

INTRODUCTORY STUDIES ON THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

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Who is the God of the Bible?

1- What important question does the Bible ask about God?

Job 11:7 *Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?*

– We cannot of ourselves find out God. God Himself must tell us about Himself.

2- What does God say about Himself?

Isaiah 40:26 *Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.*

– He is a creator of infinite power. Not only is He creator but He also upholds and maintains all His creation.

Isaiah 46:9, 10 *Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure*

– God is all knowing or omniscient.

3- How many true gods does the Bible reveal?

Deuteronomy 6:4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD*

– God told the Israelites that He is ONE, as opposed to the heathen nations around them which worshiped multiple gods.

Deuteronomy 4:35 *Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.*

– There is none other besides Him. It is on this basis that God gave the first commandment which prohibits multiple gods.

Jeremiah 10:10 *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.*

4- Who is the most qualified person to tell us about the true God?

John 1:18 *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

– Jesus, the Son of God is the highest authority on this topic.

John 3:11 *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.*

– In speaking of God Jesus tells us what He knows and has seen. That was His mission in coming down from heaven; to tell us of heavenly things.

5- According to Jesus, who is “the only true God”?

John 17:1, 3 *Father... And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

– The only true God, according to Jesus, is the Father. Knowing the only true God and Jesus is the key to eternal life. A correct understanding of God is an issue that affects our eternal life.

6- Who is the Lord of heaven and earth, according to Jesus?

Matthew 11:25 *At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*

– The Father is the Lord of both heaven and earth (see also Luke 10:21).

7- Who will the true worshippers worship?

John 4:23 *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

– True worshippers worship the Father, the only true God, in spirit and in truth.

8- Who did Jesus say we should pray to?

Matthew 6:9-13 *Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven ... For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

– The Father’s will is done in heaven. The kingdom, power and glory belong to the Father.

9- Which is the first commandment of all?

Mark 12:28-32 *And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he.*

– Knowing God is required before we can love Him. A correct knowledge of God is vital for our relationship with Him. The scribe agreed that there is only one God, and none other but He.

10- Did Jesus correct the scribe?

Mark 12:34 *And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.*

– The belief of the scribe reflects the faith of the entire Jewish nation. The Jews believed in one God only.

John 8:41 *Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.*

11- Did Jesus identify who is the one God of the Jewish nation?

John 8:54 *Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God.*

12- Is He the God of the Jews only?

Romans 3:29 *Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also.*

13- Did the apostles of Christ teach the Gentiles the same truth about God?

James 2:19 *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

– James taught that there is only one God. Even the devils know that!

1 Timothy 2:5 *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*

– Paul taught that there is only one God. Jesus is the *only* link between us and God. We can only know God through Jesus.

14- Who is this one true God?

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 *We know that 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 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.*

– The one God is the Father.

James 3:9 *Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.*

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

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

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

– The Apostles of Christ taught that the one God is only the Father. We do not read about different persons making up one God. It is simply the Father.

15- Who is the living and true God?

1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10 *For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

– The “living and true God” is the Father.

16- Did the early Christian church maintain this belief of the Apostles?

Acts 2:42 *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

17- Who is the creator of all things?

Revelation 4:9-11 *And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

Acts 17:24 *God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.*

– We saw earlier that the Lord of heaven and earth is God the Father. It is God the Father who created all things.

18- How did God the Father create all things?

Ephesians 3:9 *And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.*

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.*

Hebrews 1:2 *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.*

John 1:3 *All things were made by him [the Word]; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

19- Who is the head of all things?

1 Corinthians 11:3 *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

– The head of Christ is God, who is His Father.

20- Does Christ have a God?

Matthew 27:46 *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

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.*

Ephesians 1:17 *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.*

Revelation 3:12 *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more*

out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Hebrews 1:9 *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

Note: This teaching was clearly revealed in the Old Testament, not just the New (see Psalm 45:7). The Father has always been, and will always be, the God of Jesus Christ our Lord.

21- Who does Christ belong to?

1 Corinthians 3:23 *And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.*

22- When we get to heaven, who are we going to serve?

Revelation 21:22, 23 *And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

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.*

– We shall serve and worship God and the Lamb, for this is eternal life. To know them both throughout eternity will be our theme.

23- Do we wait till we get to heaven or can this fellowship begin sooner?

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

– This fellowship can begin now as we read and learn about the Father and the Son.

Conclusion:

We have seen that the word of God clearly tells us there is only one God. That one God is none other than the Father. This one God is the source of ALL life and power. The only way for us to know God is through His Son Jesus, who came to bring to us a true knowledge of God.

