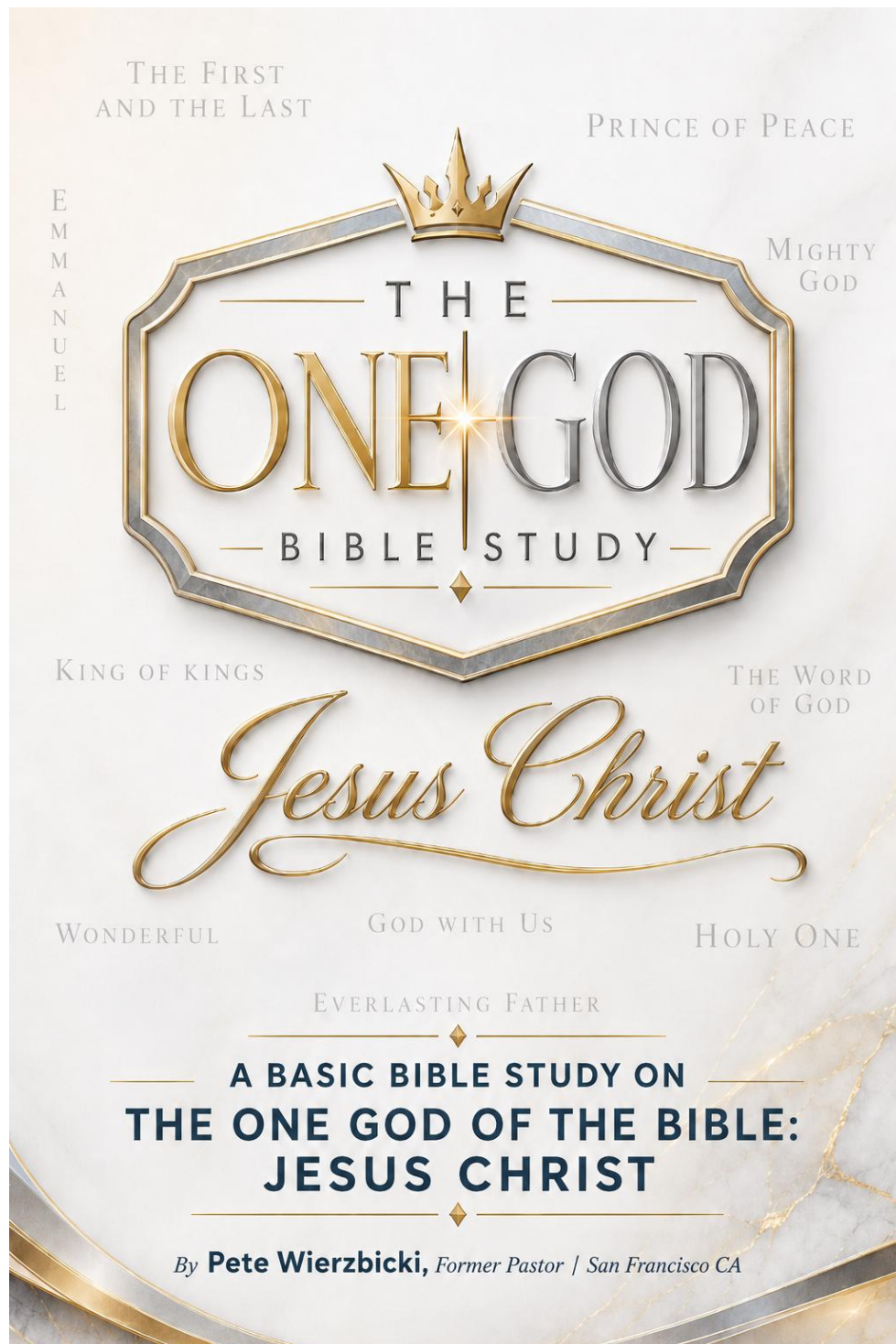




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THE GOD OF THE BIBLE:

For 2000 years man has pondered the question of Jesus Christ and how He relates to God. Throughout the centuries, theologians have established many different teachings based upon speculation, council majority and tradition. Many contradictory teachings have been conceived, and many have erred from the Truth. A serious error, indeed!

In this lesson, we will examine the God of the Bible. We will see that the One True God — the LORD God of the Old Testament — revealed Himself to His creation in a human body, that of the Lord Jesus Christ. His purpose: to shed His blood and die for the sins of the world.

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:19

We will see undeniably from the Bible that:

1. There is just one God
2. Jesus Christ is that one God
3. Jesus is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
4. The titles and attributes given to God are also attributed to Jesus
5. Jesus was both fully God and fully man

THE ONE GOD BIBLE STUDY

JESUS CHRIST

- Part I -

One God, One Creator, And No Other Gods

In the Old Testament, God declared there was only ONE God:

Deuteronomy 6:4

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

The Bible forbids all other gods.

