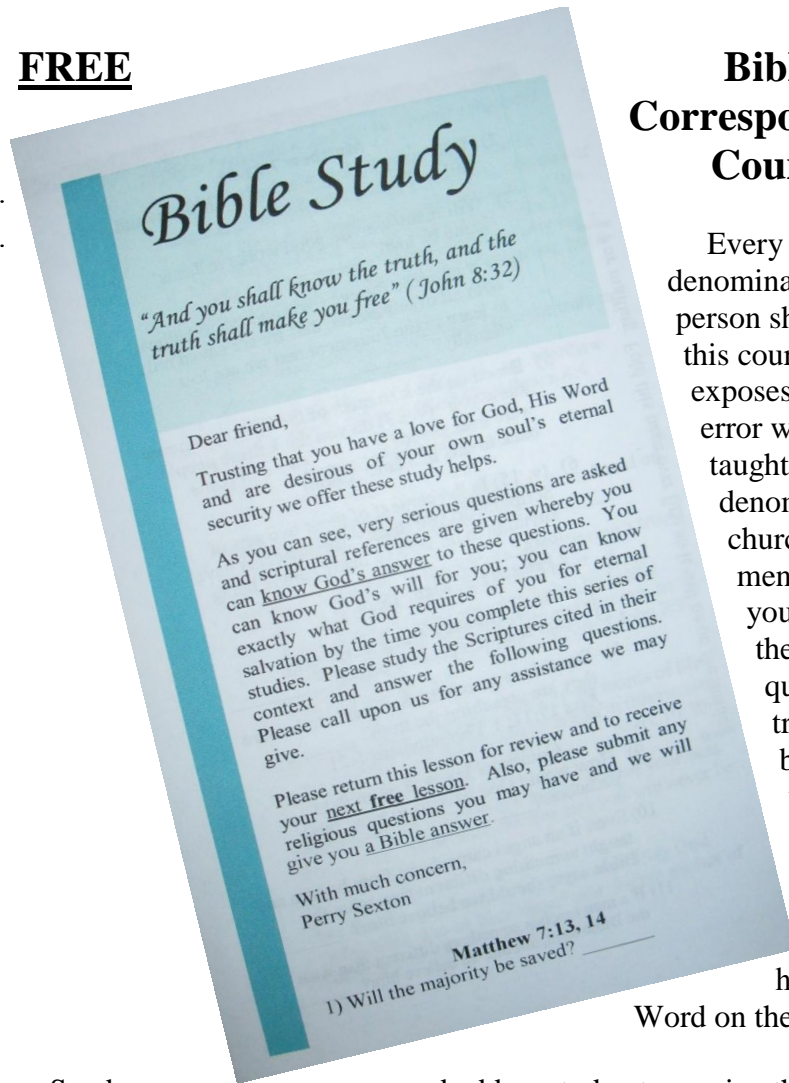


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Only One Person In The Godhead???

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Confusion, confusion and more confusion! Yes there are some things hard to understand (2 Peter 3:16), but not impossible concerning those things which God has revealed unto us (Deut. 29:29). Paul said “Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ ...” (Eph. 3:4). When we read and accept what the Bible teaches it is no longer a mystery! I suppose one of the main problems of confusion is the fact that so many just do not believe what the Bible teaches for one reason or the other. Take our topic for example: Many will not accept that there is one God (Eph. 4:6), yet three Persons in the Godhead.

But what does the Bible teach? We must never change what the Bible teaches regardless of our preconceived ideas, former teachings or inabilities at first to understand a principle taught. Jesus promised: “If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; ³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31,32). Let us consider just a few things on this subject from the Book of truth (John 17:17).

Plural pronouns are used of God. “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:” (Gen. 1:26). In the very first verse of the Bible ’ēlôhîym is used of God which is plural. In fact ’ēlôhîym is used 2,605 times in the KJV (*Brown-Driver-Briggs’ Hebrew Definitions*). Why, in the most logical book in the world, would a plural masculine noun be used of the supreme God if it were not accurate and true?

