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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to all who want to know God as the scripture presents Him in order to serve Him with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 9:24

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

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The book at a glance

This book aims at bringing all Christians to the unity of faith in the knowledge and understanding of God. Now that the Lord wants to bring the church, the body of Christ, back together as one in preparation for His soon coming, He is bringing us to the knowledge of His eternal truth. First and paramount is The Knowledge and understanding of the True God.

Ephesians 4:11-14

11 And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

God wants us to come together in unity, in the knowledge of God, having the same understanding of Him. We need to come into unity of the knowledge of Jesus, the Son of God.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

There are many opinions in the world concerning the existence of God, the Person of God and the Nature of God. But to us in Christianity, there is one God and one Lord Jesus Christ, whom we believe and serve for our eternal life.

1 Corinthians 8:5-6

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6 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.

John 17:1-3

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee:

2 As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

This book is going to give you understanding of the Father and of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. The book makes plain the doctrine of Trinity of the Godhead.

The Father is God, the Creator.

The Son Jesus is God, the Creator.

The Holy Spirit is God, the Creator.

But we do not have three Gods, and Creators, but One God, the Creator.

The Father is not Jesus, but a different Person.

The Father is not the Holy Spirit, but a different Person.

Jesus is not the Father, Jesus is not the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is not the Father, The Holy Spirit is not Jesus.

Each of Them is a separate Person. But we have One God, who exists in Trinity, and is reveal to us as The Father, The Son (Jesus), and The Holy Spirit.

God made man to be like Him, having three separate persons, the spirit, the soul and the body, but man is one being.

Genesis 1:26

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Man is one person having three components or persons, spirit, soul and body, even as God is One Person having three separate Persons, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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

The spirit of man is different from the physical body of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

The spirit of man is separate from the soul of man.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of

The book at a glance

soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

As GOD speaks to Himself, so also man speaks to himself.

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And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Psalms 42:5

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

As One of the Trinity in the GODHEAD is fully God any where He is, so also, one of the three persons that make up man, is fully man wherever he is. In this sense, Jesus was fully God when He was on earth, as man in out-of-body experience, dream, soul-travel (witchcraft) is fully man wherever he is, conscious and responsible.

You will understand more as you go on in the study.

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Chapter 1

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

God exists from eternity as one God who is the Creator of all things. The Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God, but simply declares it!

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

This Scripture is saying that in the beginning, before anything existed, there was God. God existed before everybody, before everything. Before anything you can imagine.

This scripture also tells us that God is the One that created the heaven and earth. In the beginning God...! The first in existence is God; the first person in heaven is God, the first person in the world is God; the first person everywhere in the whole universe is God.

God's existence is beyond human comprehension. He existed from eternity past gloriously and made everything that exists, perfectly. The earth is, because God lives. The reason why you are living now is because of God, whether you know it or not. What has sustained you to this day is God. He exists from generation to generation, time to time, place to place, and with Him you don't count minutes, hours, weeks, months or years.

God exists from eternity to eternity. Only He is God. Only He is Lord. Only He is to be adored and worshipped. We should bless Him and pay homage to Him. We should pay respect to Him and give all glory to Him. He is the Ancient of days, and the Master of the universe.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God [is] one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Moses told the children of Israel that God is one. This is the God the Christians believe in and serve; the Creator of heaven and earth. This God demands our worship and total commitment to Him.

Matthew 22:37

Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

God expects this from every human being He has created. If you know that God created you, then this is demanded of you. You should love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind. You must keep the Word of God and His commandments in your heart and observe to do them.

John 14:23-24

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.
24 He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the

word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent me.

1.1 The Nature of God

The following need to be born in mind while we seek to know our God in His full nature.

Psalms 90:1-2

- 1. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.**
- 2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.**

Here we know something about God: He is the Lord, the Master, the Ruler of heaven and earth, the Master of creation, the final authority in creation, the Lord Almighty. Again, you see this scripture telling us that He formed the world. God is the Creator –

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

John 20:28-29

28 And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and My God.
29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen

Me, thou hast believed: blessed [are] they that have not seen, and [yet] have believed.(KJV)

1 Peter 1:8-9

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving the end of your faith, [even] the salvation of [your] souls.

To know God in the true sense, we must accept His self-revelation as contained in the Scripture; otherwise, we will continue to grope in darkness. The Bible gives us four basic descriptions of the nature of God:

(i) God is Spirit

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

God is immaterial and incorporeal. A spirit does not have flesh and bones.

This is why God is spoken of as being invisible. Yet He is a real Person with self-consciousness, self-determination, with will and intellect.

(ii) God is Light.

1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

He dwells in an unapproachable light. God does not just have light; He is light. He is absolutely pure, impossible to be defiled.

1 Timothy 6:14-16

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Which in His times He shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 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.

(iii) God is Love.

1 John 4:7-8

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Love refers to the very heart of God's nature. His love is expressed in His grace, mercy, kindness, goodness and benevolence toward all His creatures, even those who hate Him.

Matthew 5:44-45

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on

the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.(KJV)

(iv) God is a Consuming Fire.

Hebrews 12:29

For our God is a consuming fire.

God's holiness and absolute righteousness is manifested in judgment against sin.

1.2. The Attributes of God

Attributes are the characteristics or qualities belonging to a person. The attributes of God fall into two main categories: essential and moral.

(a) Essential Attributes

These are attributes that are unique to God and make Him God. They can never be shared by any of His creatures.

(i) God is Eternal.

He has no beginning and no end. God exists from eternity to eternity.

Psalms 90:2

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou [art] God.

He is everlasting, forever and ever 'backward', forever and ever 'forward'. God exists from a dateless past that has no beginning and will be there forever, world without end.

(ii) God is Self-Existent. God exists in and by Himself. He is the "I AM."

Exodus 3:14

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

He is Jehovah God, the self-existent God

He owes His existence to no one. He lives independent of anyone.

(iii) God is Immutable.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

God is unchanging and unchangeable as to His character and nature.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the Son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

(iv) God is Omnipotent

God is all-powerful. Nothing is impossible with God.

Psalms 62:11

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Genesis 18:13, 14

13. And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?(KJV)

14. Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.(KJV)

(v) God is Omniscient.

He is all-knowing. He knows all things at all times. He knows all things in the past, present and in the future. There is nothing He does not know or has not known from eternity. Hence He does not have to learn anything.

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

(vi) God is Omnipresent.

God is all-present. He cannot be limited by space and time. He is everywhere at all times

Psalms 139: 7-12

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

(b) Moral Attributes

These are attributes which belong to God especially in relation to His creatures. These attributes are those which God intends man to possess. They are communicable attributes.

(I) Perfect Holiness.

This speaks of absolute purity. God neither sins nor tolerates sin. He is perfectly holy in all His ways.

Revelation 4:8

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about [him]; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Leviticus 19:2

Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God Am holy.

Isaiah 6:3

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.

1 Peter 1:14-16

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

(ii) Perfect Righteousness.

Righteousness is holiness in action against sin. God's righteousness is a holy God acting in a just and upright manner towards His creatures. His justice is seen in both punishment and reward.

Genesis 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Romans 2:6-11

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the

truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

(iii) Perfect Love.

