

WHO IS GOD THE FATHER?

Who is the God that Jesus Christ called the Father? And is the Father that Jesus spoke of and prayed to the Creator God or some other God? The answers to these two questions are extremely important, because without knowing who God is, one can not understand the good news message that Jesus said he brought from his heavenly Father.

Notice what the apostle Paul said to the Colossians in chapter two verse one and two, Paul said:

“For I want you to know how great a struggle I have concerning you and those in Laodicea, and those who have not seen my face in the flesh. That their hearts may be comforted being joined together in love and to all the riches of the full assurance of the understanding to the full knowledge of the mystery of God, even of the Father and of Jesus Christ.”

Today, the identity of God the Father and Jesus Christ is a great mystery to most of humanity, including most professing Christians. Is God the Father a great mystery to you? Do you know who God the Father is? Do you understand the many reasons that he sent Jesus Christ to earth? If not you need to read our publications that explain who God the Farther is and explain his awesome plan for humanity.

While praying to his Father just before he was crucified Jesus said in John 17 verses 6 and 8:

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were your, you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you, for I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you and they believed that you sent me.”

Why would Jesus Christ have to reveal the Father to his disciples? Well the answer is simple, prior to the advent of Jesus Christ virtually no one new that there was another God in heaven in addition to the Creator God. From the scriptural record it seems that only a few were privilege to understand that

there was more than one spirit being in the God Family.

The historical concept of God that the Israelites held, was that of a monotheistic God. The God whom the Israelites worshiped was a single entity. They believed in one God who ruled supreme, and they were correct as far as their understanding went. They did not understand that there was a Sovereign God who ruled in heaven. And that this Sovereign God was Sovereign over the Creator God whom they worshiped.

King David was one of the very few individuals who understood that there was a Sovereign God who ruled over the Creator God, notice what David says in Psalms 110 verses 1 and 2. David says, *“The Lord says to my Lord, “sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a foot stool for your feet, the Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, you will rule in the mist of your enemy.”*

Notice that there in one Lord who is Sovereign over another Lord, and the Sovereign Lord is going to make the other Lord rule over his enemies? This is exactly what will happen when the Sovereign God sends his son Jesus Christ to conquer and rule the earth.

Until a person comes to understand that there are two individual and separate God beings who comprise the God Family, and that the relationship between the Sovereign God (God the Father), and the Creator God (Jesus Christ), is a father/son relationship. Almost none of the Bible including the Father’s good news message can be understood.

Notice what the apostle Paul says to the Ephesians in chapter 3 verses 14 and 15, *“For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.”*

Paul said to the Ephesians at the close of his letter, “Peace be to the brethren and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

The apostle Paul clearly taught that God is a family, and family’s are comprised of more than one

individual. Therefore it follows that the Family of God has at least two individuals in it.

Our savior called the Sovereign whom he served Father, and he repeatedly spoke about the Father/Son relationship between himself and the Sovereign God who was in heaven. If what Jesus said about his status in the Family of God is true, and what he said about God the Father is true, why do so many people believe that there is only one God being in heaven?

The reason that there is so much confusion and misunderstanding concerning the God Family (God the Father and Jesus Christ), is quite simple. Satan has deceived the whole world into thinking that there is only one God being, and that the God family does not exist.

Because of Satan deception very few people understand who God is, or what the Family of God is, or who the members of the God Family are. Today the Family of God consist of the Sovereign Father and his first born Son Jesus Christ who both reside in heaven, and the Father's earthly children of his holy nation and holy family, who reside on earth.

Today most who teach a Bible based religion teach that God is a triune God having three personalities. Some teach that God is a dualistic God having two personalities, and some teach that God is an individual.

However most do not teach that God the Father and Jesus Christ are separate Gods. And most do not teach that it was the Sovereign God who sent the Creator God to earth to become the Messiah.

Because the truth of who God the Father is, is not understood by most professing Christians and is seldom taught by those who do understand, most of God's plan for humanity remains a mystery to most people.

Over and over again Jesus told the Jews who he was, he told them that he was the Creator God, the son of God, and the redeemer and savior of humanity. However most of the people he spoke to did not believe him, because they were looking for

a release from their physical problems instead of a release from their spiritual problems.

The same seems to be true today, people want to know how to cure their physical problems rather than cure the route cause of all their problems which is a spiritual problem.

After Jesus had healed a man at the pool of Bethesda, the Jews began to persecute him, and sought to kill him because he had done this on the Sabbath. Jesus said to them, *"My Father works hereto I work."*

The Bible tells us that the work of Jesus Christ was to reveal the Father to humanity, explain how to enter the Kingdom of God as an immortal and eternal spirit-being, and to sacrifice his life for the sins of humanity.