If there is only one true God, the Father, then what of Jesus Christ? Who is He?

The next lesson will examine this question.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God

1- Who did Jesus say that He was?

John 10:36 *Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?*

John 5:18 *Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*

– Jesus said that God was His Father. His claims to equality of God were based on His Sonship. This was the highest claim of Jesus.

2- What did the Father testify regarding Jesus?

Matthew 3:16, 17 *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

Matthew 17:5 *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

3- What was the understanding of the disciples about who Jesus was?

Matthew 16:15, 16 *He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

– Peter expressed the faith of the 12 disciples. They knew that Jesus was the Son of the Living God.

John 11:27 *She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.*

Matthew 14:33 *Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.*

4- Did Satan and his demons know who Jesus was?

Luke 4:3 *And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.*

– Satan, before his fall from heaven, knew that Jesus was the Son of God. In the wilderness of temptation the devil challenged this fact.

Luke 8:28 *When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.*

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.*

– Even the demons, or fallen angels, knew the identity of Christ.

5- Is there anyone else referred to as the ‘son of God’?

Luke 3:38 *Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.*

– Adam was the son of God by creation (Genesis 5:1). Also the angels (Job 38:7)

1 John 3:1 *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

– We are sons of God by adoption (Romans 8:15)

6- With what special term does the Bible describe Christ?

1 John 4:9 *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*

– Jesus is the ‘Only begotten Son’. He is not a son by creation, as was Adam; nor is He a son by adoption, like us; but He is a Begotten Son.

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.*

– God gave His only begotten Son. It is clear that God must have had a Son before He could send Him.

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

– The Word that was made flesh is Christ. The only begotten of the Father became a man. The Son of God became the Son of man.

Hebrew 1:5 *For unto which of the angels said he at any time, thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? Again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?*

– Contrary to angels who were created, the Son of God is the only begotten, his nature is divine.

7- When did Jesus become the Son of man?

Galatians 4:4 *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.*

Luke 1:31 *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*

8- Did Jesus become the Son of God at Bethlehem, or was it before?

Proverbs 8:22-30 *The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.*

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth 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.

– Christ is the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24, 30; Colossians 2:3). Here we see Christ speaking of His birth before anything was ever created. It was at the very beginning of all things, way beyond our grasp.

John 1:1, 2 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.*

– Jesus is the Word, who was with God in the beginning of all things, for He made all things.

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.*

– ‘Goings forth’ also means ‘origin’. The Son of God was brought forth in the days of antiquity, or

from everlasting (margin: the days of eternity).

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?*

– Only the Father and the Son were involved in the act of creation. Clearly the Son was born/begotten before the creation of anything took place.

Note: Christ is not here *acting* or *pretending* to be a Son. He is a real and literal Son, by birth. Else he would be lying.

9- The Father loved us so much that He gave His Son. How much does the Father love the Son?

John 3:35 *The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.*

– God's love to His Son is beyond measure.

10- By virtue of His divine birth, what did the Son of God inherit?

Hebrews 1:4 *Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

– The Son of God inherited the name of His Father.

Exodus 23:20, 21 *Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.*

– The Son of God had His Father's name long before Bethlehem, thus teaching that He was begotten of His Father long before the incarnation.

John 5:26 *For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.*

– The very same life that the Father has was given to His Son by inheritance. This is immortal, original life that the Son can give to those who believe (John 17:2). This was done at creation as well, when the Son gave life to all creatures. The Father's life flows out to all through the beloved Son.

10- What name did Christ have in heaven before He came to earth?

Revelation 12:7 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*

– 'Michael' means 'one who is like God'. The only one who is like God is His Son.

Isaiah 40:18 *To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?*

Hebrews 1:1-3 *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; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high*

– The Son of God is the express image and likeness of His Father. He is so for He was brought forth (begotten)

from the Father.

Note: it is falsely understood that attributing the name Michael to Christ makes Him a mere angel, or a created being. This is not so, because Christ is the Son of God, and thus is the Prince of heaven. Consequently, He is the commander and chief of all the angels (He is the archangel). It was He who commanded the angels in the war in heaven. He is the prince of the angels, as well as the prince of His people on earth. (See Daniel 12:1, Jude 9, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, it is Christ in every case)

11- Does that make Jesus a divine being, worthy of our praise and worship?

Hebrews 1: 8, 6 *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.*

– Jesus inherited the name of His Father. He is God by nature. Just like a human being who has a son, that son would also be a human being. So the Father who is divine (God) has a divine Son. He calls the Son God and commands all to worship Him.