Love is the heart of God. God does not only have love, God is Love. He is the absolute personification of Love.

1 John 4:8

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1John 4:16

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Components of God's love include: Goodness; Grace; Mercy; Compassion and Kindness.

Ephesians 2:4-7

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

(iv) Perfect Faithfulness.

God is absolutely trustworthy, loyal, reliable and true to His Word.

Revelation 19:11

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.

Psalms 119:86

All Thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help Thou me.

Psalms 119:138

Thy testimonies that Thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

1.3 God Alone Deserves Our Worship

John 5:37

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.

From the above scripture, we should not look at a man and think that God is shaped like a man. His shape has not been seen. He is incomparable to man in every respect. He is more glorious in form and appearance. Jesus said we have not seen His shape and Moses warned the children of Israel – you never saw God! You only heard His voice, so do not represent God with any design or shape of any creature in heaven, on earth or in the sea. Do not do so because you have never seen His shape.

Exodus 20:1-5

1 And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God Am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me.

The painting we have of Jesus Christ is because He came in the body of a man. Even after His death He makes appearances to people in the form of man and the people who see Him can paint what they saw. But God in His full glory has not been seen and cannot be seen by mortal man. Concerning Jesus, the Bible says,

Philippians 2:6, 7

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

Since God incarnated and lived on earth as Man in the Person of Jesus, an artist can attempt to draw what he thinks Jesus looks like; likewise men can act the role of Jesus in films to narrate Bible stories. God would allow that because He came into our midst as a man.

No man should worship any other object, but God. God is the only object of worship. Even images of Jesus must not be worshipped. Churches that bow down to images of departed saints or of their founders are in grave error as this damnable practice is in clear violation of the express commandment of God.

Matthew 4:9-10

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

Now, having understood that God is Eternal, the Creator and the Lord, and that He is not a man, that He is the only One worthy of our worship, we shall consider the separate Persons of the Godhead in the next chapter.

Chapter 2

THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRINITY

Although the word “Trinity” does not appear in the bible, the concept is clearly Biblical. The Doctrine of Trinity of the Godhead is a mystery and may be very difficult to understand, but it is essential to believe by faith. The basic concept of the trinity is that the LORD our God is one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God. The three Persons are distinct or separate but are all equal and of the same essence and nature:

a) **The Father is declared to be God is by the scripture**

John 6:27

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

b) **The Son is declared to be God**

Hebrews 1:8

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.

c) **The Holy Spirit is declared to be God**

Act 5:3, 4

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Yet, the three Persons are identified equally as one Divine Being.

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

We have 4-Fold Orthodox Emphasis of Godhead:

- a) Oneness (unity) of nature or essence
- b) Three-ness (diversity) of Persons
- c) Functional Order (roles) of work (there is voluntary, perfect submission within the Godhead without inferiority of essence)
- d) Eternality of all Persons of the Godhead. All the

persons of the Godhead are Eternal, everlasting, self-existent.

2.1 Diversity of Opinions on the Godhead

Concerning God the Father, the Son (our Lord Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit, Christianity does not hold the same view. There are divergent opinions which are summarised below:

- a) There are those who claim that Jesus is the Father and also the Holy Spirit. In this wise, they are seeing one God and one Person, not three. The falsity of this shall be examined shortly.
- b) There are those who claim that the Father is the Creator of Jesus because He sent Jesus to the world. They accept that Jesus is higher than the angels but was created by God the Father. We will go through the scriptures to see how this is false.
- c) There are those who claim that the Holy Spirit is not a personality but a force. Being the force of God, He is not a living Being. This concept is also a biblical heresy and we shall see why it is so.
- d) Finally, there are those who have the correct view of the trinity of the Godhead. They believe that The Father is different from Jesus The Son, who is also different from The Holy Spirit and that the three Persons are one divine Being. We shall examine the scriptures to see how this is the scriptural position. It is God's desire that we should come to the knowledge of this truth.

Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

The Holy Spirit is doing great things at this end time to get believers ready for the rapture. For our perfection, it is essential to know who God is, to worship Him well, to understand Him well, and to serve Him well.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

God will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. This means there are people who are saved, but do not know the whole truth of Scripture necessary to perfect their lives and prepare them for heaven. God wants you to know the WHOLE TRUTH so that Satan will not take undue advantage of you. Satan will want to deprive you of eternal life if you are ignorant of the whole truth of the word of God.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

People often get confused because sometimes Jesus is mentioned as God, at other times

He is referred to as a man and also as the Son of God. Hence, you may begin to wonder where to place your heart. These confusions will be removed as we examine the scripture to bring clarity to the issue.

2.2 The Separate Persons in the Godhead

As noted earlier, there are three separate persons in the Godhead: The Father, The Son (also The Word) and The Holy Spirit. Each of these persons is God, Lord, Creator and is to be worshipped.

- Ø THE FATHER is eternal. He is the Creator and Lord. He is not a man. Only Him should be worshipped.
- Ø THE SON JESUS CHRIST (the Word) is eternal. He is the Creator and Lord. He is not a man. Only Him should be worshipped.
- Ø THE HOLY SPIRIT is God and eternal. He is the Creator and Lord. He is not a man. Only Him should be worshipped.

Acts 5:3-5

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

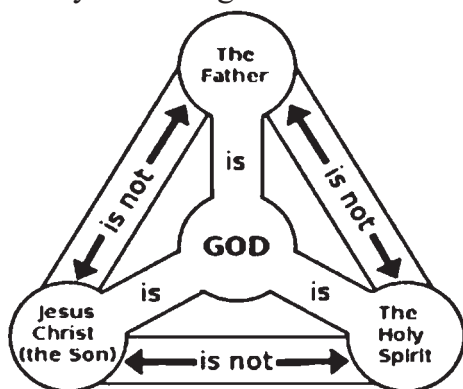
4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

In verse 3 above, the lie was told to the Holy Ghost (not to men or Peter) and the Holy Ghost is God (verse 4) "...thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

But then, we do not have three Gods but ONE. This interwoven, but distinct relationship of the Godhead is

expressed pictorially in the diagram below.



John 17:1

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify thee:

From the above scripture, while Jesus was still on earth, He lifted up His eyes and was calling on the Father who was in heaven.

Again, when Jesus was teaching His disciples how to pray, he said “Our Father which art in heaven...” (Matthew 6:9). From this Scripture also, we can see that there is a clear distinction between Jesus, the Son, and God, the Father. He showed us that the Father was in heaven while He was on earth and taught us how to pray to the Father. But then, when we go further to examine the Scripture below, we shall see that in spite of their separate personalities, there is unity in the Godhead.

John 17:6-11

6 I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou

gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee.

8 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.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given Me; for they are Thine.

10 And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own Name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are.

When the word 'We' is used, it suggests that the number of persons involved are from two upwards. So, when Jesus said, that they may be one, as We are, it shows plurality in the Godhead. In other words, Jesus is not the Father and the Father is not Jesus, even though He and the Father are one.

John 10:30

I and [My] Father are one.

John 17:12-16; 23

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them Thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

23 I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me. Here, Jesus was talking to another Person altogether, who is called the Father (He is not Jesus).