But what work is the Father performing? One of the works that the Father is doing here on earth according to Jesus Christ, is that he is calling individuals and giving them an opportunity to understand his great plan for humanity.

Because we are humans and live in this dimension of time and space, it is extremely difficult for us to understand the spiritual dimension. The Bible tells us that God's Kingdom is vast and that there are billions of spirit-beings that inhabit his Kingdom.

There is no doubt that God has plenty to do, and plenty of work to keep him occupied in his vast realm.

The religious leaders of the Jews were always asking Jesus where he got his authority to teach the things that he taught. They were always asking him to prove that he was sent from God. In reply to these leaders lack of understanding concerning his authority to teach what he did and his relationship to the Sovereign God.

Jesus says in John 8:verses18 to19, *"I am the one who bears witness of myself and the Father that sent me bears witness of me. The leaders replied 'where is your father?' and Jesus answered, 'you neither know me nor my Father, if you had known me you*

should have known my Father also.”

Paraphrased in modern English Jesus said to them, *“If you had really known the God you profess to obey, you would have known me and my Father.”*

Continuing on in John chapter 8 of verses 26 and 27 Jesus said, *“I have many things to say and to judge of you, but he (Jesus is speaking of the Father), that sent me is true. And I speak to the world those things which I have heard from him.”*

These Jews did not understand that Jesus was speaking to them of God the Father. If one will read the first chapter of John without prejudice, and take what is written there at face value, it is easy to understand that there is a Sovereign God, and that this Sovereign God did send the Creator God to earth to explain his plan for the salvation of humanity.

While Jesus was revealing the existence of God the Father and his plan for humanity, he constantly said things that offended the Jewish religious leaders. Not because the things he said were wrong or imprudent, but because what he said was a condemnation of their perverted view of God, and their perverted worship system.

Jesus said to the Jews one time, *“Well did Isaiah prophesied of you saying, ‘This people draws near to me with their mouth and honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain you do worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.’”*

Today many people teach that Jesus Christ is not only the messiah, but that he is also the Creator God and God the Father. However this teaching has no Biblical basis at all, it is a false teaching that hides the fact that the Sovereign Father does exist and that he is Sovereign over Jesus Christ and that there are two individuals in the God family.

Many will challenge what I have just said by quoting 1.John 5:7 that says, *“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the word, and the holy spirit, and these three are one.”*

This is the only scripture in the entire Bible that seems to give credibility to the teaching of a triune God. However, the historical facts surrounding this verse reveal that it does not support this teaching. Moreover, it is a clever deception.

The following facts about this verse reveal that it was intended as a deception. This verse does not appear in any Greek manuscripts prior to the fourth century. Jerome’s original version of the vulgate does not include this verse.

The first person to formally quote this verse was Pursillion who died in 385 A.D. after which this verse was noted in Latin text. The first Greek testament published by Erasmus in 1516 A.D. omitted this verse. Nearly all Bible commentaries confirm that the King James translation of this verse is a blatant alteration of the early manuscripts.

The historical record and most Bible scholars have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt, that this verse was not in the original writings of the New Testament. Simply stated, this scripture was not a part of the word of God and it was added in an attempt to justify the teaching of a triune God.

Notice what is recorded in John 5:18-20, *“Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath (that’s according to their interpretation of the law), but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal to God. Then Jesus said to them, ‘truly, truly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do. But whatsoever he does, these things does the Son likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all things that he does. And he will show him greater works than these that you may marvel.’”*

Because of their self-righteous attitude, these Jews who wanted to kill Jesus could not understand the message that he was bringing from God the Father. Jesus told them bluntly that he received the things that he taught from his heavenly Father who is the Sovereign God of all that exist.

Now if Jesus received these things while he was with the Father, he must have been in heaven where

the Father resides. Either Jesus was telling the truth or he was lying, and if he was lying he is not our savior.

If one take what is said in the Bible at face value, it is easy to see that most religious leaders today who preach Christianity, are not much different then the Jews who lived doing Jesus time. Because today, most refuse to believe the clear scriptures that show that Jesus Christ was the Creator God and show that it was the Sovereign God that sent him to earth.

The writings of the apostle John and Paul and a multitude of scripture plainly state that it is the Father who sent Jesus Christ to the earth. A major part of the good news message concerns the revealing of the Father to those whom he is calling to salvation.

The reason that we need to have the knowledge of who the Father is firmly fixed in our minds is because it is the Fathers good news message that Jesus, the apostles, and the early church preached. And it is the good news that all who follow Jesus are to continue to preach and teach until he returns.

