



HOW CAN WE BE CERTAIN THAT WE CAN TRUST THE SCRIPTURES?

- THERE ARE TWO SOURCES OF EVIDENCE
 - ✓ INTERNAL EVIDENCE
 - ✓ EXTERNAL EVIDENCE
- INTERNAL EVIDENCE IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ITSELF.
- EXTERNAL EVIDENCE IS WHAT SOURCES OUTSIDE THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE BIBLE

ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION
OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE,
FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR
INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS,
THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY
BE COMPLETE, THOROUGHLY
EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16, 17 NKJV

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- EXTERNAL EVIDENCES INCLUDE:
 - ✓ ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS
 - ✓ CONTEMPORARY WRITINGS
 - ✓ HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
 - ✓ HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT

SANCTIFY THEM BY YOUR TRUTH.
YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.

JOHN 17:17 NKJV

THE BIBLE, WITH ITS GOD-GIVEN TRUTHS
EXPRESSED IN THE LANGUAGE OF MEN,
PRESENTS A UNION OF THE DIVINE AND THE
HUMAN. SUCH A UNION EXISTED IN THE
NATURE OF CHRIST, WHO WAS THE SON OF
GOD AND THE SON OF MAN. THUS, IT IS TRUE
OF THE BIBLE, AS IT WAS OF CHRIST, THAT
"THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT
AMONG US." JOHN 1:14.

GREAT CONTROVERSY, PG. VI



WHAT ARE HERMENEUTICS?

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THE METHOD OR METHODS ONE EMPLOYEES IN THE STUDY OF BIBLICAL PASSAGES.

- ✓ The same hermeneutic must be used to prove all doctrines.
- ✓ If we use one hermeneutic to prove one doctrine and a different one to prove another, there will never be a definitive method to settle disputes or to understand potential "new light" that may come along.

FOR PRECEPT MUST BE UPON
PRECEPT, PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT,
LINE UPON LINE, LINE UPON LINE,
HERE A LITTLE, THERE A LITTLE.

ISAIAH 28:10 NKJV

A BIBLICAL HERMENEUTIC-ISAIAH 28:10

1. Study as mature Christians.
 - ✓ The previous verse even asks the question, "Whom will He teach knowledge? And whom will He make to understand the message?"
2. Demands Intellectual Integrity.
 - ✓ We must be willing to come to the Bible without bias and surrender our thoughts and pre-conceived notions to the Lord's teaching.
3. Context is king.
 - ✓ The fact that we are called to look line upon line mandates that we consider the 3-fold context.

A BIBLICAL HERMENEUTIC-ISAIAH 28:10

1. The literary context:
 - ✓ Each verse must be considered within the passage, the chapter, the book, and the Canon.
2. The historical context:
 - ✓ The Bible was not written within a vacuum. The events and prophecies of the Bible unfold and have unfolded within the stream of time.
3. The cultural context:
 - ✓ We must ask how the people living during the time of writing would have received things.

WE MUST BE CAREFUL LEST WE
MISINTERPRET THE SCRIPTURES. THE PLAIN
TEACHINGS OF THE WORD OF GOD ARE NOT
TO BE SO SPIRITUALIZED THAT THE REALITY
IS LOST SIGHT OF. DO NOT OVERSTRAIN THE
MEANING OF SENTENCES IN THE BIBLE IN AN
EFFORT TO BRING FORTH SOMETHING ODD
IN ORDER TO PLEASE THE FANCY. TAKE THE
SCRIPTURES AS THEY READ...

MANUSCRIPT RELEASE #30, 1904

HOW CAN GOD BE ONE GOD AND
YET STILL BE THREE PERSONS?

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- ✓ SPORTS TEAMS?
 - YES, THERE ARE MANY TEAM MEMBERS, BUT THEY ARE REFERRED TO AS ONE TEAM.
- ✓ MARRIED COUPLES?
 - YES, ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN COME TOGETHER TO MAKE ONE COUPLE.
- ✓ A CHURCH?
 - YES, CHURCHES ARE MADE UP OF MANY, MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE SIMPLY REFERRED TO AS ONE CHURCH FAMILY.

"HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD
OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE!"

