

#### TWO ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES THAT HAD TO HAVE BEEN BELIEVED FOR CHRISTIANITY TO HAVE GROWN

Jesus Was God (and was worshiped as God)

Jesus Rose From the Dead (and was seen by others)



# **BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS GOD**

- John 20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;
- John 20:31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- John 21:24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.



#### **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED**

- John 20:26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
- John 20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."
- John 20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
- John 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."



#### **EYE-WITNESS TESTIMONY**

- John 4:39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."
- John 4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.
- John 4:41 And many more believed because of his word.
- John 4:42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."



#### **EYE-WITNESS TESTIMONY**

- I John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
- I John 1:2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—



#### **EYE-WITNESS TESTIMONY**

- I John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- I John 1:4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.
- I John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.



#### SCRIPTURE IS MORE FULLY CONFIRMED BY EYE-WITNESS TESTIMONY

 2 Peter 2:19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,



#### INTRODUCTION

 "What think you of the Christ, whose Son is He?" (Matt 22:42).

David's son / David's Lord

•Romans 1:3–4



#### **INTERPRETATION**

- •The text is asserting the eternality of the Christ.
- He has to be more than the son of David, since David calls him Lord.



#### **ROMANS 1:3-4**

 "concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord"



# **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- Was Jesus the Christ created by God?
- Was Jesus always the Son of God?
- •What was the purpose of the incarnation?
- What is the nature of the Christ?
- Note: Incarnation means "in the flesh," meaning deity put on flesh.
- The Second Person of the Godhead put on flesh and blood and become Jesus – the Savior of the World.



### THE ONENESS PENTECOSTAL VIEW OF GOD

- The Oneness Pentecostal's believe that there is only one God – that is – Jesus is all three persons in the Godhead.
- Jesus is the Father, Jesus is the Son and Jesus is the Holy Spirit.
- In heaven Jesus was the Father, on earth Jesus was the Son and when the Holy Spirit came on earth, Jesus was the Holy Spirit. (This is grossly false)

#### •Father + Son + Holy Spirit = Jesus



#### THE MORMON VIEW OF GOD

**1** god the Father + 1 god the Son + **1 god the Holy Spirit** 3 gods



# THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESS VIEW OF GOD

#### **God the Father**

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#### Jesus is the first thing God created

 Holy Spirit is not a person (It is God's power in action, his active force)



#### THE MUSLIM VIEW OF GOD

#### **God the Father**

- Jesus was just a good man (a prophet of God)
- Holy Spirit is thought to be the angel Gabriel
- The "Trinity" according to them: Father, Jesus, and Mary (which they believe is false). Obviously, that is false. It is based on a misunderstanding of extra-biblical teachings on the Trinity.
- \*In name they reference the same God as Christians, but theologically – the god they serve is a different god.