Exodus 20:2-3

*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.*

The Bible also declares that He (God) is the Creator:

Genesis 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Furthermore, God declares that He was the ONLY Creator. Some churches today teach that God and Jesus are co-equal, or creators together, but that is contrary to what the Bible says:

Isaiah 44:24

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself

God created all things by Himself — there we no other creators or co-creators. The Bible plainly states this truth here — for there is NONE ELSE.

Isaiah 45:18

18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Let's examine some of the facts above:

1. There is one God and thou shall have no other gods before Him.
2. That one God is the maker of heaven and earth.
3. God created ALL things — alone, by Himself, and there is none else.

In the New Testament, we are introduced to Jesus Christ. We see that there is still only one Creator. Here we see the Apostle Paul writing to the church about the Lord Jesus Christ:

Colossians 1:14-18

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

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.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

From this passage above we may conclude that:

1. Paul is speaking of Jesus, for he mentions “redemption through his blood” (v. 14) and that “He is the head of the body, the church” and the “firstborn from the dead” (v. 18).
2. ALL things were created by Him and for Him (v. 16 — stated twice).
3. ALL things consist (continue to stand or exist) by the One who created them (v. 17).

The Apostle John — also writing of Jesus — taught the very same message:

John 1:3, 10-11

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

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.

John states the following biblical truths:

1. John is definitely referring to Jesus for “He was in the world” (v. 10).
2. Jesus came unto His own (v. 11).
3. Jesus made ALL things (v. 3) and Jesus made the world (v. 10).
4. Since there is only one Creator — God and God alone; and since Jesus Christ created all things, we can conclude that that one Creator is Jesus and that Jesus is God.

One Savior

With some very strong language, God lets his people in the Old Testament know who their Savior is:

Isaiah 43:3

3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior

God is not content that His people should know who their savior is. God makes it clear that there is only ONE Savior — the LORD Himself and that He is the ONLY Savior.

Isaiah 43:11

11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior.

Isaiah 45:21

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me.

Hosea 13:4

4 Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no savior beside me.

From these passages above, we conclude that:

1. There is no other God but the LORD (a redundant theme throughout the Bible).
2. God is the Savior.
3. God is the ONLY Savior and there is NO SAVIOR BESIDES GOD.

Again, some churches teach that God is the real savior, and that Jesus is also a savior, but the Bible clearly teaches just One. Who is that ONE Saviour? The LORD God, Jehovah — the ONLY Savior. So who did the New Testament writers declare the Savior to be? Let's see what the Apostle Paul wrote:

Philippians 3:20

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

JESUS is the Savior. Paul did not call Jesus a Savior—he called Him THE Savior! Was Paul in error? Was he teaching heretical doctrine? No, for we shall see that the other New Testament writers were in perfect harmony with the Apostle Paul. For example, the Apostle Peter declared:

2 Peter 1:11

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Fact: There is ONE Lord and Savior proclaimed in scripture and the Apostle Peter said that that is Jesus Christ. Peter did not say a Savior — he said OUR Savior.

Jude 25

25 To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Fact: Peter said “Our Savior” is Jesus Christ. Jude tells us “Our Savior” is also “the only wise God!” There's only one God and one Savior — Jesus. That's what the Bible teaches.

Titus 2:13-14

*13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

Paul calls Jesus the GREAT GOD and our Savior (v. 13)! He's not referring to two persons here, for he then uses the singular personal pronoun "himself" (v.14). Many other verses in the Bible support the fact that Jesus is the one appearing! (See 1 Tim. 6:14, 2 Tim. 1:10 2 Tim. 4:1,8, 1 Peter 1:7.)

From the passages we just read, we can conclude the following facts:

1. There is one Lord, one God and one Savior.
2. Jesus Christ is the Lord, the Savior, our Savior, the great God and our Savior, and the only wise God!
Note: even the name "Jesus" means "Jehovah is become our Savior."