Three Persons are portrayed in the Godhead. “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: ¹⁷And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:16,17). Here we have the three Persons of the Godhead: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Why should we not believe this? Some say “One Person in three different roles.” But, my friends, that is not what these verses depict nor is it depicted anywhere in the Bible. Look at the verses closely. You have God the Father speaking from heaven; God the Holy Spirit descending in the air and God the Son on earth in the flesh. If we believe the Bible is true and accurate, it seems only natural that we believe there are three distinct Persons of the Godhead. If not three Persons then what is going on?

Jesus refers to God the Father as “my Father” about 50 times in the KJV. Often times Jesus says “my Father which is in heaven” as in Matthew 7:21. If Jesus, the Son, is the same Person as God the Father, why would Jesus say He is in Heaven? Is God a deceiver? Many years ago a young man trying to prove there is only one Person in the Godhead said to me, “You are a son aren’t you? And you are also a Father.” To which I replied “Yes I am a son and I am a father, but I am not my own son and I am not my own father.” Jesus is not His own Father, nor is He His own Son. Now isn’t that logical and something we can understand and relate to? Friends I believe and accept what the Bible teaches, but sadly many have been deceived by the false teachers into believing the error spoken against in this article (cp. Matt. 7:15). God is not a deceiver and God gives us a true picture of the Godhead.

Jesus said “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:” (Matt. 28:19). The three Persons of the Godhead are seen again here as in many places of the Bible. This simply means by the authority of. Here again this is something we understand. When the policeman knocks on the door and says “Open up in the name of the law” he is talking about the authority of the law. Such verses also show the “Oneness” of the Godhead which we will address shortly. It also clearly shows the three members of the Godhead are distinguished one from the other. Distinguished, not various rolls of just one person!

The word “Trinity” is not used in the KJV of the Bible, but the concept of three separate Persons is clearly seen. The Father is not the Son and the Son is not the Father (Mark 13:32). The Father is not the Spirit, the Son is not the Spirit and the Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son (John 14:16,26, etc.). To not believe the Bible in any matter puts one in very serious error and on extremely dangerous ground!

Jesus prayed for all believers “...That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: ...” (John 17:20,21). **IF** it is true (and it is not) that there is only One Person in the Godhead then you have these absurd facts: (1.) Jesus was on earth praying to Himself in Heaven. (2.) Jesus is portraying that there are two Persons in the Godhead while the “truth” is that there is only one! This is clearly false. (3.) Jesus is praying that all believers would be just one person (cp. “as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee”). More could be said, but please accept these plain truths.

“One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Eph. 4:6). Yes, there is “One God and Father,” as there is “One Lord” (v.5), and “one Spirit (v.4),” but all three are God and have perfect unity as God desires of His people (John 17:20,21) and in fact insists upon (1 Cor. 1:10-13). And Jesus said “I and *my* Father are one” (John 10:30). How? In perfect unity: in essence, in purpose, in everything! “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:” (Phil. 2:6). Jesus possesses every attribute of the Godhead: “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily” (Col. 2:9). Obviously the Father and the Spirit do likewise. Jesus is called God (Heb. 1:8). Jesus is declared to be the Son of God (Rom. 1:4; Matt. 17:5). How can one be the Son of God and not be God?

Of the marriage bond Jesus said “and they twain shall be one flesh” (Matt. 19:5 cp. Gen. 2:24). “What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh” (1 Cor. 6:16). Here is a case where two bodies become one in a sense in sexual relations, but it is more than just fleshly merging as there must also be the consent of the mind. As for sex, it is limited only to the marriage that God sanctions (Heb. 13:4). As for marriage, it is far more than the sexual union; it should be unity of minds and ideally controlled by God’s Word. The point of this: Two people, yet one in marriage. It should help us understand: Three Persons, yet one God. Much more could be said on this plain truth. ♥