DEUTERONOMY 6:4 NKJV

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- THE WORD "ONE" HERE IS THE HEBREW WORD "ECHAD" (אֶחָד).
- ACCORDING TO THE DICTIONARY OF BIBLICAL LANGUAGES "ECHAD" MEANS:
 - "THAT WHICH IS UNITED AS ONE IN CONTRAST TO SEPARATE PARTS."
 - "MULTIPLE PARTS COMING TOGETHER AS ONE"

"THEREFORE A MAN SHALL LEAVE
HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE
JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THEY
SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. "


GENESIS 2:24 NKJV

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- ONCE AGAIN, THE "ONE" HERE IS THE HEBREW WORD "ECHAD" (אֶחָד).
- WE SEE THE COMING TOGETHER OF MULTIPLE PARTS THAT MAKE UP ONE COUPLE.
- AS STATED EARLIER, THIS IS A VERY COMMONLY USED IDEA OR CONCEPT.
- YET, SOME PEOPLE GET UPSET WHEN IT'S APPLIED TO GOD WHEN IT WAS HIS IDEA.



DOES THE BIBLE DIRECTLY TESTIFY ABOUT
GOD EXISTING IN **THREE PERSONS?**




"THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE
COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH
YOU ALL. AMEN."

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 NKJV

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- THIS PASSAGE NOT ONLY MENTIONS EACH PERSON OF THE GODHEAD, IT ALSO REVEALS A LITTLE ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF EACH ONE.
 - ✓ THE SON IS SAID TO GIVE US GRACE.
 - ✓ THE FATHER IS SAID TO GIVE US LOVE.
 - ✓ THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SAID TO ALLOW US TO COMMUNE WITH HIM.

DOES THE LORD DIRECTLY TESTIFY ABOUT
GOD EXISTING IN THREE PERSONS?



"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF
ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE
NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,"

MATTHEW 28:19 NKJV



DOES THE BIBLE SHOW OR INDICATE
THE PLURALITY OF GOD?

"THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, ACCORDING TO OUR LIKENESS...SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM."

GENESIS 1:26, 27 NKJV

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- TAKE NOTE HERE THAT GOD SPEAKS OF HIMSELF IN VERSE 26 IN A PLURAL SENSE
 - ✓ "US MAKE", "OUR IMAGE", "OUR LIKENESS".
- THEN IN VERSE 27 MOSES ADDRESSES GOD IN A SINGULAR SENSE
 - ✓ "HIS OWN IMAGE", "HE CREATED"
- THIS IS A VERY STRONG INDICATION THAT MOSES UNDERSTOOD "ECHAD" AND HOW MULTIPLES COME TOGETHER TO FORM ONE.

...THERE ARE THREE LIVING PERSONS OF THE HEAVENLY TRIO; IN THE NAME OF THESE THREE GREAT POWERS—THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT—THOSE WHO RECEIVE CHRIST BY LIVING FAITH ARE BAPTIZED, AND THESE POWERS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE OBEDIENT SUBJECTS OF HEAVEN IN THEIR EFFORTS TO LIVE THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.

SPECIAL TESTIMONIES, SERIES B, NO. 7, PP. 62, 63



THE FATHER
THE SON
THE HOLY SPIRIT

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT, JUST
AS YOU WERE CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF
YOUR CALLING;⁵ ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE
BAPTISM;⁶ ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL,
WHO IS ABOVE ALL, AND THROUGH ALL,
AND IN YOU ALL.

EPHESIANS 4:4-6 NKJV

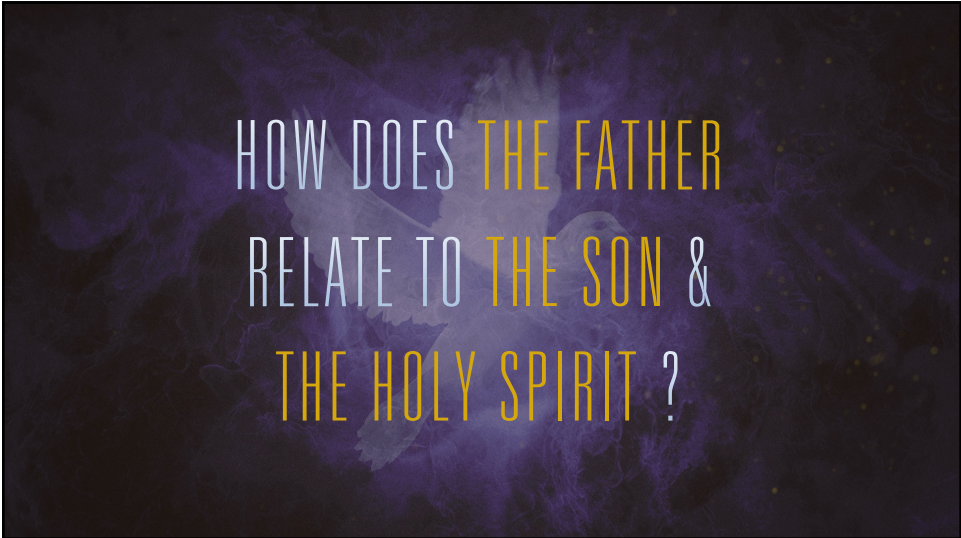
HOW IS THE FATHER
REVEALED TO MANKIND?

