there be light." In the mouth of two or three witnesses, truth is established! These texts, or witnesses establish the truth in a simple and plain manner.

The words that Christ spoke, were they holy or unholy? Jesus said in John 6:63, "It is the **spirit** [4151 Greek: pneuma] that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: *the words that I speak* unto you, they are spirit [4151], and they are life." The words that Christ spoke were Holy and Spirit — Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 1:23: "Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my *spirit* [7307] unto you, I will make known my words unto you." The Spirit of God is His revealed mind being expressed through His words. And they are all holy thoughts, or Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit [7307] of the Lord God is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." With the Spirit of God upon us, we can lead others to Him.

Luke 11:13: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy *Spirit* [4151] to them that ask him?"

Acts 11:15: "And as *I began to speak*, the Holy *Ghost* [4151] fell on them, as on us at the beginning." ("Holy Spirit" and "Holy Ghost" are the same.) If we ask God for His Spirit, He will give it to us.

Joel 2:28: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my *spirit* [7307] upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." How is the Spirit of God poured out upon all flesh? God's Spirit comes to us through His word; the Bible, through preaching that word, and through nature. Remember, nature reveals what the Father and Son were thinking of at creation.

Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall

receive the gift of the Holy Ghost [4151]." If you turn away from wickedness, then you will receive the gift of the Holy (mind) Spirit that's being presented.

Deuteronomy 32:1, 2: "Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass"

Numbers 11:25: "And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the *spirit* [7307] that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the *spirit* [7307] rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease."

Ezekiel 2:2: "And the *spirit* [7307] entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me." In other words, when God spoke to Ezekiel, His Spirit entered into him.

Acts 10:44: "While Peter yet *spake these words*, the Holy [mind] *Ghost* [4151] fell on all them which heard the word."

Isaiah 19:3: "And the *spirit* [7307] of Egypt [the spirit of the world, or foul spirit] shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the *counsel* thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the *charmers*, and to them that have *familiar spirits*, and to the *wizards*." (Idols, charmers, and familiar spirits are all foul spirits.)

1 Corinthians 2:12 tells us that there are *two spirits*; *one is of God, and it is Holy, the other is of the world, and that is unholy, or the spirit of Satan.* Which spirit did Egypt have? Which spirit did Paul have? Which spirit do you have?

1 Corinthians 2:12: "Now we have received, not the *spirit* [4151] of the world, but the *spirit* [4151] which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." Paul had that Spirit of God, we also should have that Spirit?

James 4:4: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." The spirit of the world is the spirit of Satan, and that is a foul spirit or an unholy spirit. This kind of spirit is an enemy to God and us.

Isaiah 30:1, 2: "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take *counsel*, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my *spirit* [7307], that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt." Egypt is represented as the thinking or spirit of the world, which ultimately is Satan's

spirit. However, we do not have to receive that foul spirit. Notice this wonderful promise from God: "As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My *spirit* [7307] that is upon thee, and my *words* which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever." (Isaiah 59:21) Those who honor God, He will honor them with this promise.

Isaiah 63:11: "Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he that put his holy Spirit [7307] within him?" The Spirit of God is the mind of God that has been revealed or expressed to us in words or knowledge.

## **Rejecting the Holy Spirit**

Have you ever wondered what will happen if you reject God's Holy Spirit? Why is the rejection of the Holy Spirit an unpardonable sin? *Consider this*: If you reject God's word, His revealed mind, the Holy Spirit that gives us the hope of all hope, then what other hope is there left for you? You rejected the very means by which forgiveness and eternal life is imparted to you; there remains no other way to reach you! See John 6:63.

In John 14:6 Jesus declares: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." If you reject what God has said through His Son, then you will not have eternal life, and Christ's death would have been in vain for you. Revelation 21:8 says the unbelieving will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The bottom line is: do you respect the Father enough to do what He says? Do you have more respect for a man, such as the boss at work, than you do for God?

# הוח: "SPIRIT"

(Hebrew is read from right to left.)

He	ebrew letter:	Literal Symbol:	Spiritual meaning:
٦	Reysh	head	leadership
٦	Vav	nail	steadfastness
П	Cheyth	fence	protection

#### **Lesson on Hebrew**

A picture is worth a thousand words. The Hebrew alphabet shows more of a picture story than our English alphabet does. Reading the Hebrew word "Spirit" gives you an expression and a picture of that word, all at the same time.

Can the Spirit of God (the breath or mind which is powerful), give you *leadership*, *direction*, *protection*, and at the same time make you *steadfast* in His word? Absolutely!