2.3 Jesus Is God, But is Not the Father

Hebrews 1:8-9

8 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.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.

In verse 8, The Father called The Son, "God." JOHN 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This tells us that Jesus (the Word) is not a man but a divine Being who exists from eternity to eternity.

John 20:26-29

26 And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My LORD and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

We can see from the above scripture that Thomas referred to Jesus as "My LORD and My God," who is the "I AM"

Exodus 3:14

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

The Holy Spirit desires to bring about the unity of the faith, hence He is quickening the true knowledge of the Scriptures in order to make us have uniform understanding of truths. Believe these truths because doubt has sent many to hell. Resurrected Jesus appeared to the disciples when Thomas was not there. When they told Thomas about it, he doubted. He said until he saw the print of the nails in His hands and the pierced side, he would not believe.

John 20:24-25

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.

Omnipresent God (Jesus) heard what Thomas said, and later appeared to the disciples while Thomas was with them. He came miraculously, not through the door because the door was shut. He spoke directly to doubting Thomas, 'Thomas you said until you see me, you will not believe. Come and see, come and thrust your hand into My side, where I was pierced with a spear.'

John 20:26-27

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.

After Thomas saw practical evidence of the divinity of Jesus, Thomas made a profound confession of Jesus as LORD and God. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God (John 20:28). The word LORD is in capital letters denoting Master of the universe, Master of all creatures, Jehovah, the I AM, the eternal One, who is self-existent and not created. Thomas bowed in worship My LORD (Jehovah, Great, Wonderful) and My God (One Mighty in power to create and to do all things). This is the testimony of one that has worked with Him for three-and-a-half years. What a true testimony! If Jesus was not Jehovah, would He have accepted this? He would not and you can confirm this in many other places where Jesus freely accepted the worship of people including His disciples. If He was not God, accepting people's worship would have made Him a transgressor of God's law because only God is worthy of our worship.

Revelation 19:10

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

This is the confession of the Angel, before whom John the beloved, fell down to worship. The angel rejected the worship, saying "Worship God"

When Cornelius wanted to worship Peter, he rejected, saying "...Stand up; I myself also am a man"

Acts 10:25-26

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped [him].

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

Because Peter was a mere man he refused to be worshipped. But Jesus is God and deserves to be worshipped. The Father, the Son (the Word) and the Holy Ghost are one God.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

2.4 Jesus is not the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a personality completely different from Jesus.

John 14:16-17

16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you

**another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;
17 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.**

From the above Scripture, we see Jesus saying that He was going to the Father, and that He would send another Comforter to His disciples, which is the Holy Spirit. In essence He was saying, “I am a Comforter; I have been with you and you have enjoyed me for all these years, but another Comforter will be sent to you.” Could Jesus have been referring to Himself as another comforter? Suppose you visited a doctor and he said, “Yes, I treated you the last time, but I will want you to see another doctor.” Could he be referring to himself?

The Holy Spirit is a different Personality and is not Jesus. They possess distinct personalities. In the same vein, the Holy Spirit is not the Father because the Father is the one that would send the Holy Spirit. Therefore, this Scripture and similar ones present three distinct Persons in the Godhead.

Mark 12:29

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

Despite the fact that the Father is a different person, the Lord Jesus is a different person and the Holy Spirit is a different person, yet the Lord our God is one Lord.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

“These three are one” emphasizes the unity of the Godhead in spite of diversity of personalities. Also in John 10:30, Jesus said “I and My Father are one.”

John 14:7-11

7 If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.

8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

10 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.

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake.

We have identical triplets who look exactly the same but God's own is different. God is not actually triplet, but one divine Being in three separate personalities. In other words, if you have seen one, you have seen the second, and you have seen the third. Although we have not seen the Father, Jesus is a complete representation of His character and attributes. They are one and the same. Also, although we have not seen the Holy Spirit with our eyes because He exists in spirit form,

from what we have seen of Jesus we have seen the Holy Spirit fully revealed because they are the same. This is the mystery of the Godhead.

It is a wonderful thing to discover the mystery of the Godhead. For better understanding, consider the tripartite nature of man (body, soul and spirit), yet man is one human being and not three. No member of the Godhead existed before the other and none is greater than the other. These three Persons, the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit, are all involved in the redemptive work of a man. If you get a soul converted, the soul is the work of the Father, the work of Jesus the Son, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

These three got involved in the converted soul, hence he is to be committed to the Father, the Holy Ghost and Jesus the Son. Also, you are to baptize him in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. It is therefore, inappropriate and scripturally wrong to baptize a convert in the name of Jesus only, since the name of Jesus is neither the name of the Father nor of the Holy Ghost. The scriptural instruction is to baptize them in the name of the Godhead, not in the name of one of the Persons in the Godhead. Jesus gave this instruction after His resurrection. What then brought about the change? What scripture are some people using to teach another

gospel? The Scripture is clear that the conversion of a soul is the act of these three Persons, even though one God. If you now baptize him in the name of Jesus alone, you are saying only Jesus was involved in the person's salvation, which is not true. The Father was involved, the Holy Ghost was involved and Jesus too. The formula is clear. The confusion about this formula by some Christians stem from their misinterpretation of, "They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" as found in the book of Acts of the Apostle (Acts 8:16, 19:5), When the apostles talked about baptism in the name of Jesus, they were in other words saying they baptized by the authority of Jesus. When was that authority given? It was given after His resurrection in *Matthew 28:19* **"...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."** That is the authority. You can now understand that there is unity in the Godhead.

2.5 Trinity of the Godhead is Revealed in Baptism of Jesus Christ

Again, in the baptism of Jesus Christ, we see the trinity of the Godhead clearly revealed.

Luke 3:21-22

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art My beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

There is something to learn from the above verses, the Father was in heaven and the Holy Ghost descended in the shape of a

dove from heaven and miraculously rested on Jesus. Note the following

- Jesus was in human shape
- Holy Ghost was in dove shape
- The Father was in His power in Heaven

Can we say the Holy Spirit was a dove? Who is He? He is God! What about Jesus that took the body of a man? Was Jesus a man? Who is He? He is God! God can take any shape He desires to fulfil a purpose that is in His heart. So, even though Jesus took the shape of a man, He was actually God. Jesus assumed the dual personality of God-man. It is a unique miracle! As man, He was lower than God the Father, but as God, He was equal with the Father.

John 14:28

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved Me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for My Father is greater than I.

In the above Scripture, Jesus showed that the Father was greater than Him because He had taken the form of a servant (a man).

Philippians 2:5-8

**5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7 But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

As a man, Jesus became a messenger. As a Son He was doing the will of His Father. For this reason, His Father was greater than Him, not in His form as God but in His form as a man on earth. It is in this regard that Jesus said in the following verse, "I came from My Father and I am going to My Father."

John 16:28

I came forth from the Father, and Am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Jesus was saying in essence, "I left My Father to come into the world and took on human form, but now I am going back to My Father." This again shows clearly that Jesus is different from the Father.

Chapter 3

THE REASON JESUS IS CALLED “THE SON OF GOD”

Many people misunderstand this term or the description given to Jesus as, the Son of God. Some reject Him because of this title. The Islamic religion in particular contends against this title saying, God cannot have a Son. This has been an obstacle on the way of many, because without believing this eternal truth, they cannot be saved.