BEWARE LEST ANYONE CHEAT YOU
THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND EMPTY DECEIT,
ACCORDING TO THE TRADITION OF MEN,
ACCORDING TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF
THE WORLD, AND NOT ACCORDING TO
CHRIST. 9 FOR IN HIM DWELLS ALL THE
FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY...

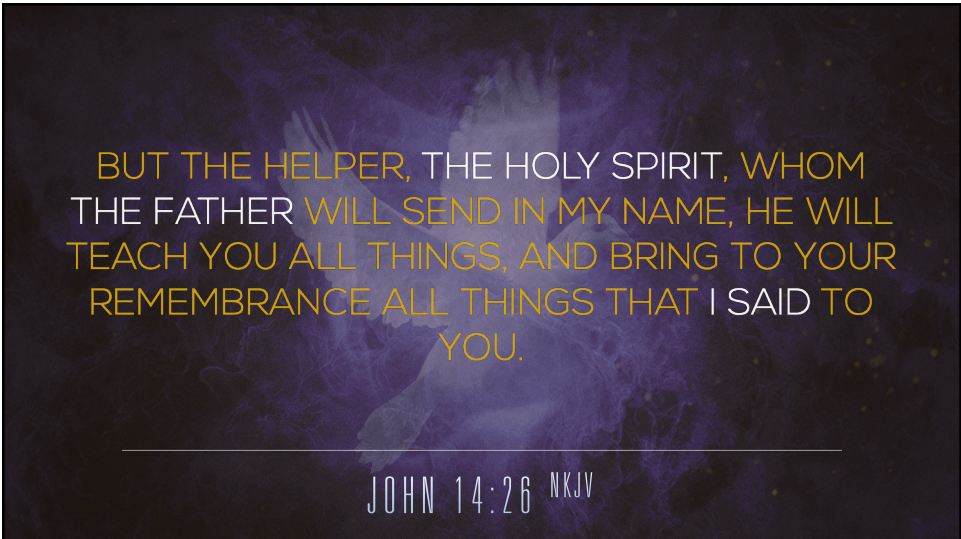
COLOSSIANS 2:8, 9 NKJV

"IF YOU HAD KNOWN ME, YOU WOULD HAVE
KNOWN MY FATHER ALSO; AND FROM NOW ON
YOU KNOW HIM AND HAVE SEEN HIM." 8 PHILIP
SAID TO HIM, "LORD, SHOW US THE FATHER, AND
IT IS SUFFICIENT FOR US." 9 JESUS SAID TO HIM,
"HAVE I BEEN WITH YOU SO LONG, AND YET YOU
HAVE NOT KNOWN ME, PHILIP? HE WHO HAS
SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER; SO HOW CAN
YOU SAY, 'SHOW US THE FATHER'?"

