# There is only one God

## Christian Fundamentals | Part 1



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."



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#### Introduction

#### There is only one God and He is Triune in nature

There is only one God (Monotheism) who exists simultaneously in three distinct persons. To explain this in a way we can understand, God is able to somehow separate Himself as three: the Father (Soul), the Word (Body), and the Holy Ghost (Spirit). They are coequal, copowerful, coeternal, and of the same nature {one in essence}. The Godhead is mentioned in scripture and believers commonly refer to this as the Trinity. Even though the word "Trinity" is not in the bible, it is used simply to express the concept of the Godhead.

God has always been God {He is Eternal} and there are no Gods before or after God. <u>Psalms</u> 90:1-2; <u>Isaiah 43:10</u>, 44:6-8, 45:5-22; <u>Revelation 4:8</u>

There is only one God who exists simultaneously in three distinct persons. They are coequal, copowerful, coeternal, and of the same nature:

There are three that bear record in heaven (See 1 John 5:7).

The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost are mentioned together in scripture. <u>Matthew</u> 3:16-17, 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:3-6; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 John 5:7

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth ("God" referenced here in Hebrew is "el-o-heem" which signifies plural, and not "el-o'-ah" which is singular).

Colossians 2:9 For in him {Jesus} dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

God made man in His own image. Jesus Christ is the Word who became flesh {Body}; and is the only way to God the Father {Soul}; who sent His Holy Ghost {Spirit}. We as people have a body, soul and spirit, yet we are not three things but one..

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground {**Body**}, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life {**Spirit**}; and man became a living soul {**Soul**}.

Things are usually not complete unless they have all three parts. For example..

Time is grouped as Past, Present, Future.
Space is measured by Height, Length and Breadth.
Matter is expressed as Solid, Liquid, Gas.
The Bible was written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.
A family unit is Husband, Wife and Child.
The earth is divided by Land, Water, Sky.
Etcetera..

See also Genesis 1:26, 11:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit have a relationship with one another and together they rule. Likewise, we were designed to have relationships with one another (Genesis 2:18) and to rule over the earth:

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.

#### The Father

God the Father is in Heaven upon His throne. He is Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient, meaning He is all powerful, He is everywhere and He knows all things. He has sent His Son and the Holy Spirit to administer His salvation to us. Our duty as mankind is to trust and obey God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

## God the Father is in Heaven upon His throne

God the Father resides in Heaven upon His throne. <u>Matthew 5:34</u>, <u>23:22</u>; <u>Revelation 7:15</u>, <u>14:5</u>, <u>22:1-3</u>

#### He is uncreated

God is uncreated (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17)

## He is light, love, truth and spirit

God is light, love and truth. 1 John 1:5, 3:16, 4:8-16; Psalms 117:2

God is spirit {Does not have a body of flesh and bones}. Luke 24:39; John 4:24

## He is all powerful

God is all powerful {Omnipotent} and nothing is too hard for Him.

Psalms 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Jeremiah 32:26 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, 27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

When He speaks, His word is accomplished..

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

See also Jeremiah 32:17-27

God is everywhere {**Omnipresent**}. He actively exists in the past, present and future (He resides in eternity, and is outside our dimensionality of time).

Psalms 139:7 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.

See also <u>Isaiah 48:2-7, 57:15</u>; <u>Jeremiah 23:23-24</u>

God knows all things {**Omniscient**}. He declares the end from the beginning and there is NONE like Him.

Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Isaiah 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure..

Isaiah 48:2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name. 3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

See also <u>Isaiah 48:2-8</u>

## He is Sovereign

God is Sovereign and has absolute authority to rule over His creation. <u>Isaiah 45:7-9</u>; <u>Proverbs 16:33</u>; <u>Ephesians 1:11</u>; <u>Colossians 1:16</u>; <u>1 Timothy 6:15-16</u>

As God has created all things, He therefore owns all things.

*Genesis* 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* 

Psalms 24:1 ..The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

### He is to be worshipped, served and proclaimed

He is to be worshipped. Genesis 24:26; Exodus 4:31; 1 Corinthians 14:25; Revelation 7:11

He is to be served. Matthew 4:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 9:13-14

He is to be proclaimed. Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8.