1 John 5:10-13

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.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the Name of the Son of God.

Even among the Christians, many are still confused about this title. As we progress, you will come to understand clearly that while it is affirmed that we have one God, Jesus being the Son of God, does not mean Jesus Himself is not God.

3.1 The Meaning of the Title “Son of God” and “Son of Man”

When the title “Son of God” is used with respect to Jesus, it does not connote the same meaning as children born by human parents or born from sexual union between a man and a woman. This title specifically refers to one born, not by the will of man, but by the will of God. It is a special title used to describe three categories of people in the Scripture.

3.1.1 It Is Used for Anyone Who Believes in Jesus Christ.

John 1:12-13

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:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

They were NOT born through copulation or sexual union between a man and a woman. Rather, they were people God fashioned and brought forth for Himself through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, everyone that believes in Christ is an adopted son 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.

Our sonship is adoption, which is quite unlike the status of Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God.

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.

“Adopted” means your father was not originally God. You had a father, Satan, who was the chief sinner. Through his corruptive influence, sin entered your life, that was the reason you were born a sinner. But when you believed in Christ, God by His mercy, adopted you as His son. You received the Spirit of adoption, giving you right to this heavenly Father. Now, you can call on the heavenly Father and serve Him as your Father. But, if you do not continue with Christ in truth, righteousness and holiness, you will be rejected by God and will fall back to your father Satan.

1 Peter 2:9-10

**9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people;
that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:
10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.**

Hebrews 10:38

Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

If you fail to continue to comply with the conditions for your adoption, God will release you back to Satan. That would mean as the Scripture says, a dog has gone back to its vomit.

2 Peter 2:20-22

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

3.1.2 The Son of God Was Used of Adam

Adam bore this title to show that he had his existence from God BY CREATION, hence the Bible addressed Adam 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 addressed as the son of God because he came into existence by the direct creation of God and not through the copulation (sexual intercourse) of a man and a woman. He had no earthly father. Again, his own sonship is different from that of Jesus because it came by creation, whereas Jesus was not created but begotten of the Father. To differentiate between these sonship, that which came by creation and adoption begins with small letter 's' whereas the Sonship of Jesus Christ who is begotten of God the Father begins with capital letter “S,” in scripture

3.1.3 Jesus Is Referred to as The Son of God.

This title “Son of God” born by Jesus shows that He came from God in heaven above.

John 3:13

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Jesus has been living in eternity in heaven, the headquarters of creation, even before the existence of this earth, hence His own title as Son of God is superior to the other two.

John 8:23

And He said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

There is a clear difference between Adam (and the seeds after him) who are from beneath or created in this world and Jesus Christ, Who was from above, being their Creator. They are of this world while Jesus is not of this world (...I am not of this world). Jesus is superior to any man you can ever imagine or think of. He is not a man in the ordinary sense of it, but became one as a “Son” to offer Himself as sacrificial Lamb and take away the sin of the world.

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

Jesus is God Himself who lived in heaven from eternity. His title “Son” is a redemptive title. The Father sent the Son for the purpose of human redemption.

Therefore this title is not an eternal one, because He is “The Word” from eternity.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

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 three persons of the Godhead are involved in the work of the gospel.

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

The Word which is also called, “The Son” is our Lord Jesus Christ. As earlier noted, the fact that the Father is called God does not mean the Son is not God or that the Holy Spirit is not God. God is one. Jesus Christ the Son and God the Father are one. The Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ and the Father are one. The three Persons are the one God of creation. Jesus was involved in creation together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He was involved in the creation of man and woman. He was involved in the creation of all things in this universe.

Colossians 1:16

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:

God does not have to meet with a woman to give birth to Himself. Jesus, the Son of God is God Himself and the three Persons of the Godhead are one all through eternity.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

John 1:1-3

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.**
- 3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.**

The above scriptures tell us that Jesus Christ is the Word, and has been with the Father in heaven. He had been with God, because the Father is called God just as the Word is God and the Holy Spirit is God.

The Word is Jesus Christ. So Jesus Christ was with God and Jesus Christ was God in Heaven before He came down to become Man on earth.

Matthew 28:19 "...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" these are the three separate Persons in the Godhead. The Word became the Son and the Son is Jesus Christ. The Son had been with God and the Son

was God before He came down to the earth to assume a human body.

John 1:1, 14-15

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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.

15. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

Vs 2 goes on to say- the same was in the beginning with God- The word "beginning" means from a dateless past such that you cannot give time to it. From the time God existed, which is practically unknowable, Jesus was there with Him and He has been God ever since! Therefore, when you make the exclamation, "Oh God of heaven!" you are directly referring to Jesus.

Jesus was not a begotten Son from eternity but became known as the "Son of God" only as He was born into the earth and assumed human form for the purpose of human salvation. Before Jesus came down to earth for human redemption, the title "the Son of God" did not exist in heaven. What existed was God in His trinity.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

He was born as a child and lived with us as the Son of God, but in actual fact He is the mighty God.

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 shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Let us examine this Scripture more critically.

- ❖ "... a Child is born unto us," means He was born a Child because of us humans.
- ❖ "...a Son is given unto us," means He became a Son because of us humans.
- ❖ "...and the government shall be upon His shoulder." What for? To take over mankind; to save men and rule men in physical sense in righteousness and holiness. For our redemption He became a Child born of a woman and a Son in the world – The Son of God!
- ❖ "...His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Now, this is His full description befitting only a divine Being.
 - He is Wonderful – The God who created the world in His wonders.
 - The Counsellor – The Word that has life and truth.
 - The Mighty God – Which you know; none is like Him!
 - The Everlasting Father – The Father of creation. The One that gave being to all creatures. The One that gave being to human beings and angels, including Satan and demons.

- The Prince of Peace – The One that has come to give us His righteousness and peace. The One that causes righteousness and peace to exist in the face of the universe, that keeps heaven in perfect peace. This is Jesus!

Matthew 1:20-23

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

From the above Scripture, we can see very clearly how the angel explained to Joseph that the Holy Ghost who is God has caused the conception in the womb of his wife Mary and that she was going to bring forth a child (unto us a child is born). God became a Child "...and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins." Everybody in the world belongs to Jesus because He created them. All tribes are His people. The people in every nation are His people.

Everyone everywhere belongs to Him; they are His people and He came to save them all from their sins. Jesus came into the world for the very purpose of salvation. His people are

lost in various religions. Some of them are in Islamic religion, some of them are in Hindus religion, some of them are in Judaism religion, some of them are in traditional religion, some of them are in Christian religion who are not yet saved. He is able to save them all because He is God. The Bible describes Him in verse 20 as "...God with us;" that is, the Creator is with us. What a wonderful privilege for lost mankind!

This is the God that we serve. Jesus Christ is God, that is with us. John 1:1 tells us that in the beginning was the Word ... and the Word (Jesus) was God. He became a Son for the purpose of human sacrifice. He became a Son because He was commissioned by the Father for human salvation. His Sonship is entirely a divine arrangement that has nothing to do with human decision or plan. Since He did not have to drop from heaven, in fulfilment of prophecy, God Himself entered into the womb of a woman so that He could be given birth to in the normal way, grow up among men, run His ministry and gather disciples that would carrying on the gospel work after His departure through dying for the sin of mankind.