JOHN 14:7-9 NKJV

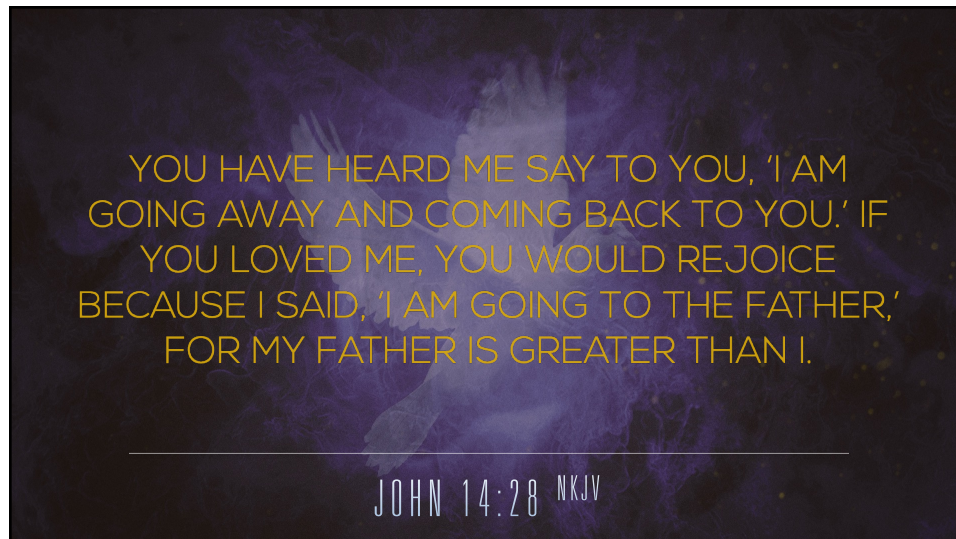


HOW DOES THE FATHER
RELATE TO THE SON &
THE HOLY SPIRIT ?



BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM
THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL
TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING TO YOUR
REMEMBRANCE ALL THINGS THAT I SAID TO
YOU.

JOHN 14:26 NKJV



THE FIRST LESSON THAT CHILDREN ARE TO
BE TAUGHT IS THAT GOD IS THEIR FATHER.
THIS LESSON SHOULD BE GIVEN THEM IN
THEIR EARLIEST YEARS. PARENTS ARE TO
REALIZE THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE
BEFORE GOD FOR MAKING THEIR CHILDREN
ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR HEAVENLY
FATHER.... THAT "GOD IS LOVE" IS TO BE
TAUGHT BY EVERY LESSON

CHILD GUIDANCE, PG. 487

WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES HAVE
TO SAY ABOUT **THE SON**?

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE
WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD
WAS GOD. ²HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH
GOD. ³ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH
HIM, AND WITHOUT HIM NOTHING WAS MADE
THAT WAS MADE.

JOHN 1:1-3 NKJV

AND THE WORD BECAME 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.

JOHN 1:14 NKJV

THE WORD WAS GOD

- ✓ INDICATES THE TIMELESSNESS OF CHRIST AS GOD
 - If Jesus had a beginning in the sense of being created or begotten, then He could not qualify as being God
 - Because He was God as the Word, Jesus must be given equality with the Father.
 - Being the Creator is another timeless quality of God that is here attributed to Jesus, and we know from Genesis that God created *ex nihilo* (out of nothing) because of the word bara (בָּרָא).
 - This word is only ever used with God.

THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER

- ✓ DOES THIS PHRASE MEAN JESUS HAS A BEGINNING?
 - Let's let the Bible answer this for us.
 - The phrase translated here as "only begotten" comes from the Greek word *monogenēs* (μονογενής).
 - This word is actually poorly translated in most translations.
 - The best Greek translations are actually "unique" or "one and only"
 - So getting hung up on the idea that somehow Christ was "begotten" in the sense of having an "original beginning" is not substantiated from the Bible.



IN WHAT WAY WAS
THE SON BEGOTTEN?

AND THE ANGEL ANSWERED AND SAID TO
HER, "THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON
YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST
WILL OVERSHADOW YOU; THEREFORE,
ALSO, THAT HOLY ONE WHO IS TO BE BORN
WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD."

LUKE 1:35 NKJV

THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER

- ✓ Jesus is begotten only in the sense that He took on humanity.
- ✓ Jesus is not begotten in the sense that He has a beginning point way back in time eons ago.
- ✓ John 1:1 could not be accurate and assert that "the Word Was God" if Jesus has a beginning.
- ✓ To Assert that Jesus has a beginning when the Bible clearly says He is God, is to nullify that Jesus is God at all.
- ✓ God cannot be God and have a beginning or else He ceases to qualify as being God.