Colossians 2:9; 1:19 *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell.*

– The fullness of the Godhead, or divinity, dwells in the Son. He is fully divine because His Father is God.

John 5:23 *That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.*

– We honour and worship the Son as much as the Father. They are both of the same divine nature. We pay supreme honour to God when we honour and reverence His Son.

12- How important is it for us to understand that Jesus is the real and literal Son of God?

1 John 2:22, 23 *Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*

– If we deny that Jesus is the Son, we have the spirit of Satan (antichrist). In so doing we also deny the Father.

1 John 5:10, 11 *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.*

John 3:36 *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.*

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.*

13- Some are confused regarding the word ‘begotten’ thinking it means the same thing as ‘created’. The difference between ‘begotten’ and ‘created’ is clearly seen when we compare Christ with Lucifer (before his fall). What is the difference between Christ and Lucifer?

Proverbs 8:24, 25 *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.

- Twice we are told that Christ was “brought forth” or “begotten.”

Ezekiel 28:13, 15 *Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that **thou wast created**. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that **thou wast created**, till iniquity was found in thee.*

- Twice we are told that Lucifer was “created.” Christ was “brought forth” while Lucifer was “created.” There is a world of difference between these two words.

To say that “begotten” means the same thing as “created” is to equate Christ with Lucifer! People should be careful before they dishonour Christ in such a way.

14- What important question did Jesus ask the blind man?

John 9:35-38 *Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.*

– Believing on the Son of God is our life-line.

15- Why did the Jews kill Christ?

Matthew 26:63-65 *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. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.*

– Jesus’ answer “thou hast said” means ‘you have said right/correctly’

John 19:7 *The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.*

– They refused to accept Jesus was indeed the Son of God. They knew that such a claim made Him equal with God. (John 10:33)

16- What great promise is given to those who believe?

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*

Conclusion:

Jesus Christ is the only-begotten Son of God. He was begotten of the Father in the ages of eternity past. He was not created out of nothing, as Lucifer was, but was brought forth from the substance of His Father. This is the evidence and proof of His divinity and deity. This was His consistent teaching while here on earth, and this is the testimony of the Scriptures.

If there is only one true God, the Father, who has a begotten Son, Christ, then what of the Holy Spirit? Who is He?

The next lesson will examine this question.

The Holy Spirit of God

1- What is the Biblical definition for “Spirit”?

Isaiah 40:13 *Who hath directed the **Spirit of the LORD**, or being his counsellor hath taught him?*

Romans 11:34 *For who hath known the **mind of the Lord**? or who hath been his counsellor?*

– Here we learn the plain Bible definition for “spirit”. Spirit = mind. Spirit of the Lord = mind of the Lord.

Note: the use of capital letters does not exist in the original Hebrew and Greek texts.

2- What is another Biblical definition for “Spirit”?

John 6:63 *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

– Jesus plainly taught that His words are two things: spirit and life. Thus teaching that spirit = life. This spirit/life is in his words. Words express our thoughts/mind. God’s words express His divine mind. Now we can build this formula: spirit = mind = life.

3- Many people are confused over the ‘Holy Spirit’. How does God clarify the matter for us?

1 Corinthians 2:11 *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

– God’s spirit and man’s spirit are comparable to each other. We can learn about the Spirit of God by looking at the spirit of man. That is simple, since man was made in the image and likeness of God.

4- Is the spirit of man a different individual to the man?

Daniel 2:1 *And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.*

– Who was troubled here? Is it the king himself or someone else? It is certainly the king. His spirit, which is his mind, was troubled. His spirit is not a different individual to him!

5- What did Jesus promise before He left?

John 14:16, 17, 26 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

– Jesus will send a Comforter. The Comforter is the Spirit of truth. It is the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit.

Note: we read in 1 John 4:6 *We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the **spirit of truth**, and the **spirit of error**.*

If the spirit of truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13) is an individual being then we must also believe that the spirit of error is another individual being in his own right. On the other hand, it is clear that the spirit of truth is a reference to the Spirit of Christ Himself (Jesus said “I am the truth”), not someone else. Just as the spirit of error is a reference ultimately to Satan, not someone else!

6- Where does this Spirit of truth come from?

John 15:26 *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.*

– The Holy Spirit comes from the Father. Proceeds from the Father. It means to go forth, to issue from.

7- What will this Spirit do?

Mark 13:11 *But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.*

– The Holy Spirit will give us the right words.