John 10:31-36

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from My Father; for which of those works do ye stone Me?

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone Thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a Man, makest Thyself God.

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If He called them gods, unto whom the word of God

came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

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?

The Jews understood clearly what Jesus was saying to them. They knew that Jesus was telling them that He was not a created being but was God Himself. They viewed His statement as a blasphemy. This was the reason they asked Pilate to condemn Him to death. They understood the title Son of God to be God Himself and were offended against Him because they did not imagine their God can be in Human flesh. They concluded that He was blaspheming for that claim.

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.

The Jews were saying that He claimed to be the Son of God, by that He made Himself equal with God. They could not imagine how Jesus could be God. They read the Scriptures daily yet they were ignorant of prophecies contained in it!

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.

John 3:16.

"For God so love the world, that He gave His only begotten Son..."

Jesus as "begotten Son" means He came forth directly from the Father in Heaven, "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Jesus is part of the Trinity that make up One supreme God. In effect, it was God Himself that came down to the world. Thy throne O Lord is forever and ever (Hebrews 1:8). That is what the Father said of Him.

He became a Son on earth because every man on earth is the son of somebody. Jesus as Man on earth also had to be the Son of somebody, hence He is the Son of God. The Jews were offended by this disclosure and retorted, "Oh, you mean you are God? That is blasphemy!" But that is the eternal truth. Jesus proceeded directly from the Father; He is part of the Father; one with the Father; equal with the Father but in human form on earth.

3.2 Christ Is Also Referred to as The 'Son of Man'

Luke 5:24

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (He said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Very often Jesus speaks of Himself as the Son of man. This is a title used by Jesus to show His complete identification with man. In case you are inclined to say "Oh, it is because Jesus is God that is why the devil could not deal with Him," Jesus is saying, "No! I am man like you!" Whatever you see me experience, the victories you see me win, you can win them too because I am a complete human being as you are. I pass through your pains and infirmities; I know all your sufferings. I am the Son of man.

Hebrews 4:14-15

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

But how is He the Son of man?

Philippians 2:6-7

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

Jesus is saying, "As I am the Son of man, the miracles I do, the works that I do shall you do also; and greater works than these shall you do. Through the power of the Holy Spirit I cast out demons. The same Holy Spirit shall come upon your life and you will do the same work and more also. I overcame temptation because I prayed, and trusted in God. You can overcome temptation by prayers and faith in God. Jesus is a man as you are. You do not need to give excuses for not being holy and hard working for God. Christ has left us an example that we should follow His steps.

The title "the Son of man," makes Him acceptable as an Israelite, a Jew, whose lineage is traceable to David and to Abraham. In this way, He was the Seed that God promised Abraham and also the Son that God promised to David that would take over the throne of David to rule for ever.

Genesis 22:18

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.(KJV)

Luke 1:31-35

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

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.(KJV)

Chapter 4

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAME "JESUS"

The name "Jesus" does not refer to the Father, hence you cannot call the Father "Jesus." The name "Jesus" does not refer to the Holy Spirit either. Jesus who is "God the Son," assumed this Name when He came to live on earth as Man. "Jesus" is a human name, not a divine name.

4.1 How the Word Became Flesh

Having understood that the Word is God. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1, let us now examine how the Word became a human being like us.

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.

Here, we can see that the Word became a human being and lived among us. Who is the Word? Jesus Christ! The Word (the Son of God) became flesh (Jesus Christ) and dwelt among us. When you look at Him, you will see that only God can have this glory. Only the Person that possesses the nature of God can have this glory.

John 1:10-11

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.

11 He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

The Word became flesh (Jesus Christ); God became a human being and dwelt among us. Jesus was in the world that was made by Him and the world knew Him not. The world rejected Jesus Christ. To reject Him is to reject God. To refuse to come to Him, is to refuse to come to your Creator. To persecute those who believe in Him; those who pledge loyalty, service and obedience to Him is to fight against your Creator.

4.2 Why God Assumed the Name Jesus

The name Jesus was not God's eternal name. That name, which means "Saviour" did not exist before mankind came into this world. Before the creation and fall of man, there was no need for salvation nor a Saviour. The name became important because Jesus came into the world to "save His people from their sins." Indeed, Jesus is an earthly name because there were other people that bore that name. Anybody can bear the name which means "God is our Saviour" or "God is my Saviour."

Colossians 4:10-11

10. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

11. And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only [are my] fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

God gave Joseph this name before Jesus was born which thing still happens in our day in God's prophetic dealing. God still tells some people today the name of their unborn baby.

Matthew 1:21

21 And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

From the above Scripture, the words "Son" and "His people," show that He is the Creator of these people, but now He has become a Son. But then, we must not get confused about the peculiar identity of the Son. The Scripture says in the next two verses:

Matthew 1:22-23

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

From this Scripture, we can see that Jesus the Son is God with us.

John 1:10-12

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.

11 He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

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:

From the above scriptures we are made to understand that the world was made by Him because He is God, but the world knew Him not. Now, you can see the grave implication of you refusing Jesus in your life. It means you refused God your Creator to take over your life for His purpose. If you reject Jesus your Creator and God, where else will you find salvation? God is one and you rejected the only one and true God, where is your hope? There is no other God anywhere, but Jesus.

Isaiah 43:11,

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no Saviour.

Jesus told Phillip, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" (John 14:9). Jesus was telling him, although the Father is separate, I am one with Him. Man is a tripartite being (body, soul and spirit), yet he is one person. Man is made in the image and likeness of God.

Genesis 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Whatever the body passes through, the soul and the spirit experience the same. Strike the spirit, the body dies, because they are one person. Jesus asks "have you seen Me and you are asking for the Father?"

John 14:7-10

7 If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.

8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?

10 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.

To refuse Jesus is to refuse God your Maker; the one that gave breathe to you. If you refuse Him where will you go? If you refuse the One that made this world, where will you go? What is your hope for the future? Do you even have a future anymore? Are you not putting your life in great jeopardy? Can you disobey your Maker and remain guiltless?

The thief on the cross got this revelation instantly and said to his fellow on the left hand side "Do you not fear God?" He said to his fellow, "This is God, and not Man." He realized that God was with them on the cross to save them, so he turned to Him in faith after receiving the revelation of who Jesus was and got his salvation. Reader, if you have not known Christ, take this opportunity! Turn to Jesus and confess Him as your Lord and Savior; you will be saved.

Roman 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be save

4.3 Why Jesus Is Called The Christ

“Christ” means, the “sent One” or “the anointed One.” In Hebrew it is translated “Messiah.” Jesus is the anointed One or Messiah sent by God to save mankind from their sins. This is in fulfilment of prophecy in the Old Testament.

The Lord had promised them a prophet that should come and that they should hear his voice. Concerning this, Prophet Micah said “...whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2).

This Christ is God. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...” “A Child is born” to be our Christ. “A Son is given” and He is God. “...His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). Everything about Christ shows He is God (one with the Father). He is the Father of Creation. That Jesus is Lord, God and Christ our Saviour is made plain in the scripture.