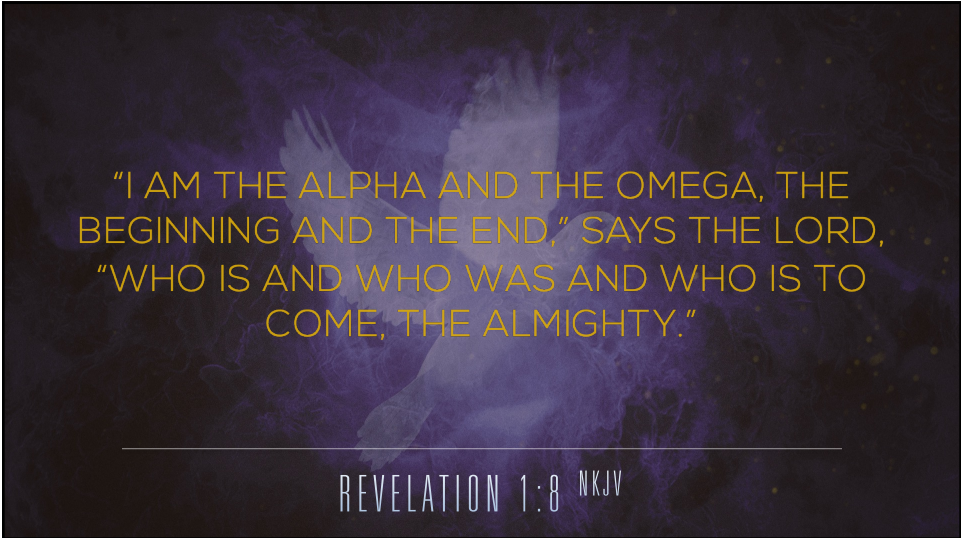
DOES THE BIBLE TESTIFY TO
JESUS' ETERNAL QUALITY AND NATURE?

YOUR FATHER ABRAHAM REJOICED TO SEE MY DAY, AND HE SAW IT AND WAS GLAD." THEN THE JEWS SAID TO HIM, "YOU ARE NOT YET FIFTY YEARS OLD, AND HAVE YOU SEEN ABRAHAM?" JESUS SAID TO THEM, "MOST ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM."

JOHN 8:56-58 NKJV

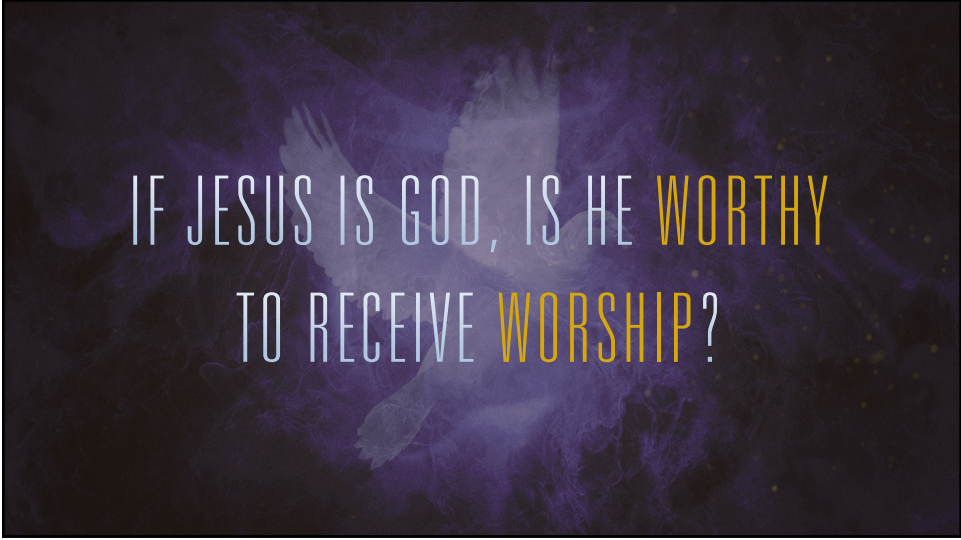
THE I AM OF SCRIPTURE

- ✓ This phrase takes our minds back Exodus 3:14.
- ✓ In Exodus 3:14 God tells Moses that He is the "I Am Who I Am" and it is the "I Am" who is calling out the people.
- ✓ The Hebrew phrase that is being translated here is *haya asher haya* (הָיָה אֲשֶׁר הָיָה).
- ✓ The word *haya* literally means "to be" or "to exist."
- ✓ So "I Am Who I Am" literally means that "I exist because I exist" or "I Am the Self-existent One."
- ✓ And Jesus says that He is that same "Self-existent God" Who spoke from the burning bush to Moses.
- ✓ Therefore, it is impossible for Jesus to have a beginning!



"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE
BEGINNING AND THE END," SAYS THE LORD,
"WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO
COME, THE ALMIGHTY."