When you break down the word Spirit in its alphabet picture form, we find the following revealed:  $\neg$  leadership;  $\neg$  steadfastness; and  $\sqcap$  protection. What a wonderful God we have, that He can do all this for us through His Spirit. Absolutely fascinating.

## **Ghost? / Spirit?**

The New Testament translators used the words Spirit and Ghost interchangeably. In other words, Spirit and Ghost mean the same thing. They both are translated from the same Greek word and have the very same Strong's number and definition. For God's people there is no mystery here. God's word, properly understood, is the truth and it will set you free.

## Two Spirits: Which Do You Have?

The words "holy" and "foul" describe the types of spirit the Bible speaks of. The adjective reveals the source of each spirit. The spirit that comes from God is holy Spirit. The Bible teaches that there are two spirits; one of the world, and one of God. If there are only two spirits and God's Spirit is holy, then we know that the spirit of the world is unholy! Which spirit do you have?

Matthew 12:34-35: "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Which fruit do you have coming out of your mouth, holy or foul?

James 4:4: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Have you ever wondered why the spirit of the world is foul, evil, and unholy? The answer is because it is reflecting Satan's thinking. Why would the Spirit of God be holy? God's Spirit is reflecting God's thinking. Everyone has twenty four hours in a day. How many hours do you use to be filled with the spirit of the world or the spirit of God?

James 1:17 tells us that every good gift and every perfect gift is from the Father, including all of His thoughts: His Holy Spirit!

Have you ever heard someone say, "He has such a foul mouth, or an ugly spirit;" or, "I ought to give him a piece of my mind?" These people are talking about expressing their feelings or thoughts whether holy or unholy. The texts below show how God's word can change your life to make you speak with a new spirit, a new heart.

1 Peter 2:22: "Who [Christ] did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."

Revelation 14:5: "And in their *mouth was found no guile*: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

Zephaniah 3:13: "The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid."

Isaiah 26:3: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Matthew 5:48: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Acts 4:31: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." The Lord gave them of His Spirit, and they spake those words with boldness as they shared it with others.

Galatians 3:5: "He therefore that *ministereth* to you the [Holy] Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the *hearing of faith?*" One has to hear God's word first, before he can minister it.

When we reject God's Spirit, we are called stiff-necked people. Stephen told the Jewish leaders in Acts 7:51: "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." This is quite opposite to what took place in Acts 4:31 where the disciples accepted the word with joy and were filled with God's mind. This they gladly shared with boldness. If you truly knew God's mind, wouldn't you do the same? Remember who resisted the Holy Spirit!

1 Corinthians 2:12: "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world [foul spirit], but the spirit which is of God [Holy Spirit]; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

#### A Wonderful Promise for Those Who are Sick

Exodus 15:26: "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."

Matthew 8:16: "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits [the foul mindsets of the demons that possessed those people's minds] with his word [Christ filled them up with His Father's Spirit] and healed all that were sick." Can you imagine what types of spirit those people had, that Christ had to cast it out of them?

Christ cast out the foul spirits, the wicked ways of thinking that possessed and oppressed those individuals, and He filled their minds with holy thinking, Holy Spirit, through his word!

Matthew 4:23, 24: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, *teaching* in their synagogues, and *preaching the gospel* of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them." Through Christ's preaching and teaching, the people learned. They were then able to make choices of which spirits to choose. According to their choices, they were healed. Because all were healed, we know that all that heard accepted Him. According to thy faith are ye healed. Remember faith comes by hearing what God says.

Christ cast devils out of people's lives. He gave us an example and the authority to do the same. Through the spoken word, broken minds and lives can be restored. There is hope for the hopeless. We must be responsible to partake in this commission. Study so you can show yourself approved of God, a laborer that can rightly divide the word of truth. Christ rightly divided the word of truth, He told us we can share God's Spirit too.

A better understanding has been revealed to you in this study about the Father and Son. It is obvious they are not one Individual. The Bible teaches that there are only two who are worthy of worship, which are called "God". (One definition of the word "God" is a divine Being, a title.) The Father and Son are both divine but not absolutely equal. Christ's sacrifice is possible because of this. Christ actually died! He was dead on the cross and had to be raised. The Father is immortal, making it impossible for Him to die. Romans 10:9: "That *if thou* shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and

shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

I want to encourage you to go back and read the scripture with this understanding: the Spirit of God is His mind and thoughts revealed to humanity through the scriptures, the prophets of old, His Son, nature, heavenly angels, and human beings. The Holy Spirit is not a third individual god. Many people refer to the Holy Spirit as "God the Holy Spirit!"