Luke 2:10-12

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

The child born is

- (i) The Saviour of mankind
- (ii) The Christ or Messiah - promised by God to come to them with His word, and His message.
- (iii) The Lord or Creator, owner of all men in the world.

Chapter 5

THE NATURE OF GOD IN MAN

When someone is walking, how many persons are walking? It is one person that is walking, but this person is a composite of three distinct components: body, soul and spirit. The three components of man walking are united into one. You only see one person but inside him are three components, separate and distinct. The body serves as a “container” for the soul and spirit. The body is the material or physical structure of a human being, while the soul and spirit are his immaterial components, which cannot be seen or touched.

5.1 Plurality of The Godhead In Man

The doctrine of trinity is the coexistence of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the unity of the Godhead. This doctrine means that within the being and activity of the one God there are three distinct Persons. These three members of the Godhead can be separated such that one can go this way, the other can go another.

Father is in the Son and in the Holy Spirit. The spirit is in the Father and in the Son. The Son is in the Father and in the Holy Spirit yet these three separate Persons are actually One Person. Man was created in the likeness and image of God.

Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

Verse 26 tells us that more than one person was speaking: “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” The underlined pronouns shows that more than one Person was speaking. Here, God the Father was speaking to God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. These three persons sat together and discussed among themselves the creation of man. In the next verse, it changed to a singular pronoun: “God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.” These Three singular pronouns showed that it was one Person talking to Himself. He is one God, not two Gods or three Gods. We have one God but in three distinct, coeternal, divine Persons – the Father, the Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Each of them is different from the other, yet one God! The three constitute God and if any one of them is not there it means God does not exist.

5.2 Man Is a Unique Creature of God

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” (Genesis 1:26). God is saying here, let us make man to be in three distinct persons like us. No animal has this nature. Angels in heaven do not have it. Therefore, the creation of man is superior when compared to all other creations of God. That is why Jesus said in

Proverbs 8:31, “Rejoicing in the habitable part of His earth; and My delights were with the sons of men.”

God's delight is with the sons of men because they resemble Him. He made man to be like Himself, after His likeness, God became Man to redeem man from sin because man is too precious to be lost. Brother, Sister, you are too precious to be lost!

Man was made in His image. It is like when a man says, “this child is my life.” For instance; It was said of Benjamin, “if you take away this child, the life of my father is gone. He is the reason why my father is alive. My father's heart, my father's joy is upon him. If this child remains in Egypt and does not come back, my father will go to the grave.”

Genesis 44:27-31

27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two [sons]:

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad [be] not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad [is] not [with us], that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

God loves you so much: For God so loved the world... (John 3:16). Here, God is not talking about animals or trees. He is talking about you, because you are in His image and too precious to Him to be lost to Satan.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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

From the above scripture you can see that your body is distinct from your soul and spirit. God made you in His own image. As God exists in three separate Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit even so man exists in three separate persons; spirit, soul and body.

Ecclesiastics 12:7

Then shall the dust (body) return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

The spirit of every man united with the soul at death return to God for judgment, while the body buried or not, gets decomposed and becomes dust on earth. But that body will be reunited with the spirit and soul at the resurrection. When Jesus was born, He left the Father in heaven to come to the earth as a human being. While on earth, He was separate from the Father and the Holy Spirit but He later ascended back to heaven after His resurrection from the dead. In the same way, the body will reunite with the soul and spirit after death. This will take place at the resurrection of the dead when the three components of man, body, soul and spirit, shall be reunited together forever, because they are made in the image and nature of God. The composite life of the three, after death will

either be everlasting life in heaven or everlasting damnation in the lake of fire.

So here we see how the body can be separated from the spirit and soul.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The power of God can separate the spirit from the soul. Also, human beings on earth can achieve the same through sinful practices of soul travel and witchcraft. The spirit and soul of witches and wizards leaves their body and go for meetings of witches. The body is left at home but the other components of man are elsewhere on evil assignment. One part of the person, the body, is lying down, but the other two parts, spirit and soul are gone for witchcraft. Beside that, the spirit and soul can still be separated because they are two different components and moreover God made man in His own image. The Father that represents the Soul in man, the Holy Spirit may represents the Spirit in man and the Lord Jesus, the Son, may represents the body of man.

5.3 God's Distinctive Persons Physically Exemplified in Man

God said, "Let us make man in Our image" (Genesis 1:26). Here God spoke to Himself. Can man also speak to himself being conscious of the separate persons in himself? Yes, man can speak to himself!

Psalm 42:5

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

Here, it was the spirit speaking to the soul in matters that concerns God. You can see the spirit exhorting his soul: Why are thou cast down? Why are you discouraged? Trust in God! I will praise him. Here man was talking to himself in the same way God spoke to Himself saying, Let us make man in our image. The spirit of the Psalmist was also talking to his soul: Why are you troubled? What is making you sorrowful? Trust God. God will intervene. I shall yet praise him for the help that will come from him. We can see the spirit interceding for the soul.

Psalm 42:6

O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

We can see here again; the spirit of man was comforting the soul of man.

Psalm 42:11

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Any of the three components of man can speak just as the three Persons of the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit speak independently of each other. This is how the trinity of God is displayed in man.

God the Father speak

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.

God the Son speaks

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.

God the Holy Spirit speaks

Hebrews 3:7-11

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

Chapter 6

THE REVELATION OF GOD IN HUMAN REDEMPTION

The titles, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are believed to be redemptive revelation of God to man on earth. It is the way God reveals Himself to mankind for the purpose of their salvation. They are not eternal titles that existed from eternity past. Jesus was not eternally a Son. The word “Son” does not refer to His Deity, but to His humanity. As God, Jesus had no beginning, was not begotten, was not the first-born of God, was not born, and therefore, was not a Son! But as Man, He had a beginning, was begotten, was the first-born of God, was born, and therefore became Son of God. This dual-personality of Jesus as a God-man must be made clear for perfect understanding of His purpose on earth.

6.1 Jesus Was Manifested for the Salvation of Mankind

Galatians 4:3-5

3 Even so we, when we were children, we were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Jesus, who is God, became a Son at the fullness of God's appointed time, to come down with a message to mankind: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11). When there was no mankind in eternity past He was not a Son and there was no Father. It was God, Jehovah, Lord, one God that existed. The distinction in the Godhead was not emphasized because it was said in Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created ...” There was no need for any distinction. In fact, angels are not seeing any differences between them because it is not relevant to them. They do not need redemption. They see one God; one Master; one Lord; one Creator. God gave the title of “Son” to Himself because of His redemptive work on earth – to save sinful man from His sins and to establish sound doctrine for holiness and heaven for redeemed men.

Jesus was not a Saviour until man sinned. So it was necessity that brought God to the world as Saviour. God was not a Saviour until there came sin, Satan and death to be saved from. He was God in eternity; Mighty One, who is self-existent. You have a chemical that you spray to kill mosquitoes, but you did not know it could also kill snakes until you discovered that a snake came in contact with it and died. When somebody now asks you of its use, you would say it is a chemical for killing mosquitoes and snakes.

6.2 The Redemptive Titles of Jesus

Jesus was born into the world over 2,000 years ago and grew up into manhood just like every other person, but this Man was different from everyone else. He was not an ordinary man.