# He sent His Son and Holy Spirit to administer His salvation to us

He sent His only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit to administer His salvation to us. The Holy Spirit will reprove the world of sin.

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.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

## The Word (The Lord Jesus Christ)

Jesus existed before creation as the Word and is the only begotten Son of God the Father. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He was crucified upon a cross, buried in a tomb and was resurrected on the third day. After ascending into Heaven, He now sits at the right hand of God the Father, making intercession for us as our Great High Priest and Advocate. He has been given all power in Heaven and on earth and all that is under the earth.

#### Jesus existed before creation as the Word

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

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 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.

See also <u>Isaiah 11:10</u>

## He is the only begotten Son of God the Father

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He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 1:18-20; Luke 1:34-35

He was born of the virgin Mary. Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:30-35 (See also Philippians 2:5-8)

## He lived a sinless human life

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Hebrews 4:15 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.

1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

See also <u>1 Peter 2:21-22</u>

## He was crucified and buried in a tomb

He was crucified and buried in a tomb. <u>Matthew 27:32-66</u>; <u>Mark 15:21-47</u>; <u>Luke 23:26-56</u>; <u>John 19:28-42</u>

## He rose from the dead on the third day

Jesus rose from the dead in His physical body on the third day.

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Mark 16:6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

See also <u>Matthew 28:1-8</u>; <u>Mark 16:1-8</u>; <u>Luke 24:1-12</u>; <u>John 20:25-29</u>; <u>1 Corinthians 15:1-4</u>; <u>Revelation 1:18</u>

## He appeared to many witnesses

He appeared to many witnesses. <u>Matthew 28:9-20</u>; <u>Mark 16:9-18</u>; <u>Luke 24:13-49</u>; <u>Acts 10:39-41</u>

#### He ascended into heaven

Mark 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

See also Luke 24:50-53; John 3:13; Acts 1:6-11; Ephesians 4:8-10

### Jesus now sits at the right hand of God the Father

Jesus now sits at the right hand of God the Father {in heaven}. Mark 16:19; Luke 22:69; Acts 2:33, 5:31, 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 10:12, 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22

## He makes intercession for us

He makes intercession for us as our Great High Priest and Advocate.

Hebrews 4:14 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.

## He has been given all power in Heaven and earth

He has been given all power in Heaven and on earth, and all that is under the earth.

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

See also <u>Revelation 5:1-14</u>

### Jesus is the Saviour of the World

John 4:42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ

2 Peter 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

See also <u>Titus 1:4</u>

He came to save us from our sin..

1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

See also Acts 5:30-31; Titus 2:13; 1 John 4:14

Jesus is the ONLY way to God the Father:

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

See also Matthew 11:27; John 8:23-24, 10:1-16; Acts 4:10-12; 1 Timothy 2:5

Death in Adam, Life in Christ:

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

See also Romans 5:12-21

Jesus will personally return in power and great glory. <u>Zechariah 14:1-5</u>; <u>Matthew 24:27-31</u>; <u>Mark 13:26</u>; <u>Luke 21:25-28</u>

## Jesus is the physical manifestation of God (in Flesh)

Jesus (the Word) is God manifest in flesh:

John 1:1 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.

See also <u>John 1:14</u>; <u>Philippians 2:5-8</u>; <u>Colossians 2:9</u>; <u>1 Timothy 3:16</u>; <u>1 Peter 1:19-20</u> (Compare <u>John 8:24</u> with <u>Isaiah 43:10</u>)

Jesus is one with God the Father. John 5:23, 10:30-33

Jesus is the image of God. John 14:9; Colossians 1:15

Jesus is uncreated and He created all things:

Colossians 1:15 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.

See also <u>John 1:1-3</u>; <u>Hebrews 1:1-10</u> (Compare with <u>Genesis 1:1</u>; <u>Job 33:4</u>; <u>Psalms 33:6</u>; <u>Isaiah 40:28</u>, <u>44:24</u>, <u>45:18</u>)

The Messiah is called the mighty God..