- Part III -

One Father

The Bible also teaches that there is ONE Father. Father simply means 'generator' or 'creator'. Since God is our one true Creator, He stands alone as our one true Father. The prophets of old acknowledged this truth in their writings:

Isaiah 63:16

16 Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

Malachi 2:10

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Two simple facts are easily established in the verses above:

1. There is ONE Father.
2. The LORD is that one Father.

The writers of New Testament are in agreement with the prophets of the Old Testament on this point. The Apostle Paul, well versed in the Old Testament scriptures, establishes this Truth for the early church in His letter to the Ephesians:

Ephesians 4:4-6

*4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are 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.*

The apostle John affirms Paul's theology:

John 8:41

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

The prophets of old who knew this one God as 'The Father', foretold of the day He would come to be their Savior. Isaiah's Messianic prophecy ties the Old and New together — the Son who is yet to be born will be their Mighty God and the everlasting Father! Let's see what the prophet had to say about Jesus 600 years before His birth:

Isaiah 9:6

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, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Here we see the birth of the Son who is the Mighty God, born of a woman, taking on human flesh and come down to earth to save His people from their sins.

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.

Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be the Father. Jesus didn't dispute Isaiah's claim, as some do today. He confirmed it!

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, 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.

Facts in Jesus' statements:

1. Jesus said to His disciples that they have both known and seen the Father (v. 7).
2. Next, Philip asked to see the Father (obviously not quite grasping the extent of Jesus' bold claim) (v. 8). Jesus explains to Philip, if you've seen Jesus you have seen the Father. (v. 9)
3. It was not "God the Son" (implying another deity or person) doing the miracles as some claim today, but rather it was the Father who was in Jesus doing the works (v. 10).

These truths are further substantiated in the following verses:

2 Corinthians 5:19

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Colossians 2:8-10

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power

We can safely conclude the following according to the Word of God:

1. God was in Christ.
2. God was manifest in the flesh.
3. In Him (Jesus) dwelt the ALL the fullness of the Godhead bodily.
4. He (Jesus) is the head of ALL principality and power.

Many people try to divide God, but Jesus and the Father are indivisible — they are not two. Jesus and the Father are ONE!

John 10:30

30 I and my Father are one.

- Part IV -

One Spirit

The Bible teaches there is just ONE Spirit:

Ephesians 4:4

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling

God is that Spirit:

John 4:24

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

Romans 8:14

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Jesus Christ is that Spirit:

Philippians 1:19

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ

Romans 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

1 Peter 1:11

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit:

Luke 4:1

1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

John 7:39

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Acts 2:4

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In the verses above we have just established the following biblical truths:

1. There is one Spirit.
2. God is that Spirit and the Spirit is often referred to as the “Spirit of God.”
3. Interchangeably, the Spirit of God is also referred to as “the Spirit,” “the Spirit of Christ,” “the Spirit of Jesus Christ,” and also the “Holy Ghost.”

Jesus tells us that He is the Holy Ghost:

John 14:15-18

*15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;
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.
18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

“Another Comforter” is not another person, but another form or manifestation of Jesus Himself. He was present in bodily form, but as He said “I will come to you” as the Comforter, or as the Holy Ghost — in the form of the Spirit dwelling in our hearts as fulfilled at Pentecost.

- Part V -

The One God of the Old Testament is the One God of the New Testament

The LORD God called Himself “the first and the last.”

Isaiah 44:6

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

As we turn to the book of Revelation, we see that Jesus not only claims that HE Himself is the “first and the last”, but He’s “the Alpha and the Omega” as well:

Revelation 1:11-17

*11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;
15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.
16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:
18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

Now look who Jesus says He is:

Revelation 21:6-7

*6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

LOOK WHAT ELSE JESUS SAYS ABOUT HIMSELF — DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS?

Revelation 1:8

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

From these clear and bold statements by Jesus Christ Himself in the book of Revelation, we can conclude that Jesus Christ is God and that He is the Almighty!

~ Words of Man vs. the Word of God ~

Q. How many times does the Bible refer to God as ‘triune’, ‘three persons’, ‘Trinity’, ‘Holy Trinity’, or three of any kind?

A. ZERO to all of the above.

Q. How many times does the Bible refer to God as the ‘Holy One’?

A. 51 (references to numerous to list.)

— 45 times in the Old Testament, God either declares Himself to be or is referred to as the ‘Holy One.’

— 6 times in the New Testament, Jesus Christ is called the “Holy One.”

Man says that God is the “Holy Trinity” — the Bible says He is the Holy One! The God of the BIBLE is not the Holy Trinity, the God of the BIBLE is the Holy One, Jesus Christ!

- Part VI -

Jesus Christ — Both God and Man

If Jesus was God, why did He hunger? Why did He sleep? Why did He fast and pray? How could He have died?