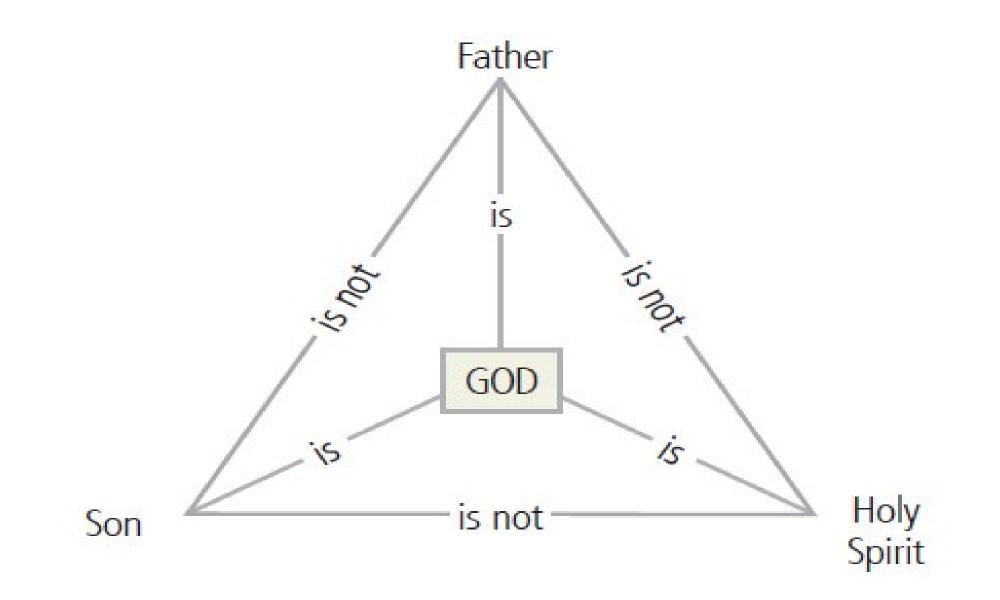
#### **MONOTHEIST VS. POLYTHEIST**

•Are we monotheist or are we polytheist?

Do we worship one (1) God or three (3)?

How can God be both one and three without a contradiction being involved?







### THEY ARE NOT THE SAME PERSONS

- Is the Father the Son? NO!
- Is the Son the Holy Spirit? NO!
- Is the Holy Spirit the Father? NO!
- Is the Son the Father? NO!
- Is the Father the Holy Spirit? NO!
- Is the Holy Spirit the Son? NO!



#### SAME GREATNESS

- Is the Father Greater than the Son? NO!
- Is the Son Greater than the Holy Spirit? NO!
- Is the Holy Spirit Greater than the Father? NO!
- Is the Son Greater than the Father? NO!
- Is the Father Greater than the Holy Spirit? NO!
- Is the Holy Spirit Greater than Son? NO!



### **3 NATURES**

- Human
- Angelic
- Divine
- \*There is also an animal nature and a plant nature

#### •God – is the name of the divine nature.



### GOD VS. MAN

#### God is infinite

Man is finite

#### God is all powerful

Man is not

#### God is everywhere all at once

Man is not

#### God knows all

Man does not

#### God is absolutely holy

Man is not



### **ONE GOD – THREE PERSONS**

 "God is one" means that there is only one divine nature.

But, that divine nature is shared by three persons.

 That does not make three gods, but three persons who all have the same nature or characteristics.



#### THE TERM GOD IS A NATURE

 The word "God" is an expression of the fact that God is divine. The word "God" is therefore a term used to describe a nature, namely – that which is divine.

 The divine nature is the sum total all those attributes which make Him God.

God is what He is, it is not His name.



#### **CLEARLY STATED**

•God is one as to the divine essence or nature – meaning there is only one Divine Nature.

 God (Deity) is three in terms of distinct
 personalities—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit meaning three persons have a Divine Nature.



### DIVINE BEING – DIVINE NATURE -DEITY

- Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. (Acts 17:29)
- For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)
- "For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Colossians 2:9)



#### THE CHARACTERISTICS OF DEITY

- **Omniscient** Knows All Things
- Omnipotent All Powerful
- Omnipresent Everywhere at the Same Time
- Self-Existent Had no beginning was not created
- Eternal Has Always Existed & Will Always Exist
- Holy Pure and undefiled
- Just Must mete out what is due (e.g. punishment)



# QUALIFICATIONS TO BE GOD

**⊘Omniscient** - Knows All Things

**⊘Omnipotent** – All Powerful

**⊘Omnipresent** – Everywhere at the Same Time

✓Self-Existent – Had no beginning - was not created

✓Eternal – Has Always Existed & Will Always Exist

✓Holy – Pure and undefiled

**✓Just** – Must mete out what is due (e.g. punishment)

- Any person who meets these qualifications is God.
- There are only Three Persons who meet these qualifications.