REVELATION 1:8 NKJV



IF JESUS IS GOD, IS HE WORTHY
TO RECEIVE WORSHIP?

⁶BUT WHEN HE AGAIN BRINGS THE
FIRSTBORN INTO THE WORLD, HE SAYS: "LET
ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

⁸BUT TO THE SON HE SAYS: "YOUR THRONE,
O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER; A SCEPTER
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF
YOUR KINGDOM.

HEBREWS 1:6, 8 NKJV

AND I FELL AT HIS FEET TO WORSHIP HIM.
BUT HE SAID TO ME, "SEE THAT YOU DO NOT
DO THAT! I AM YOUR FELLOW SERVANT, AND
OF YOUR BRETHREN WHO HAVE THE
TESTIMONY OF JESUS. WORSHIP GOD!

REVELATION 19:10 NKJV

CHRIST IS THE PRE-EXISTENT, SELF-EXISTENT SON OF GOD.... IN SPEAKING OF HIS PRE-EXISTENCE, CHRIST CARRIES THE MIND BACK THROUGH DATELESS AGES. HE ASSURES US THAT THERE NEVER WAS A TIME WHEN HE WAS NOT IN CLOSE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE ETERNAL GOD. HE TO WHOSE VOICE THE JEWS WERE THEN LISTENING HAD BEEN WITH GOD AS ONE BROUGHT UP WITH HIM.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, AUGUST 29, 1900

WHILE GOD'S WORD SPEAKS OF THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST WHEN UPON THIS EARTH, IT ALSO SPEAKS DECIDEDLY REGARDING HIS PRE-EXISTENCE. THE WORD EXISTED AS A DIVINE BEING, EVEN AS THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD, IN UNION AND ONENESS WITH HIS FATHER. FROM EVERLASTING HE WAS THE MEDIATOR OF THE COVENANT, THE ONE IN WHOM ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH, BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES, IF THEY ACCEPTED HIM, WERE TO BE BLESSED. "THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD." BEFORE MEN OR ANGELS WERE CREATED, THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND WAS GOD.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, APRIL 5, 1906



WHAT OR WHO IS
THE HOLY SPIRIT?

"BUT NOW I GO AWAY TO HIM WHO SENT ME,
AND NONE OF YOU ASKS ME, 'WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?' ⁶BUT BECAUSE I HAVE SAID
THESE THINGS TO YOU, SORROW HAS FILLED
YOUR HEART. ⁷NEVERTHELESS I TELL YOU THE
TRUTH. IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THAT I GO
AWAY; FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY, THE HELPER
WILL NOT COME TO YOU; BUT IF I DEPART, I
WILL SEND HIM TO YOU.

JOHN 16:5-7 NKJV

THE COMING OF THE HELPER

- ✓ NOTE HOW JESUS REFERS TO THE HELPER
 - Jesus uses the pronoun *auton* (αὐτός) this is the third person, singular, masculine form.
 - This is in harmony with the word translated here as helper, which is *parakletos* (παράκλητος) which is also in singular masculine noun form.
 - Jesus does not refer to the Helper as being some impersonal force from the Father, but rather He attributes personhood to Him.

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT
RELATE TO HUMANITY?

LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPS IN OUR WEAKNESSES. FOR WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US WITH GROANINGS WHICH CANNOT BE UTTERED.
²⁷NOW HE WHO SEARCHES THE HEARTS KNOWS WHAT THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT IS, BECAUSE HE MAKES INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD.

ROMANS 8:26, 27 NKJV

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATE TO HUMANITY?

- ✓ HE MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US
 - Even our prayers to God would be an offense to Him if we did not have help.
 - The Holy Spirit takes our weak, unworthy prayers and translates them into something beautiful and acceptable to God the Father.
 - This divine intercession is a beautiful gift from God and helps us see just how far the Lord will go in helping us to be saved.

BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM
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WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING TO
YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THINGS THAT I
SAID TO YOU.

JOHN 14:26 NKJV

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATE TO HUMANITY?