One must hear before he can obey. This is why God wants us to hear His words and obey them. You receive God's Spirit by hearing His word. Some believe that the Holy Spirit, which they consider to be a third god, can possess them and cause them to do all sorts of supernatural feats.

God wants to reveal to us who He is, how He loves us, how His only begotten Son really died for our sins, and how He raised Him from the dead. See the following Scriptures: John 17:3; John 3:16; Romans 10:9.

If you are obedient to God, you will obey the counsel of 2 Timothy 2:15, and you will discover there is no mystery about the Godhead. If you understand this concept, Satan will flee from you! James 4:7 says: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

If one looks very closely he will discover that Satan and his counterfeit system are not only in the world, but also in the popular belief called the Trinity. This religious concept about God is mysterious and deceptive in very subtle ways! Those who do not know God's word are found wanting. To see how all this is possible, read the plans about Satan's goals and his evil characteristics found in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, described in the next section.

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

# **Facts About the Devil**

# How is Satan Involved in the Trinity?

Isaiah 14:12-14: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of 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."

Consider this: Lucifer, now known as Satan, also wanted the honor and status the Father had given to His Son. Paul wrote: "For it pleased the Father that in him [Christ] should all fulness dwell; ... For in him [Christ] dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." (Colossians 1:19; 2:9) Satan could not have such a privilege, he said in his heart, "I will be like the most High." (Isaiah 14:14) Since Satan could not be equal with the Father and the Son, and was not given such a privilege, he made a position for himself! This is why he is called the god of this world.

There are many verses showing the relationship of the Father and Son where a third member wasn't present. Here are some examples:

Zechariah 6:12,13: "The council of peace shall be between them both [Father and Son]." "The counsel of peace" is interpreted from the Hebrew as, "the plan of restitution," or "the plan of redemption."

John 17:3 says: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Romans 8:9: "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Philippians 2:5: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Whose Spirit do you think Christ had, and what mind was in Him? The Father's. Why? Paul answers our question in Romans 15:6: "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." See Revelation 3:21; 22:3; John 3:16; 14:6.

In each of these extremely sensitive and vital points mentioned above, only two Individuals were present, not a mysterious trio.

# The Big Question

Whom did Satan use to introduce and promote his self-appointed third position he desired to have? The answer is mankind! The *theory* about the Trinity was handed to mankind from Satan through a church! One would never suspect foul play from a church. This is exactly what the enemy of

souls wanted. The enemy was very selective in his choice. He chose a church that has been around for a very long time, and one that is steeped in traditions. This church today is called the universal church and the mother of churches. To be more specific, he chose the Catholic Church to introduce this belief about a trio god. This body of believers takes full credit for the origin of the Trinity concept. As a matter of fact, you can read all about it in their book, *Handbook for Today's Catholics* (1994 ed. pages 16, 17).

The Catholic Church called the Godhead a mystery and a trinity. You will never find the word "Trinity" in the Bible! This universal church was the one who persecuted the true Christians in the Dark Ages! Because the Catholic Church corrupted the Bible teachings with doctrines and traditions of men, there was need for reformation, and the birth of Protestantism began. Today any church that is not a Catholic believing church is considered a Protestant Church. There are many churches practicing Catholic teachings that call themselves Protestant churches. My question is, "What are they protesting?"

Satan said of himself in Isaiah 14:14: "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

Ezekiel 28:2: "Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus [another name for Satan], Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, *I am a God*, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; *yet thou art a man*, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God."

Interestingly enough, angels are also referred to as "man" in the Bible. Here is some extra reading pertaining to this subject:

Isaiah 14:12, 16: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O *Lucifer* [another name for Satan],... They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, *Is this the man* that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms."

Daniel 9:21: "Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even *the man Gab-riel* [an angel], whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation."

# Excerpt from Handbook For Today's Catholic:

"The Catholic Church teaches that the fathomless mystery we call God has revealed himself to humankind as a Trinity of Persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

"The Mystery of the Trinity is the central doctrine of Catholic faith. Upon it are based all other teachings of the Catholic Church. "The [Catholic] Church studied this mystery with great care and, after four centuries of clarification, decided to state the doctrine in this way: in the unity of the Godhead there are three Persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — truly distinct from each other.... The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God." (*Handbook for Today's Catholic*, pp. 16, 17)

The Bible does not make such a statement about the Trinity in its pages because it is not true, yet the Catholic Church does. It is plain to see who is claiming authority here!!

An interesting note: The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia states that the Catholic Church was pressured into formulating the Trinity concept for the purpose of a one world church unification (Universal Church)! The Bible teaches that there is nothing new under the sun. We now understand the move toward a one world unified church as we study current events. Romans 1:20 says we should understand the Godhead as obviously and simply as the way we understand things of nature—made by God—so that they are without excuse!