#### **SEEK TO PROVE**

- Jesus was not created by God the Father, but He has always existed.
- He has existed as long as the Father has—from eternity, for He Himself is Divine, that is, God.
- He has not always been the Son of God, rather He become the Son of God in the incarnation.



# **BEFORE THE BEGINNING (WAS JESUS ALWAYS THE SON OF GOD?)**

- God is eternal (Deuteronomy 33:27).
- Is the Son to the Father as an earthly son is to his earthly father?
- Has the Son always been the Son?



#### **BEFORE THE WORLD EXISTED**

- John 17:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
- John 17:2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.



#### **BEFORE THE WORLD EXISTED**

- John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- John 17:4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
- John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.



### **GOD PROVIDED HIM WITH A BODY**

- Hebrews 10:5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;
- **Hebrews 10:6** in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
- Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"



### **GOD PROVIDED HIM WITH A BODY**

- Hebrews 10:8 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law),
- Hebrews 10:9 then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second.
- Hebrews 10:10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



### **GOD APPEARED IN THE FLESH**

I Timothy 3:16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He [God] was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.



### HIS ORIGIN

- The idea that someone whose "goings forth" would be from eternities past was expressed by Micah.
- Micah indicated where he would be born and of his origin– from eternity.
- "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity" (Micah 5:2).



## **GOD WITH US**

- Isaiah would say "behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa 7:14).
- Matthew quoting Isaiah says that "Immanuel" means "God with us" (Matt 1:23).
- The above shows that **Jesus** was both **man** and **God**.



## WHEN DID HE BECOME THE SON?

- Jesus was not the Son of God until He was conceived in the body of Mary.
- Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
- Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.
- Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,



## WHEN DID HE BECOME THE SON?

- He was not the Son of God in Genesis–Malachi.
- He was just Divine, that is, God.
- Again, Luke says –
- Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,
- Luke 1:35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.



## FIRSTBORN

- Jesus is referred to as the **firstborn** in Colossians.
- Paul says, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation (1:15).
- Firstborn can mean that which comes first from the womb (man or beast) or carry the idea of prominence or "supreme status."
- The latter sense is seen in Jacob's blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh. Even though, Manasseh as the firstborn (physically),
   God called Ephraim his firstborn (cf. Genesis 48:14, 19; Jeremiah 31:9).



## FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD

- Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
- Romans 6:9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- Revelation 1:18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.



## **CREATED BY GOD?**

- Many have concluded that Jesus was created because of the reading of Revelation 3:14. John says, "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God."
- Beginning = Originator or Source of creation
- He who created everything cannot also himself have been created.



## **PRE-EXISTENCE OF THE CHRIST**

- John the immerser would exclaim, "This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me[for He existed before me] '" (John 1:30).
- Here John the immerser acknowledges the preexistence of the one who he was the forerunner of.
- Sometime later Jesus Himself would proclaim his preexistent nature to the Jews. Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was [born], I am." (John 8:58)
- Jesus was with God before the beginning, and He came to reveal God to the world (John 14:7).



## THE NATURE OF DEITY

- There are three distinct natures in the world as it relates to entities which can reason–God nature, angelic nature, and human nature.
- By "reason" we are referring to the ability to know good and evil.
- There are certain characteristics which make an angel, an angel. Likewise, there are certain characteristics which make a person, God. The nature of man is very complex. He has flesh and blood, yet he has an eternal soul.



#### **THE GOD-MAN**

 Colossians 2:9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

Jesus is God and Man



## **THE GOD-MAN**

- Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
- Philippians 2:6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- Philippians 2:7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
- Philippians 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- Philippians 2:9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,



#### **THE GOD-MAN**

- Job 9:32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I might answer him, that we should come to trial together.
- Job 9:33 There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand on us both.
- 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
- Jesus is that mediator who knows what is to be God and what it is to be man – for He is both – God and man.



#### THE SECOND PERSON BECOME FLESH AND BLOOD TO CONQUER DEATH FOR MAN

- Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
- Hebrews 2:15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.
- Hebrews 2:16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.