- ✓ HE TEACHES US AND BRINGS TO REMEMBRANCE THE THINGS WE HAVE ALREADY LEARNED
 - We cannot learn the things of God without the help of the Holy Spirit. Only God can help us understand who He is.
 - The Holy Spirit touches our minds and helps us recall what we have studied just when we need it.
 - This totally lines up with the idea of the Holy Spirit being the "Helper". *Parakletos* means the one who comes to another's aid.
 - *Notice once again the use of masculine pronouns.*

THESE THINGS WE ALSO SPEAK, NOT IN WORDS WHICH MAN'S WISDOM TEACHES BUT WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES, COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:13 NKJV

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATE TO HUMANITY?

- ✓ HE GRANTS US DISCERNMENT FOR TRUTH
 - Without the help of the Holy Spirit, truth becomes only that which is relevant to our experience.
 - Without His help, we would be lost in a vast sea of opinions and nothing to tell us what is really true. Pilate suffered from this problem as does the postmodern world today
 - We read that truth is the Word of God (John 17:17) and now we know that we will not recognize that truth without the help of the Holy Spirit.

AND WHEN HE HAS COME, HE WILL CONVICT
THE WORLD OF SIN, AND OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND OF JUDGMENT.

JOHN 16:8 NKJV

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATE TO HUMANITY?

- ✓ HE CONVICTS ALL OF SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS, & JUDGMENT
 - Sin because the world does not believe in Jesus.
 - Righteousness because the world can no longer see a living example of righteousness as displayed in the life of Jesus.
 - Judgment because the everyone needs to know that they will be judged based on to whom they give their allegiance and loyalty, and the "ruler of this world" AKA, Satan, will be judged for his sins.
 - No wonder the devil wants people to reject the Holy Spirit! Why get rid of the Spirit unless you wanted to hide the reality and result of sin?

BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE
HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND
YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME IN
JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND
SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

ACTS 1:8 NKJV

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATE TO HUMANITY?

- ✓ HE GIVES US POWER TO BE WITNESSES FOR JESUS
 - The world desires power, but it's power to rule over others.
 - The Holy Spirit wants to give us power so that do not live in fear and shy away from doing our part to warn a dying world.
 - Notice this counsel from the apostle Paul...

FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A
SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER AND
OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 NKJV

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 - So, the Holy Spirit is the One who takes away our fears and gives us the power, love, and self-control to be what God has called us to be!

IN HIM YOU ALSO TRUSTED, AFTER YOU
HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL
OF YOUR SALVATION; IN WHOM ALSO,
HAVING BELIEVED, YOU WERE SEALED WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE,
¹⁴WHO IS THE GUARANTEE OF OUR
INHERITANCE UNTIL THE REDEMPTION OF
THE PURCHASED POSSESSION, TO THE
PRAISE OF HIS GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:13, 14 NKJV

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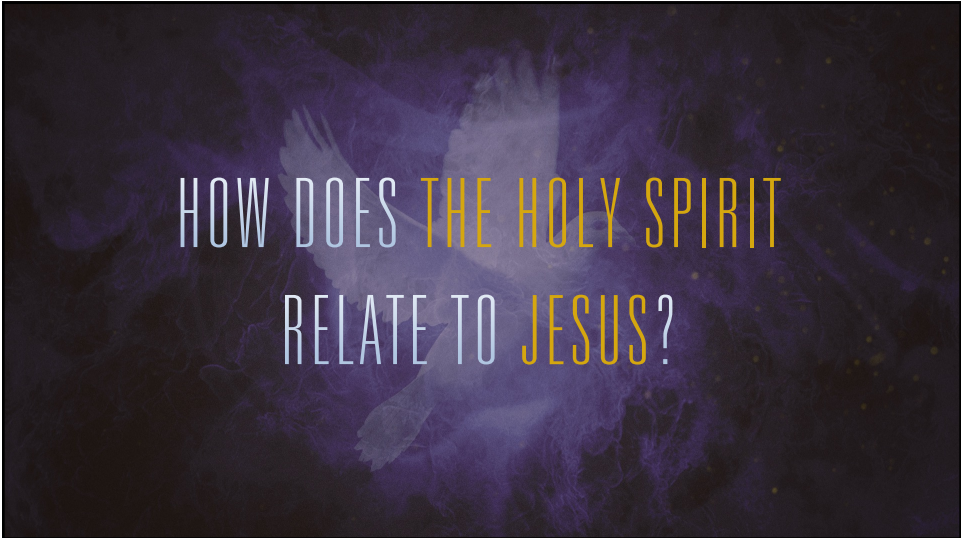
- ✓ HE SEALS GOD'S FOLLOWERS IN THE TRUTH
 - When something is sealed it is secured from corruption.
 - As it relates to the Word of God and loyalty to the Lord, we need to be sealed from the corruption of deception and error (Rev. 7:3, Matt. 24:4).
 - To be sealed means that we have made a conscience decision about a given idea.