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

– It is the Spirit of the Father. So the Father has a spirit, and that spirit is a holy spirit. The word ‘Holy’ is an adjective.

8- How can we hurt God?

Ephesians 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

– When we grieve the holy spirit of God we hurt God Himself, not someone else. We can’t hurt God physically, but we can hurt His feelings.

Genesis 6:3, 6 *And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*

– God was hurt by the wickedness of man before the Flood. They grieved His Holy Spirit, they grieved Him at His heart.

9- If the Father has a spirit, does the Son have one too?

Philippians 1:19 *For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 4:6 *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

1 Peter 1:11 *Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.*

– So Jesus Christ has a Spirit as well.

10- How many sprits are there?

Ephesians 4:4 *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.*

– There is only one Spirit, not two or three. This one spirit is shared by the Father and Son. It is both the spirit of God and the spirit of Christ.

Romans 8:9 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

– So the Spirit of the Father and Christ is the same one Spirit. The Father and Son share that one spirit/life/mind.

11- So when we receive the Holy Spirit who do we receive?

John 14:23 *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

– In receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive the Father and the Son, not someone else different to them. The Holy Spirit is the personal presence of Christ Himself.

12- Who comes to us to be our Comforter?

John 14:18, 19 *I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.*

– Jesus Christ is our Comforter! It is Jesus, not another person, who comforts us in our trials on this earth.

13- Who will the Father send to the converted?

Acts 3:19, 20 *Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you.*

– He will send forth Jesus.

14- We know that Jesus was made flesh in John 1:14, but what else was he made?

1 Corinthians 15:45

– The last Adam is Christ Himself (v.22), He was made a ‘spirit that gives life’ or a ‘life giving spirit’. So Christ was made 2 things: *flesh* and *Spirit*.

15- How does the Father send Jesus to us? Is it Jesus in flesh or in Spirit?

Galatians 4:6 *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

– The Spirit of His Son. It is the Holy Spirit of Jesus.

16- When we receive the Spirit of Jesus, is that someone different to Christ?

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

– The Lord is Jesus (1 Corinthians 8:6). So if there is one Lord, and there is one Spirit, and the Lord is that Spirit it follows then that Christ comes to us as the Holy Spirit. He Himself comes as a personal Comforter, not a different individual, nor an impersonal force.

17- What happens to us when we receive the Spirit of Christ?

1 Corinthians 6:17 *But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*

– We become one with the Lord in the Spirit.

18- How is this process described by Peter?

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, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

– We become partakers by being joined to the Lord in Spirit.

19- What did Christ say about His words?

John 6:63 *The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

– In other words the Spirit is Life. We can obtain this life by taking in the word of God.

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

John 15:5, 7 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

– When the word of Christ abides in us we have life. We have the Spirit of God. Christ abides in our hearts by His words, which are spirit and life!

20- What was the only means through which we could obtain this Life/Spirit?

John 10:11, 15 *I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

Luke 23:46 *And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.*

– Jesus had to lay down His life for us. He had to lay down His Spirit as a regenerating agent for us.

21- What did Jesus pray just before He went to the cross?

John 17:20, 21 *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 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.*

– This is done through the Spirit of the Father and the Son: the Holy Spirit. We become one as the Father and Son are one.

22- How are the Father and the Son one?

John 14:10, 20 *Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*

– Jesus and the Father are one through the Spirit which they share. This is the Spirit which the Father sends into our hearts.

23- How do we become the sons of God?

Romans 8:15 *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

– Through the Spirit that God gives us. His own spirit and life becomes ours. So we are adopted into the family of God.

24- What does Paul say that we, as sons of God, are?

1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19 *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

– God lives in us, His temple, by His Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit is the personal presence of Christ Himself, our Comforter.

25- What is the invitation that Christ offers us?

Revelation 3:20 *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

– Christ Himself will come and live in us.

Colossians 1:27 *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

– This is the hope of eternal life. Only through Jesus, and no one else, is this hope realized. Christ wants to live in our hearts through His Holy Spirit.

Conclusion:

We have seen the Bible testimony regarding the Holy Spirit of God. It is God's own mind and character; His very own person. It is His own life which He pours on us through His precious Son. The Holy Spirit of God is *not* an individual being as God the Father and His Son Jesus. This Biblical truth unmasks the deceptive theory of the trinity.

We are thankful to our Father in heaven for not leaving us in the dark regarding who He really is. We have one God, the Father, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, and one spirit – the spirit of Christ- which brings us into the unity of the faith. Amen.