# THE CHILD AND SON THAT IS BORN WILL BE GOD

 Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



## I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST

- Isaiah 44:6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.
- Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."



## THE SON IN PROPHECY

- •Psalms 2:1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- Psalms 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, (<u>Christ & Messiah mean anointed</u>)
- Psalms 2:3 "Let us burst <u>their bonds</u> apart and cast away <u>their cords</u> from us."



## THE SON IN PROPHECY

- Psalms 110:1 The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
- (The First Person of the Godhead, speaks to the Second Person of the Godhead)
- Acts 2:34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,"'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,
- Acts 2:35 until I make your enemies your footstool."
- (See Also Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Mark 16:19; 1 Corinthians 15:25–26)



## **IN THE BEGINNING**

- Genesis 1:26
- Genesis 3:22
- Genesis 11:7
- Ecclesiastes 12:1
- Isaiah 6:8



## **IN THE BEGINNING**

- Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let <u>us</u> make man in <u>our</u> image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- Genesis 3:22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like <u>one of us</u> in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—"



## **IN THE BEGINNING**

- Genesis 11:7 Come, let <u>us</u> go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."
- Isaiah 6:8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for <u>us</u>?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."



- •John 1:1–3
- Colossians 1:15–17
- •Hebrews 1:1–2



- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with [face to face] God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.
- John 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.



- Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- Colossians 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
- Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



- Hebrews 1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
- Hebrews 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.



# **ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE SINS**

- Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"(Mark 2:7)
- And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Luke 5:21).



# GOD THE FATHER CALLED HIM GOD

 Hebrews 1:8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.



#### **BLASPHEMY?**

- John 10:33 The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."
- Matthew 26:65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. (Matthew 26:65).
- Mark 14:64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.



#### **BLASPHEMY?**

- Mark 14:61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"
- Mark 14:62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."
- Mark 14:63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need?
- Mark 14:64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.



# THE DEITY OF JESUS IN JOHN'S WRITINGS

 The beginning of John's Gospel is reminiscent of Genesis where we see that God brings everything into existence and creates everything from nothing.



#### **THE INCARNATION**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. And the Word **became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1–3, 14).



## NO ONE HAS SEEN GOD

 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known (John 1:18).

 John is saying that no one has seen the essence of deity.



# JESUS IS EQUAL WITH COD

- John 5:16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.
- John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."
- John 5:18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.



# EQUAL WITH GOD

- When Jesus heals the man at pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath, the Jews questioned Him concerning His breaking of the Sabbath (John 5:16).
- Jesus replied that, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working" (John 5:17).
- The Jews clearly understood Him as not only, in their minds, breaking the Sabbath, but also making Himself equal with God.
- John records, "For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God" (John 5:18).



## I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE

- **John 10:30** I and the Father are **one**.
- John 10:31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him.
- John 10:32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?"
- John 10:33 The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."
- "One" = One in essence or nature (not one in number).



## **TWO WITNESSES**

- John 8:16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.
- John 8:17 In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true.
- John 8:18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."
- John 8:29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."
- If the Father and the Son were the same persons, then how many people would that be that bears witness to Him.



## I AM

- When Moses asked God who he should say sent him and what is His name is, God's reply was "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you'" (Exodus 3:14).
- This meaning of this name is thought to be "Self-Existing One" and is translated into English as Jehovah (Yehowah / Yahweh).
- It is the proper name of the one true God.
- The spelling is derived from what is known as the Tetragrammaton (meaning four letters–YHWH).



# I AM (YAHWEH)

- The same "I Am" language is used by Jesus to refer to himself about seventeen times in the book of John.
- Five times in the absolute sense (6:20; 8:24, 28, 58; 18:5) and twelve times in a metaphorical sense.
- He says: I am the bread of life (6:35, 48, 51); I am the light of the world (8:12; 9:5); I am the door of the sheep (10:7, 9); I am the good shepherd (10:11, 14); I am the resurrection and the life (11:25); I am the way, the truth, and the life (14:6); and I am the true vine (15:1).