John 1:1-3;

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

From the scripture above it is very clear that the Word was God, not Jesus.

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.

As we can see God became a human being. He was born and became a Son, the only begotten of the Father, but He remained God. God the Creator became a man. He came into the womb of a woman to be born as a human being, a Man. Since He became a Son, then He must have a Father. Hence God is His Father hence the Fatherhood of the first Person of the Godhead is a redemptive title. We who have been saved by the Son are His children If I say you are my son in the Lord, then I am your father in the Lord. When God became man for the purpose of salvation, He assumed many names and many titles to serve a special purpose which can be summarised as follows:

i. The Rescuer -

To Rescue Mankind from Satan's Power

Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Colossians 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and Hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son:

ii. The Sacrificial Lamb -

To Give His Life as a Ransom to Buy Us Back From Sin, Satan and Eternal Death

Matthew 20:28

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

iii. The Destroyer Of Evil Works -

To Destroy the Works of Satan in Our Lives

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

iv. The Life Giver –

To Give Us Eternal Life

1 John 5:11, 12

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

John 3:16, 17

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.

17 For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

v. The Renewer -

To Give Us “New Birth” Into the Family of God

1John 3:1, 2

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.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

vi. The Restorer -

To Restore Our Fellowship with God

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:

vii. The Image Of God -

To Show Us What God Looks Like

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.

John 14:7-11

7 If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.

8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto Him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 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.

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake. viii. The Lover -

To Show Us God's Love

1John 4:9, 10

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.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**ix. The All Powerful -
To Show Us God's Power**

a. Over Sickness.

Matthew 4:24

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 lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them.

John 9:1-7

1 And as Jesus passed by, He saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And His disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When He Had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

(b) Over demons

Mark 1:34

And He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew Him.

(c) Over nature

Mark 4:37-41

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And He said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of Man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

(d) Over death

John 11:39, 43-44

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto Him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

43 And when He thus had spoken, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

6.3 How and Why God Reveals Himself to People

After the fall of man, God could have isolated mankind and give him up to the consequences of sin, but in his eternal love for man

He has continued to reveal Himself to people in various ways and for various reasons.

6.4 Why Does God Reveal Himself to People

(i) To save them in times of great need.

2 Samuel 22:7

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and He did hear my voice out of His temple, and my cry did enter into His ears.

We see His great deliverance manifested when Noah was saved from the flood, when Abram was saved from heathen worship and called out into a new relationship with God and when Moses was called to save the Israelites from the land of bondage in Egypt.

(ii) To save them from sin.

Matthew 1:21

And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

(iii) To destroy the works of Satan

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

(iv) To warn of future catastrophic events.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.

Chapter 7

THE WONDERS, POWER AND GLORY OF GOD

God is our Father, Saviour and Sustainer. He gave existence to us. When you look at His creation, you will see coordination, perfection, beauty and glory; you will marvel at His power and wonder at His wisdom, knowledge and understanding. The angels have spent eternity wondering about Him. Their wonder makes them see newness in Him. They praise and bow before Him in total worship.

When God came into this earth in human form, in the person of Jesus Christ, the disciples, especially the twelve that were always with Him, spent their time marvelling. They were marvelling at His ways, which were unique and wonderful. They were wondering about His works. They saw His commanding authority; His acts of mercy; the manifestation of His authority over all created beings and nature; they saw His exercise of authority over demons and Satan; they saw His healing power and continued to wonder. When He walked on water, they marvelled and asked themselves, “Who is this person that even the sea, the waves and the winds obey Him?” He made the blind to see. When He commanded the dumb to speak, their mouth opened and they spoke. His resurrection from death and ascension into heaven was great wonder to them, because nothing like this had ever happened.

7.1 The Marvel of His Power

The lion sees itself in the forest as having absolute power over all other animals and the animals recognize that. If it roars all animals stand still.

Psalms 62:11

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

I feel comforted, and confident; I feel warm in myself that power belongs to God, because I am in Him. I have identified with Him. He has spoken that He loves me and will care for my life. I feel secure because I know that it is true that power belongs unto God. He knows me inside out even more than I know myself. This is too wonderful for me to comprehend.

Psalms 139:1-6

1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

By His creative power He formed man. By His power, He created the universe. Everything you see around you was brought into existence by the power of God. By His power,

He formed the mountains, He formed the oceans, the waters, He formed the sun, the moon, the constellation of stars in the heavenly sphere. Here is a brief quotation of God's incredibly awesome power in creation and He sustains the universe.

Colossians 1:16-17

16 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:

17 And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.

Below is somebody's account of the awesome power of God in creation:

“The earth spins at incredible speed of 490,000 miles, 800,000 km an hour. Even at this break-neck speed, our galaxy still needs 200million years to make one rotation. And there are over one billion other galaxies just like ours in the universe. Some scientists say the number of stars in creation is equal to grains of sand on all the beaches of the world. Yet this complex sea of spinning stars functions with remarkable order and efficiency.”

Here is the account of another person:

“The universe is astonishingly grand. Right now the moon is spinning or moving around us at nearly 2,300 miles per hour. Our Earth is spinning around the sun at 66,000 miles an hour. Our sun is one of 200 billion other stars and there are trillions more planets in our galaxy, and that galaxy is just one of 100 billion others hurtling through space. Astounding! In comparison to this vast cosmos, our little earth is no bigger than a pebble, and our individual lives no greater than a grain

of sand. Yet according to Scripture, the God of the galaxies attends to each microscopic one of us in intimate detail. He saw us before we existed. He watches us as we go about our days and listens to our every thought.

It can be hard to believe this sometimes. This tiny “pebble” has big problems like war and famine, and we can question God's care in times of personal suffering. But when King David wrote Psalm 139 he was in the midst of crisis himself. And when Jesus said God counts each hair on our heads, He was living in an age of crucifixion. Biblical talk of God's caring attention isn't a mere wish. It is real-world truth.”

Now imagine this God living inside you and making His power available to you.

Job 22:28

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

This means that you have the capacity and ability to deal with every situation of life, no matter how tough. Joshua decreed the unthinkable and it came to be: Let the sun stand still over Gibeon, and the moon over the valley of Aijalon. The God of the cosmos cares for us intimately; The One who keeps the galaxies spinning knows us intimately; He will always help us get through the worst of times.

Now, given this awesome power of God, can you compare anybody with Him? Or any king with Him? Or any man with Him? Do you compare Satan with Him? No, Great is He! Excellent is He!

Isaiah 40:25-29

25 To whom then will ye liken Me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

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.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

So, when you are dealing with God, know that you are directly dealing with One with absolute power. You are dealing with the ultimate power over any being. Every knee bows before Him. The devil hears about Him and trembles. This is the God of creation. When it is said that God is angry with you, do you understand what that means? Can you withstand Him?