One of the reasons that Jesus came to earth was to reveal the Father's good news message, and in order to do this he had to reveal who the Father was and where he was. Notice what is said in Matthew chapter 16, verses 13 to 17:

"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples "Who do people say the Son of man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, other say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "You are blessed Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven."

God the Father is in heaven and so is Jesus Christ who was the Creator God who came to earth and gave up his immortality to become a human being and to tell who the Father is and to reveal his awesome plan for humanity.

Today there is a great misconception about God, about Jesus Christ and about his heavenly Father. Jesus said, *"Call no man your Father upon the earth, for one is your Father which is in heaven."*

Jesus said that we should pray to the Father, yet many today pray to some other being that they believe is in heaven in direct opposition to the clear commands of Jesus Christ.

A short time before he was betrayed by Judas, Jesus spoke these things to his heavenly Father. Notice this in John chapter 17 beginning in verse 9:

"I pray for them, I pray not for the world but for them which you have given me for they are yours. And all mine are yours and all yours are mine and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to you holy Father keep through your own name those whom you have given me that they may be one as we are one."

Jesus prayed to his heavenly Father who was a real living spirit-being. Jesus did not pray to a part of himself as a triune God as some believe. If people would only believe the clear record of the Bible, there would not be any confusion as to the identity of the Father and the Messiah.

Because most people do not believe what the Bible says about the Sovereign Father and his Son, and have never heard or been taught the true good news message, they do not understand that God the Father and Jesus Christ are two entirely separate individuals.

During Christ's ministry God the Father had called certain individuals to understand his message. These are the ones that Jesus had secured for the Father's family and Kingdom. Notice what he said in verse 13:

"And now I come to you and these things I speak in the world that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word and the world has hated them because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world. I pray not that you should take them out of the world, but that you

should keep them from evil. They are not of the world even as I am not of the world.”

The reason that Jesus was not of this world is because he was the Creator God who emptied himself of his immortality and became a human being to bring the Sovereign Father’s good news message to humanity. The reason that those whom the Father had given into Jesus’ care are not of this world is because the Father had chosen them out of the world to become members of his holy nation and family, which he was about to establish on earth.

Jesus said in verse 18 to 22:

“As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world and for their sakes I sanctify myself that they may also be sanctify through your truth. Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word that they may all be one as you Father are in me and I in you, that they may also be one in us that the world may believe that you have sent me. And the glory which you gave me, I have given to them that they may be one even as we are one.”

It is a fact that the Father and Jesus Christ are one, they are one family, of one kind, of one purpose, of one thought pattern, and of one attitude, of one opinion, and of one spirit energy and power. However they are not one spirit being, they are two distinct spirit beings, they are two individuals in the God family.

The Greek language in verse 22 shows the concept of oneness, but does not denote a single being. If these verses were saying that these two beings were encompassed in one entity, what do we do with all of the scriptures that clearly show that they are two separate individual beings in the Sovereign spiritual family of God?

If you want to understand the issue of the oneness of God from a Biblical perspective, get a copy of our study, ‘Three Popular Beliefs About God’.

Continuing in verse 23, *“I in them and you in me that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have*

loved them as you have loved me. Father I will that they also whom you have given me, be with me where I am. That they may behold my glory which you have given me. For you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

Yes, the Sovereign Father loved Jesus Christ before the world came into existence, because Jesus was the Creator God who made the world, and was with the Sovereign God when He said *“Let us make man in our image.”*

Continuing in verse 25, *“Oh righteous Father the world has not known you, but I have known you and these have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. And I have declared your name to them and will declare it that the love wherein you have loved me, may be in them and I in them.”*

Although the words of Jesus clearly show that there is a Sovereign God called the Father, God the Father is still a mystery to most of those who study and teach the Bible today. Because this mystery can only be understood in the context of the Sovereign God, and the Creator God who became the messiah.

The apostle Paul was inspired to foretell an event that will happen some time in the far distant future, at the end of one phase of God’s plan and the beginning of another. Notice what Paul says in 1. Corinthians the 15th chapter verses 24 to 28. Paul says, *“Then comes the end when he (speaking of Jesus Christ) shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God even the Father when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and all power. For he must reign till he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.”*

Paul begins this prophecy with the statement, “Then comes the end” but what is this the end of, and when does this end come? Here the end refers to the end of the physical existence as the Sovereign Father comes to the earth. When God the Father comes to the earth it will be the end of the old order of existence and the beginning of a new one.

The day God the Father comes to earth will be the climactic end of the old order of the physical

existence. Notice what Paul says in verse 27:

“For he (speaking of God the Father), has put all things under his feet (speaking of Jesus Christ), but when he says all things are put under him (Jesus Christ) it is manifest that he is excepted (speaking of God the Father), which did put all things under him.”