#### I AM (YAHWEH)

 John records that when Jesus responded to the Jews by saying that before Abraham was "I am," they picked up stones to throw at Him (John 8:58–59). Again, the implication is that they believed Him to be associating himself with the "I AM" of Exodus 3:14.



#### I AM (YAHWEH)

 John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.".

• Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"



# THE NAME OF DEITY: WHAT IS HIS NAME?

- There is more than one person that is referred to as Yahweh in the OT.
- Isaiah exclaimed after he had seen the LORD: "For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD [Yahweh] of hosts."
- John indicates that "these things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him (John 12:41).
- Meaning, the King, the LORD [Yahweh] of host that Isaiah saw was the pre-incarnate Jesus-
- John says Isaiah saw Jesus.



#### JESUS IS YAHWEH

- The second person of the Godhead is referred to as
  Yahweh on at least three occasions in the OT.
- Isaiah says, "Thus says the LORD [Yahweh], the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD [Yahweh] of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me" (44:6).



### JESUS IS YAHWEH

 Jeremiah would say, "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD [Yahweh] our righteousness'" (Jeremiah 23:6).



## JESUS IS YAHWEH

- Lastly, Isaiah would say again, "A voice is calling, 'Clear the way for the LORD [Yahweh] in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God'" (Isaiah 40:3).
- Matthew would quote Isaiah and attribute the Yahweh in the passage to Jesus. Matthew writes, "For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD [Kurios], MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!" (Matthew 3:3).



- Matthew 28:19
- 2 Corinthians 13:14
- I Corinthians 12:4–6
- Ephesians 4:4–6
- 1 Peter 1:2
- Titus 2:13
- •2 Peter 1:1



- Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of <u>the</u> Father and of <u>the</u> Son and of <u>the</u> Holy Spirit,
- The word <u>name</u> shows ownership, when a person becomes baptized [immersed in water] he becomes the possession of God
- Notice further, the definite article is attached to all the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit (Three distinct persons are under consideration).



 2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



#### **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

I Corinthians 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same <u>Spirit</u>;.

**1 Corinthians 12:5** and there are varieties of service, but the same **Lord**;.

**1 Corinthians 12:6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same <u>God</u> who empowers them all in everyone..



#### UNITY

- Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—
- Ephesians 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- Ephesians 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



# FATHER – SPIRIT – JESUS CHRIST

 I Peter 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:



- Titus 12:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
- Notice that Jesus is called "great God and Savior." Also, the Second Person of the Godhead (Jesus is the one who is coming back).
- 2 Peter 1:1 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:



# THE TWO NATURE OF JESUS

| GOD   | MAN   |
|---|---|
| He is called God (John 20:28;<br>Hebrews 1:8)                                       | He is called man (Mark 15:39; John 19:5)                  |
| He is worshiped (Matthew 2:2, 11; 14:33)  | He worshiped the Father (John 17:1                        |
| He could read minds (He knew<br>their thoughts) (Matthew 9:4;<br>12:25; Luke 11:17) | He learned and grew in wisdom<br>(Luke 2:52; Hebrews 5:8) |
| All the fullness of deity dwells in<br>Him (Colossians 2:9)                         | He has a body of flesh and bones<br>(Luke 24:39)          |



#### CONCLUSION

- The Biblical evidence has revealed that the second person of the Godhead is equal to the first person of the Godhead, but they are NOT the same persons. They are two distinct personalities.
- The Second Person of the Godhead was provided a body (Hebrews 10:5), in which He was to die for the sins of the world and resurrect from the dead and then ascend back to heaven.
- The Second Person of the Godhead (Jesus) will one day return.
- The OT and NT reveal that the second person of the Godhead is referred to as Yahweh, just as the first person is.
- Both testaments bear out that He existed before the world was created and that He, Himself, created the world.