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born {signifies His "Humanity"}, unto us a son is given {as God can not be born this signifies that "God" can only be 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.

Matthew 1:23 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.

See also <u>John 20:28</u>; <u>Titus 2:13</u>

The Father addresses the Son as 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.

See also Psalms 45:6

Jesus claimed to be God and was eventually crucified by the religious masses because of this (Jesus claimed the divine title "IAM").

John 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. 59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

John 10:30 I and my Father are one. 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.

See also <u>John 10:30-33</u>, <u>13:19</u> (Compare <u>John 8:57-59</u> with <u>Exodus 3:14</u>)

God said that He was "pierced" (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34; Revelation 1:7) and that He purchased the church with His own blood:

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (Compare with <u>Psalms 78:54</u>)

John testified that Jesus is God..

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

See also John 1:14

Jesus forgave sins (and only God can forgive sins). <u>Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:20, 7:48</u>

Jesus raises the dead (<u>John 2:19-21</u>, <u>5:21-29</u>, <u>6:38-54</u>), and only God can raise the dead. <u>2</u> Corinthians 1:9; Galatians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (See also Romans 8:11)

Jesus is our saviour (<u>John 4:42</u>; <u>Titus 1:4</u>, <u>2:13</u>; <u>2 Peter 1:11</u>, <u>3:18</u>; <u>1 John 4:14</u>), and there is no saviour besides God..

Isaiah 43:11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

Hosea 13:4 Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me.

Philippians 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

See also Isaiah 43:3-11, 45:15-22; 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 4:10

Jesus is "the the good shepherd." John 10:11-14; Hebrews 13:20 (Compare with Psalms 23:1-6)

Jesus is "the light of the world." John 8:12, 9:4-5 (Compare with Psalms 27:1; 1 John 1:5)

Jesus is "the first and the last." <u>Revelation 1:17</u>, <u>2:8</u>, <u>22:13</u> (Compare with <u>Isaiah 41:4</u>, <u>44:6</u>, <u>48:12</u>)

Jesus is King. Matthew 2:2; Luke 23:3 (Compare with Psalms 47:1-9; Isaiah 44:6-8; Jeremiah 10:10)

Jesus is Judge: Standing in the synagogue, Jesus read from the book of Isaiah. His time had not yet come to judge, and therefore deliberately never mentioned the day of vengeance (Compare <u>Luke 4:16-20</u> with <u>Isaiah 61:1-2</u>). See also <u>Joel 3:12</u>; <u>Acts 17:30-31</u>; <u>Romans 14:10</u>; <u>2</u> Corinthians 5:10; <u>2</u> Timothy 4:1; Revelation 6:10, 19:11

Jesus is worshipped. Matthew 2:2, 2:11, 14:33, 28:9; John 9:35-38; Hebrews 1:6

Jesus is prayed to. <u>John 14:14</u>; <u>Acts 7:55-60</u>; <u>Romans 10:13</u>

To deny Jesus is God in flesh, is of the spirit of Antichrist:

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

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. 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

#### Jesus is both God and man

Jesus has two natures in that He is both God and man (Hypostatic Union). As God {Deity}, Jesus must be able to offer a sacrifice of value greater than that of a mere man - He had to die for the sins of the world (See 1 John 2:2; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 2:9). As man {Humanity}, Jesus is able to be the perfect sacrifice for man, because as a man He can be the mediator between God and man. 1 Timothy 2:5

When reading Luke, we discover that in the book of Psalms, David spoke on the prophecy of the Messiah:

Luke 20:41 And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son? 42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 44 David therefore calleth him Lord {Deity}, how is he then his son? {Humanity}

This is a time-sequence problem which can only be explained by the Hypostatic Union (Compare Psalms 110:1 with Luke 20:41-44).

Jesus is the exact representation of the nature of God. The Son is the radiance of His glory, the representation of His essence, and He sustains all things.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Hebrews 1:3 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

## Jesus appeared to Old Testament saints

Jesus appeared to Old Testament saints (The Pre-incarnate manifestation of God, through the Son).