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God (Psalm 62:11). When you go to heaven, you will see what His mighty power has done. Even man confesses, I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvellous are thy works O Lord. That is the God that made you. If you study well, you will understand God more by knowledge. The more you know, the more you will understand Him and the more you will fear and tremble before Him. If this God is

in your life, in your circumstance, in your situation in this little world, is there anything anywhere too difficult for Him to handle in your life, in your family, in your business or in your body? Absolutely NOTHING! For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

7.2 The Marvel of His Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding

Let us examine God's creative wisdom. How God made things that are relevant to each other. It takes a man many years of study to understand a little portion of the knowledge of life, but God has perfect knowledge of everything even before they are created, ...for thou knowest all things (John 16:30). He has perfect knowledge about you. He knows what you are thinking and what all your plans are. He knows your tomorrow, declaring the end from the beginning. That is why we depend on Him absolutely and must trust Him for whatever actions He takes concerning our lives. The things that He does now, you will understand them later. That which will take place later, He understands them already. This is amazing!

Romans 11:33

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!

He is perfect in wisdom, all-wise God! All His ways are wisdom. Sometimes they look foolish but the Scripture says, The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men - 1 Corinthians 1:25. That which you think is foolish, which God does, is excellent wisdom.

Therefore, it is better to say you do not understand than to call it foolish, because the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men. It is wiser than the composite wisdom of all men put together, from the beginning of age till now. That is why we depend upon Him. That is why if He says we should go, we obey! He knows the way through the wilderness. He knows the tunnels of life. That is why the surest thing is the way of God. The surest thing is the word of God. The wisest thing is obedience to God.

The way of the wise is above in order to deliver from the evil beneath. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than my enemies Psalms 119:98. Yes, I am wiser than the ancient by His word. If you work with this God, you are working with wisdom. For he that walketh with the wise shall be wise. This is the wisdom that gives life, victory, and gain. This is profitable wisdom that cannot be defeated. One may be wondering, why did God allow Satan in this world? There is excellent wisdom in that also. The wisdom that allows Satan in the world is higher than man. The wisdom is beyond our imagination. If you go to the Scripture and look line upon line, you will understand God's great wisdom in allowing Satan to operate in the world. Perfect wisdom is God Himself, and it is at a high level you cannot attain. That is why when God begins to display His wisdom, you will begin to imagine how you had thought it wrong.

7.3 The Wonder of His Holiness

Revelation 4:8

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about [him]; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

The holiness of God is His eternal essence. It is a unique quality of His character. It is what makes God, God. Everything He does is done in holiness; these include His mercies, forgiveness, benevolence, salvation, chastisement and His judgment. “Which was, and is, and is to come” indicates that the holiness of God is attached to His eternal living. If God were not holy, He would not live forever. His existence would have ceased. The reason why God hates sin is because if He identifies with sin, He will cease to exist. It is holiness that keeps God living.

Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come means God existed in time past, He still exists now and will exist all through the future. Which was – (eternity past); which is – (now, today, presently); which is to come – (eternity future). It takes holiness to take God perpetually forward into eternity. That is why He does not lie. He does not change. He cannot be unfaithful. He is perfect, without fault. Holiness is the secret of His eternal existence. Holiness is the secret of His divine existence. If you have been wondering why He is ever living without dying, it is because of His holiness. That is why the Bible says, Without holiness, no one shall see the Lord. (Heb. 12:14) If God accommodates you with your sin, you will contaminate Him. You will affect that which has been from eternity.

With your sinful life, you cannot see Him. You cannot even come close to him because His eyes cannot behold iniquity. The only way God will relate with you is to submit to holiness. In that way, you will be like Him, for He says, Be ye holy, for I am holy, *1 Peter 1:16*). ***If you will live a holy life like God, He will carry you with Him into the future, into eternal life.*** This is why the Bible says perfecting holiness in

the fear of God. ***(2 Cor. 7:1) Get yourself perfected! Everything that is evil in your life, get rid of it! Everything that is a lie, that is corrupt, get rid of it from your life.***

2 Corinthians 7:1

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

For you to perfect this holiness you must cleanse yourself from every filthiness of the spirit, inward cleansing and of the flesh, outward cleansing.

The inward cleansing has to do with you getting rid of anger, malice, lying, pride, greed, covetousness, which God has to do for you through faith and prayer.

Deuteronomy 30:6

And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

The outward cleansing has to do with getting rid of the use of all bodily adornments such as weave-on, eye-lashes, perming of hair, dying of hair, wearing of trousers/pant as a woman, putting on of jewellery on the body, barbing of ungodly hair styles, wearing of body exposing dresses and such like, which you have to do by yourself.

1 Peter 3:3

Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;(KJV)

1 Timothy 2:9-10

9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

Having therefore these promises of eternal life, let us cleanse ourselves from all these ungodly behaviour and evil lifestyles. Live a holy life as God requires of you,

1 Peter 1:14-16

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as He which Hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Hebrews 12:14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

1 John 1:4-6

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."

God cannot cohabit with darkness in your life. It can never happen! If God is in your life, light, righteousness and holiness will fully manifest in your life. Light will shine in

your life because that is His property. Satan is not like God. He is the embodiment of lies and darkness. He is the opposite of God. If he tells lies, he does so because he is the father of lies and lying is his native language.

John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

God is the origin of righteousness; He is the origin of holiness. That is why He is calling you to holiness. Come to righteousness! Come to holiness! Learn the principles of holy living because that is the principle of walking with God. It is the principle of life eternal. That is the principle of fellowshiping with God; it is the principle of living with God both on earth and in heaven.

Pray earnestly as Moses did that God may show you His glory.

Exodus 34:5-8

5. And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear [the guilty]; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth [generation].

8. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise [man] glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty [man] glory in his might, let not the rich [man] glory in his riches:

24. But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I [am] the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these [things] I delight, saith the LORD.

May Moses' experience with God be replicated in your life in Jesus name. Amen

**HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY WORLDWIDE
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HOREMOW is a non-denominational Ministry having the following aims and objectives:

1. To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).
2. To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).
3. To produce audio and visual taped messages for the spread of the gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.
4. To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of the faith once delivered unto the Saints.. (Eph. 4:12-15).
5. To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness. (Isaiah 65:1).
6. To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and

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7. To establish Christian bookshops in many places within and outside the nation, equipped with holiness materials for the promotion of holiness in the churches of Christ in the world. (Romans 10:17).

8. To establish a body of believers called Holiness Revival Movement in every Nation who will sponsor the production of the holiness materials of the ministry and other recommended holiness materials. (Acts 4:36; 2 Cor. 8:1-7).

9. To translate or interpret ministry materials into as many local, national and international languages as possible. (1 Cor. 14:9-13).

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11. To own Satellite Channels for publicising the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival movement in the world.

12. To establish Bible Colleges where believers and minister can receive biblical and ministerial training for sound Christian ministry (2 Tim 2:2).

13. To have ministry campground in various headquarters and nations where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly. (Hebrews 10:25).

14. To hold zonal, national and international holiness conferences regularly for the promotion and spread of holiness in the lives of believers and in Christ's Church. (Colossians 1:28,29).

15. To mentor Churches registered under the ministry on sound doctrine, holy living and ministerial establishment. (Titus 1:5-14).

16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially where required for their spiritual encouragement and establishment in holiness.

17. To have chapters of HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT in local Governments, states and nations, holding regular meetings, with clear goals and uniform operations, which are submissive to central administration. (Philippians 4:8,9 Hebrews 13:17)

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