Acts 17:29: "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." "Device" meaning our own thinking or inventions. In other words, we are not to come to our own conclusions about God as some churches are doing today.

Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." The churches today are *saying that* "there are three Gods in one," even though the Bible says there is only one. Who will be our authority in these last days, the churches or the unchangeable word of God? You must decide for yourself!

Altering God's word is a deception and it brings confusion. Satan tries to hide this kind of deception by calling it a mystery. If I hide an object in my hand and ask you to guess what it is, you probably would not be able to discern what it is. You can say it is a mystery. However, if I reveal what is in my hand and then ask you what it is, it is not a mystery anymore is it?

The fact that the word "Trinity" is *not* used in the Bible should be *a clue* to anyone that something is wrong. Why have most of God's people not detected it earlier? Many never thought to question the authority of their teachers. Besides, some of those teachers were put there by that "wicked one" to corrupt you. If you do not follow their mainline thinking, a famous tactic is set in motion to discourage your questioning their authority by calling you a cult, a sect, or a heretic. One well known person had the same kind of experience. The Apostle Paul! Notice what was said about

him, "For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes." (Acts 24:5)

2 Peter 2:1-3: "But there were *false prophets* also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily 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.* And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." You can deny the Lord by denying His Sonship. (See 1 John 2:22.)

Colossians 1:18: "And he [Christ] is the head of the body, the church." Today we have men that are the head of churches and the ways of some of these men are the ways of death. (See Proverbs 14:12.)

1 John 2:27: "But the *anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you*: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." We have no need to be taught by the traditions of men. The Bible is our teacher. If you will seek God with all your heart, soul, and might, you will find Him. His Spirit will teach you if you will study His word.

Telling something that is not true is called lying! There are those who believe they have worthy reasons for lying. The Bible says it is a sin.

1 John 2:22: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." In other words, to believe what *man says* about God concerning the Trinity denies the true Father and Son relationship and places man in the position of being antichrist! To understand this revealing truth, you must understand what was said in the earlier parts of this study.

Hebrews 6:18 tells us that it is impossible for GOD to lie. Deuteronomy 6:4 states: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord [not three]."

It is easy to understand now how so many people are being misled and will fail to grasp the value and depth of the gospel. When we look to others instead of to God's word, we will fail. Our eyes are to be upon Christ, not man, for leadership.

Brothers and sisters, why not turn to God for the truth? Why are you waiting for someone else to *tell* you the truth? Study for yourself, God will show you. Learn how to study, and do it. People are waiting for the Holy Spirit to grab hold of them, knock them to the floor, cause them to speak in

tongues, and work all kinds of miracles in their lives. Little do they know that Satan is waiting for such an opportunity! The labor of love for souls is a tremendous one! Who will teach them?

2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." God's children do not need to be ignorant.

What are we to do? Repent! Repent from what? Repent from sinning and from our perverse understanding of the God of heaven and His Son. We need to accept Christ's sacrifice for ourselves. "And this is *life eternal*, that they might *know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ*, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3)

It is written in Hosea 4:6: "My people are *destroyed* for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." God does not desire that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (See 2 Peter 3:9.) Therefore, God commands us to study to show ourselves approved unto Him. By doing so, we know what pleases God.

Because of a *lack of knowledge concerning God's will*, people are going to ignorantly worship Satan's image of God, the self appointed third member of "the Trinity." By believing the concept about the Trinity, you become, by default, a worshipper of Satan because we end up worshipping other gods. Remember, Satan is called the god of this world, it does not matter if you think that you are worshipping God in the Trinity. Remember Acts 17:22, 23. "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." If you can't identify clearly who you worship, you will not worship Him correctly.

John 12:48: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Listen friends, the Bible says it is the word of God that judges us. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14:12).

2 Corinthians 4:4: "In whom the *god* of this world hath *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."

Traditions are very strong, but they are in vain and they will destroy us. Traditional practices and thinking have replaced our trust in God! There

are churches today that boast of their traditional practices, how sad!

Should we go to church to worship if we are confused about the God we worship? Can we come home sanctified or corrupt from such gatherings? If we do not know the answers to such questions, what about our children? Will they know? What hope do we have to offer them? After all, we are their guardians. It was, and still is, our job to teach our children! How can we teach them when we are not sure ourselves?

