



**“If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.”**

John 14:28

**GOD IS GREATER THAN JESUS**

Jesus clearly and consistently taught that he was not the Father, and that there were definite differences in their capabilities. In the verse quoted in the box above, Jesus told his disciples that the God was greater than he was. If they were the same person, this difference would be an impossibility.

**NONE GOOD BUT ONE**

Consider this response that Jesus provided in the Book of Matthew. “And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” (Matt 19: 16-17)

Jesus understood that God alone was good, and that no man born of a woman was clean. Jesus considered himself to be unclean because of his birth, and that it would only be through the process of his own sacrifice that his cleansing and atonement would be accomplished.

**PLANTER or PLANT?**

In another example of Jesus teaching a difference between the Father and himself, we are told in John 15:1 that “I

am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.” This illustration helps us to appreciate the role of God in relationship to the role of Christ.

Jesus is the plant (vine) and God is the planter. God is the one who is in control of the process, and Jesus is the product. The vine can not plant, cultivate and prune itself. There would be no logic in the entire process if God and Jesus were the same person.

**JESUS PRAYS**

The best example that we have available to us is the act of prayer. Jesus spent many long hours in prayer as he sought for strength to endure his trials.

If he was God, then who was he praying to? Why would he even need to pray? Think about these verses from Hebrews 5. Does it sound like Jesus was God???

“Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared. Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.” (Heb 5:7-8)

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The Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ

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**ONE GOD**

The verse quoted in the box above is from 1 Timothy 2:5. It expresses a scriptural truth that is somewhat foreign to the popular view concerning God and His son, Jesus the Christ.

Most Christians today are taught that God and Jesus are one and the same being. They call themselves Trinitarians, and support the erroneous teaching that God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are all part of the one God.

Contrary to this corruption of Bible teaching, the Apostle Paul clearly taught that there was a definite distinction between the One God, and the man, Jesus Christ.

**ONE MAN**

They are two different beings. God the Father is the Creator and sustainer of all life. Jesus, His son, was a man. He was born in Bethlehem and grew up in Judea.

God is an immortal being, without a beginning and never to end. Jesus was mortal. We are told in Hebrews that Jesus was a partaker of flesh and blood, and that he had to learn obedience through suffering. ( see Hebrews 2:14 and 5:8)

**TRINITY**

**NOT**  
**SCRIPTURAL!**

**ONE SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is not a person. The word “spirit” in this phrase refers to the **power** that God uses to accomplish His purposes.

The Holy Spirit is God’s power. It is said to be “holy” because it is sanctified or set apart for God’s special purposes.

**GOD ANOINTS JESUS WITH THE SPIRIT**

We are told in Acts 10:38 that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.”

This statement would not make any sense at all if God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit were all the same person. How could God anoint himself with someone else?

We are also told that Jesus is now sitting at the right hand of God. (See Acts 7:55) How can anyone stand beside one’s self? How can the Trinitarian ever explain that Jesus is at God’s right hand with their confusing doctrine?

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**“But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”**

**AT GOD’S RIGHT HAND**

The verse quoted in the box above is taken from Acts 7:55 (NIV). These were the words of Stephen, who was about to be put to death for his faith. He looked up to heaven and saw this vision, and revealed it to his adversaries.

There can be no mistake concerning the detail that is described in this vision. Stephen saw Jesus in the position of authority that he was placed in after his resurrection and ascension to the throne on high.

If Jesus was God, (as some would have you to believe) how could he be seen standing at God’s right hand?

These simple expressions of Bible truth are given to us to help us resist the false teachings of man. It was hardly a coincidence that Stephen was allowed to reveal this vision. God has always provided us with enough evidence to understand the things that are necessary for our salvation.

**OUR MEDIATOR**

Jesus is at the right hand of God for a purpose. He is our mediator.

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:5)

The word “mediator” means a “go-between, advocate or intercessor.” Jesus is our “go-between.” In the verse quoted from Timothy, we understand that Jesus is a mediator between God and man.

This position is very important to every believer. If we confess our sins, through our mediator. God may forgive us. (See 1 John 1:5-9, 1 John 2: 1-2)

**A MERCIFUL HIGH PRIEST**

The pattern for the work that Jesus would do as a mediator was established under the Mosaic covenant, when Aaron served as the High Priest.

Aaron went into the Tabernacle to offer sacrifices to God, for the sins of the people. Jesus now stands in the presence of God to appeal on our behalf, in response to our prayers.

Jesus instructed his followers to address all of their prayers in his name. ( See John 14:13-14, John 15:16) He is a faithful mediator that can understand our weaknesses, because he also experienced this same mortal flesh.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” (Heb 4:15-16 NIV)

**GOD THE FATHER**



**The MAN JESUS  
OUR MEDIATOR  
(go- between)**



**BELIEVERS**

**“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.” (Deut. 6:4)**

**ONE LORD**

When we look for answers from the Bible concerning God, it is important to use the entire Bible

God is the Creator, and He was here in the beginning of time. God does not change. James plainly taught that God is a constant. He does not vary. He does not change.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. ( James 1:17)

**ISRAEL’S GOD**

The verse quoted at the top of this page provides an excellent description of the God of Israel. He is ONE LORD.

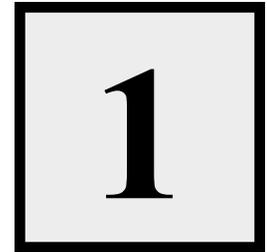
If Israel was taught that there is only one God, why would Christians be taught that there is a different kind of God?

**CHURCH TRADITION**

History reveals that the concept that the One God is a Trinity did not come from the Bible. It was a doctrine that was added to the church long after the time when Jesus and the Apostles walked the hills of Judea.

Jesus taught us that life eternal depended on knowing the only true God, and His son. ( see John 17:3) Jesus was clear about his relationship to his Father. He explained and demonstrated in many ways that his Father was greater than he was.

(see John 14:28)



**WHY THE CHANGE?**

If the God of Israel was one, and if Jesus understood that his Father was the one true God, why did the leaders of the Christian movement change the teaching of God into a mysterious and confusing three headed Trinity?

It is not our place to judge the motives of those who are responsible for teaching these errors about God. We can only hope to demonstrate that the teaching of the Bible is clear. **The Lord is ONE, and this has not changed.**

**GOD ALONE**

Consider the following quotation for the Book of Isaiah. It shows that the Hebrew prophets were not confused about the god of Israel. They understood that there was no one else beside God. No other person was present. There was only one powerful Creator.

“ I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. ( Isaiah 45: 5-7)