No one has seen God {The Father} (See <u>John 1:18</u>; <u>1 John 4:12</u>) because a sinner can not survive in the presence of God (See <u>Exodus 20:19</u>, <u>33:20</u>; <u>Leviticus 16:2</u>; <u>Judges 13:22</u>), ..yet in <u>Genesis 15:1-6</u> Abraham meets God? This is not a contradiction - It indicates that there is more than one person in the Godhead. Abraham saw Jesus.

John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

In <u>Genesis 16:9-16</u> "angel of the LORD" can mean either "messenger" or the Lord Himself. The angel said He would multiply Hagar's offspring as her reward for being submissive. Created angels do not have the power over life, to multiply offspring, or to determine the future. Hagar saw Jesus.

Genesis 16:9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. 12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. 13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

Jacob Wrestled with God.

Genesis 32:24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

See Genesis 32:22-32

## Jesus performed divine miracles (Signs and Wonders)

Changing water into wine. <u>John 2:1-11</u>
Healing. <u>John 4:46-54</u>, <u>5:1-15</u>, <u>9:1-7</u>
Feeding the 5000. <u>John 6:5-14</u>
Walking on water. <u>John 6:16-21</u>
Raising the dead. <u>John 11:1-45</u>
Raising Himself from the dead. <u>John 2:19-21</u>

## Jesus Prophesied about future events that came true

One of His disciples would betray Him. Matthew 26:21-25
His disciples would leave Him. Matthew 26:31-32
Peter would deny Him three times. Matthew 26:33-34
He would die in Jerusalem. Matthew 16:21
He would die by crucifixion. Matthew 26:2
He would die during the Passover. Matthew 26:2
He would be resurrected from the dead on the third day. John 2:18-22
The Jewish temple would be destroyed. Matthew 24:1-2
The Holy land would be trodden down by the Gentiles. Luke 21:24

## Jesus fulfilled Old Testament Prophecies

It is estimated that Jesus fulfilled over 300 Old Testament prophecies. The chances of one man fulfilling merely 48 prophecies is the same as 10 to the power of 157 (The number "1" followed by 157 zero's). This is proof beyond mathematical comprehension that He is the Messiah.

## The Holy Ghost (Spirit)

The Holy Spirit was sent by God to convince the world of sin, righteousness and the coming judgment. The Holy Spirit will indwell the believer, revealing to them the things of God and will continue to work in them to bring about sanctification (the on-going process of being made holy or perfect). He is our Comforter.

## The Holy Spirit is God

Acts 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 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.

The Holy Spirit is alive and He can be grieved..

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

See alsoJohn 14:26; Acts 13:2

He speaks and has a will..

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Hebrews 3:7 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 sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

See also 1 Corinthians 12:11

He creates. Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4

## The Bible is the inspired Word of God

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost

## The Holy Spirit arrives with the ascension of Christ

The Holy Spirit arrives with the ascension of Christ. <u>John 14:26</u>; <u>Acts 2:1-38</u> (See also <u>Matthew 3:16</u>; <u>Mark 1:10</u>; <u>John 1:32</u>)

The Holy Spirit was sent by God to convince the world of sin, righteousness and the coming judgment. <u>John 16:7-15</u>

## The Holy Spirit will indwell the believer

The Holy Spirit will indwell the believer, revealing to them the things of God.

John 14:16 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.

See also Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13, 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:14; 1 John 2:27, 3:24

The Holy Spirit will continue to work in them to bring about sanctification {the on-going process of being made holy or perfect}.

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ

See also Romans 15:16

## He baptises, guides and testifies of Jesus

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The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus:

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

## The Holy Spirit intercedes for the Church

The Holy Spirit intercedes for the Church (He prays for us).

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

## He gives gifts, encourages and empowers

He gives gifts, encourages and empowers. Acts 9:31; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Micah 3:8

He teaches..

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

See also 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, 12:8-11; 1 John 2:27

He shows you things to come..

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

#### He is our Comforter

He loves and gives joy. He is our Comforter. John 14:16-26; Romans 14:17, 15:30

#### Credits

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