As we have already demonstrated from the Bible, Jesus Christ was FULLY God. The Bible also teaches us that Jesus was fully man. The Bible calls Him the “man, Jesus Christ”:

Romans 5:15

15 But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

Though being fully man, He was no ordinary man. He was different from the first man, Adam. He was not of the earth as Adam was, rather, He was the Lord from heaven:

1 Corinthians 15:45, 47

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

Yes, Jesus was the Lord from heaven. Yet, we cannot take away from His humanity. As a man, He was tempted:

Hebrews 4:15

15 For we have not a 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.

As a man — in the days of His flesh — He prayed, cried, and shed tears:

Hebrews 5:7

7 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;

As a man, Jesus suffered and bled:

Hebrews 13:12

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

John 19:34

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

As a man, He died:

Hebrews 2:9

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

God did not die, Jesus was put to death in the flesh — the MAN Jesus died:

1 Peter 3:18

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

As a man, He was raised from the dead — the first begotten from the dead:

Romans 6:9

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

Revelation 1:5

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood

As we read in Isaiah 9:6 that the baby lying in the manger was the Father, we shall now see that baby was God:

Matthew 1:23

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.

How can this be? The answer is simple: God was in Christ Jesus, but God did not stop being God. He was still in heaven ruling the universe. And even though Jesus was a humble servant man upon the earth, He was at the same time the omnipresent God:

John 3:12-13

*12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?
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.*

God does not need to be two persons to be in two places at once — He's God! Jesus Christ was not another person apart from God. He was the man that God — the only God — was dwelling in to suffer and die for our sins. God was manifest in the flesh; He was in the world and the world was made by Him!

Isaiah 42:8

8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Isaiah 42:13

13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

Zechariah 14:9

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Revelation 19:13, 16

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

***** In Conclusion: *****

There is only ONE God, One Lord, One Savior, One King, One Father — the Almighty God and Jesus Christ is His name! Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord; the God of the Bible!

For Further Study...

Understanding the Dual Nature of Jesus Christ: Full Humanity AND Full Divinity

Reference	Jesus As Man:	Reference	Jesus As God:
Luke 2:7	Was born a baby in a manger	Micah 5:2	Has always existed as God
Luke 2:52	Grew in all ways as a human being	Heb. 13:8	Does not change
Matt. 2:13	Was pursued by a king to kill Him	Rev. 19:16	He is the King of kings
Luke 4:2	Was tempted by the devil	Matt. 12:28	Cast out devils
Matt. 4:2	Hungered	Luke 9:1	Gave others power over the devil
John 19:28	Thirsted	Mk. 6:38-44	Fed the multitudes
John 4:6	Grew weary	John 4:14	Gave living water
Mark 4:38	Slept on a boat in a storm	John 4:46	Turned water into wine
Luke 22:41	Prayed	Matt. 11:28	Gives rest
John 18:12	Was taken & bound by the officers	Mark 4:39-41	Calmed the storm
John 19:1-3	Was wounded by His enemies	John 14:14	Answered prayer
Mark 15:37	Was crucified, died and was buried	John 18:5-6	Knocked-down the officers
John 10:17	Laid down His life	Luke 22:51	Healed His enemy
Heb. 10:10-12	Bore our sins	John 2:19-21	Raised His own body from the dead
Matt. 24:36	Did not know everything	John 10:17	Took up His life again
John 8:28	Was without power	Mark 2:5-7	Forgave sins
John 5:30	Was in complete subjection to God	Hebrews 4:15	Was without sin
John 8:15	Judges no man	John 21:17	Knew all things
John 14:28	Was inferior to God	Matt. 28:18	Had all power
Phil. 2:7-8	Was a lowly servant	Col. 2:10	“ “
Matt. 4:11	Was ministered to by Angels	Col 2:10	Was in subjection to no one
Luke 18:33	Was crucified and put to death	John 5:22	All judgement committed to Him
Luke 24:39	Had a frail, human body	John 5:18	Was equal to God
Luke 19:35	Rode on a colt	Rev. 19:16	Was Lord of lords
Phil 2:7-8	Made himself of no reputation	1 Peter 3:22	The angels in subjection to Him
Luke 2:7	Was born in a manger	John 11:43-44	Raised the dead
Hebrews 4:15	Was tempted in all points as we are	Col 2:9	Had the fullness of God in Him
Matt. 27:28-50	Manifested the weakness of His flesh	Matt. 24:31	Will ride on a cloud
John 5:19	Spoke as a man	Matt. 2:11	Was worshipped even as a baby
Matt. 27:29-35	Physically succumbed to natural elements such as wood, nails and thorns	Hebrews 1:6	Was worshipped by the angels
		Luke 24:51	Ascended into heaven
		Hebrews 4:15	Was without sin
		Matt. 17:2 Rev. 1:13-17	Manifested His image of glory
		Matt. 24:30-31	Spoke as God
		Matt. 14:26 John 20:19 Acts 1:9	Not bound by nature, physics or gravity