A real church is made up of two or more persons who believe that Jesus is the literal Son of God. Christ said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

Matthew 16:16-18: "And Simon Peter answered and said, *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.* And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon *this <u>rock</u>* I will build my *church*; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

1 Corinthians 10:4: "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual <u>Rock</u> that followed them: and <u>that Rock</u> was Christ." The purpose in sharing these verses with you is to show you that the church that Christ recognizes is the one that He established. Peter understood that Christ is the Son of God. Christ told Peter that upon this rock — upon this understanding — He (Christ) would build His church. In other words, the assembly of people who believe that Jesus is the Son of God is the Church of God. We worship God because He asked us to do so and because He is God. God deserves our worship.

The Trinity presents the same problem Christ had when He was here on earth. He was denied as being the literal Son of God!

If you study religious history, you will find that pagans had a trinity of gods. Christianity today has the same setup, three gods in one: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!

We understood earlier in our study that there are only two spirits (1 Corinthians 2:12); one of God, and the other of the world. If a person is not actively and obediently following the words of God which are holy, then, by default, they are following the spirit of Satan which is foul.

Jeremiah 51:17, 18: "Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath [7307- Spirit] in them. They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish." In other words, the images man creates of God are false and have no spirit in them.

Romans 16:25, 26: "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." These verses actually show us God's revelation. We can understand the mystery or hidden things through the scriptures and the prophets of old. In the time of ignorance, God winked at misunderstandings concerning Himself, but now requires all men to know the truth because it has been revealed.

Psalm 40:7: "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me."

John 5:39: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

Jeremiah 10:10, 11, 15: "But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens [There is no breath (7307) in them].... They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish." The only reason this knowledge about God has remained a mystery to His people is because of disobedience. Yes, disobedience, outright neglect, and disrespect for God and His word.

2 Timothy 2:15 and 3:16 gives us the authority to know all things that God has revealed to us. This is the reason for Romans 16:25, 26; Acts 17:28-30; Psalm 40:7; John 15:15; and the rest of the Bible.

O friends, would you let Christ come into your life today? Believe by faith what He has said. There are only two Beings who are divine, and the greater of the two is called the God of heaven, the Father. Trust and obey all that He has said in the Bible and you will have His Holy Spirit in you. You will never walk alone again. Angels that excel in strength will walk with you and show you the way. (See Psalm 23:3.)

Be steadfast in the truth. All the leadership, steadfastness, and protection you need will be given you as God has promised through His Holy Spirit. By obeying God you are submitting to Him. Believe what God has said through the testimony of Jesus. Now, with a better understanding of God's word, you can live it and tell others about it.

1 John 5:10: "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."

# A Personal Testimony

A true test for this revealing knowledge is: "How can it help me? Can I have freedom from sin, and does it give God the glory for victory in my life?" Jesus said, "the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

The above information that was shared with you has helped me to change my life, my desires, my goals, and my family's life for the better. There are victories over sins being realized now that never were before!

By God's wonderful grace which sets people free, we will continue to overcome as Christ has promised! If what we believe is the truth, it will set us free from the *bondage of sin* and *Satan*. Jesus said, "And ye shall know *the truth*, and *the truth shall make you free*." (John 8:32) If you are still in bondage, take a second look at what you believe.

James 4:7 says: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." If the churches of today knew the truth about God and His Son, then men, women, and children would be able to live a victorious life. If one does not see such fruit in their life, then the Spirit of God is not actively ruling in their hearts. Resist the devil, and he must flee from you. You must be submitted to God to have victory. Remember, God does not lie! My appreciation for God has elevated to greater heights because now I see how much He really loves me.

Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee,... I will also forget thy children." If you are not free from sin, it is because you have not heard the truth about God as yet; or you have rejected it. Which one is it? How many of you are going to church and are still living in sin? Only the truth can set you free.

I hope this book will help to point you to the truth and show the clever deceptions of Satan and his counterfeit system which literally and spiritually leads many innocent people to death.

#### What is a Protestant?

A Protestant is one who protests Catholicism and their traditional doctrines. This is why a Protestant is called a *protester*. They have come away from the so called "Mother Church" willingly. A true Protestant believes that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died on the cross. A church that is not Catholic (one that does not partake in their religious teachings and doctrines) is considered a Protestant Church.

The major doctrine of the Catholic Church is the Trinity concept. Every teaching of the Catholic faith is based on this one doctrine! (See *Handbook for Today's Catholic*, p. 16.)

If there are any Protestant churches practicing the Trinity doctrine, then they too are Catholic even though they are called by the name Protestant. This doctrine is the heart of Catholicism!

Christ **did not recognize** the *traditions of men*. He knew the customs of men's hands were vain! This is why He said in Matthew 15:9: "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Which God/gods do *you* worship willingly or ignorantly?

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 17:3: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

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