BUT YOU WERE WASHED, BUT YOU WERE
SANCTIFIED, BUT YOU WERE JUSTIFIED IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS AND BY THE
SPIRIT OF OUR GOD.

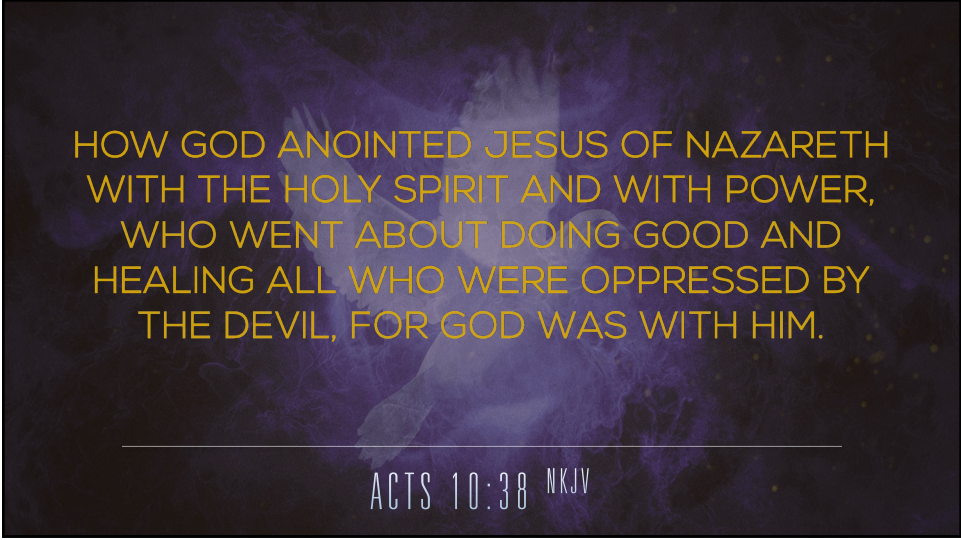
1 CORINTHIANS 6:11 NKJV

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATE TO HUMANITY?

- ✓ HE SANCTIFIES AND JUSTIFIES US
 - Sanctification is not something that happens on its own or by us trying hard enough.
 - Our part is to live a surrendered life so that the Holy Spirit can work within us.
 - Likewise, justification is not something that we can cause to happen on our own.
 - Yes, we have to choose to accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord, but the Holy Spirit is One that gives us that heart to want Jesus in the first place.



HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT
RELATE TO JESUS?



HOW GOD ANOINTED JESUS OF NAZARETH
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH POWER,
WHO WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD AND
HEALING ALL WHO WERE OPPRESSED BY
THE DEVIL, FOR GOD WAS WITH HIM.

ACTS 10:38 NKJV



IS THE HOLY SPIRIT EQUAL TO THE
OTHER PERSONS OF THE GODHEAD?

THIS IS HE WHO CAME BY WATER AND
BLOOD—JESUS CHRIST; NOT ONLY BY
WATER, BUT BY WATER AND BLOOD. AND IT
IS THE SPIRIT WHO BEARS WITNESS,
BECAUSE THE SPIRIT IS TRUTH.
7FOR THERE ARE THREE THAT BEAR
WITNESS IN HEAVEN: THE FATHER, THE
WORD, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT; AND THESE
THREE ARE ONE.

1 JOHN 5:6, 7 NKJV

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A PERSONALITY, ELSE HE
COULD NOT BEAR WITNESS TO OUR SPIRITS AND
WITH OUR SPIRITS THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF
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COULD NOT SEARCH OUT THE SECRETS WHICH LIE
HIDDEN IN THE MIND OF GOD. "FOR WHAT MAN
KNOWETH THE THINGS OF A MAN, SAVE THE SPIRIT
OF MAN WHICH IS IN HIM? EVEN SO THE THINGS OF
GOD KNOWETH NO MAN, BUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD."

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THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF EVIL CAN ONLY BE
HELD IN CHECK BY THE POWER OF GOD IN THE
THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD, THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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