God the Father has placed Jesus Christ under him in authority over all of his Kingdom. Jesus Christ rules all that is for God the Father.

Paul speaks of a time far into the future after many centuries of Christ’s rule on earth when all resistance to the Kingdom of God will have been overcome and Christ will be ruling as supreme Sovereign of the earth for his Father.

Notice what he says in verse 28, *“And when all things have been brought under his control, then shall the Son also be subject to him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.”*

What Paul records here is proof absolute that Jesus Christ is subservient to a Sovereign God, a Sovereign God who rules over all things.

It is extremely important to understand that unless a person knows who the Father is, there can be no understanding of the gospel message. Why? Because the gospel message is the Father’s message. The good news message that Jesus brought was not his message, he was the messenger just as John the Baptist was the messenger who foretold and prepared the way of the coming Messiah.

Jesus did not send himself as some teach, he was sent by God the Father to bring his message to humanity. Jesus said in the chapter of John 14, verse 24, *“The word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s that sent me.”*

Notice what is recorded in the first chapter of John about the Sovereign God and about the Creator God who became the Messiah, beginning in verse 1, *“In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God, the same was in the beginning with God.”*

Here we see the word was the Creator God before he emptied himself of his immortality and came to earth to be born of a human being. The word was with the Sovereign God who is now God the Father and who is now the Father of all those who have his holy spirit residing within them.

Verse 3 says, *“All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made.”*

Verse 3 is speaking of the word, the God that was with the Sovereign God. The writer to the Hebrews also confirms that the God who created all things for the Sovereign God, was none other than the one who became the Messiah.

Notice this in Hebrews chapter 1, verse:1, *“God who at different times and different manners spoke in times past through the Fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son whom he has appointed heir of all things by whom he also made the worlds. Who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person and upholding all things by the word of his power. When he had by himself purged our sins sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

Continuing in verse 4 of John chapter 1, *“In him was life and the light was the light of men and the light shined in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God whose name was John, the same came for a witness to bear witness of the light, that all men might through him believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That light was the true light which lights every man that comes into the world. He was in the world and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not.”*

What could be more clear? The Creator God who created the world, created human beings and everything else that exist for the Sovereign Father, came to earth and his creation did not recognize him or believe the message that he was sent to bring.

Continuing in verse 12, *“But as many as received him to them he gave power to become the sons of*

God. Even to them that believed on His name, which were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the word was made flesh and dwelled among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth.”

The apostle Paul says this to the Romans concerning God the Father and Jesus Christ: *“Paul a servant of Jesus Christ called to be an apostle separated unto the gospel of God, which he had promised before by His prophets and the holy scriptures concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead. By whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for his name. Among whom you are also called of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome beloved of God called to be saints, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Paul told the Romans that there is God the Father and Jesus Christ. Two separate individuals in the God family.

John records the following statements that Jesus made which clearly show that Jesus and the Father are two different individuals.

Notice this in John Chapter 5 verses 23 and 30, *“That all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son, honors not the Father that sent Him.”*

“I can of my own self do nothing, as I hear I judge and My judgment is just, because I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father that sent Me.”

Jesus was sent to earth by His heavenly Father and the Jews rejected the message that he was sent to bring. Moreover, they and many others down through history have believed a false gospel message brought by many who have sent themselves by their own authority.

Jesus told Thomas and Philip that He had revealed what the Father was like to them. Jesus revealed the

Father’s existence, his attitude, his thoughts, his desires, his love and his personality through his own example and teachings. If anyone wants to know what the Father is like, all that person has to do is read the things that the Creator God said, and the things that Jesus said about him, then one can know exactly what the Father is like.

Since the life, death, and resurrection of the Father’s Son, there has been much preached solely about Jesus Christ as a person. As a result millions do not believe the message that the Father sent His Son to proclaim. The Sovereign Father sent His Son bearing His good news of how to become part of His Divine family and Kingdom, and that the Father’s family and Kingdom are coming to the earth to bring peace and order to this troubled world.

The Father’s message is a message of hope for a wonderful peaceful and happy existence under his care and protection for all eternity. This is the good news that Jesus the apostle and the early church proclaimed. This is the message that has not been preached in totality for centuries. This is the message that Jesus said would be proclaimed and published to all the world just prior to His return as King of kings and Lord of lords.

I see that my time is up, if you want to know more about the subjects that I have briefly touched on in this broadcast, write to me at the address given in the following announcement. Until next time this is Bud Cocherell for Bible Research .org

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