

“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 3:16 KJV

THE STORY OF GOD OUR FATHER AND HIS SON

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Before the beginning ----- God was.

God became “the Father” when He beget a Son in His express image (*2John 1:3, Heb. 1:1-3*).

Time began when the Son was “begotten”. This was the beginning (*John 1:1-3, Proverbs 8:22*). The Son of God was spirit, a divine being exactly like His Father - all knowing, all powerful, and everywhere present. The Son of God - though He existed as Spirit - could also manifest (like His Father) in a form which could be “seen” and “heard” by created beings. The Son would act as the agent of His Father in creation, in mediation, in redemption, in governance and also in judgment.

The Son carried out His Father’s will and plan in the creation of angels, of the earth and of every living thing (*Heb. 1:2, Eph. 3:9, 1Cor. 8:6*). The Son was called “the Word of God” (*John 1:14*) because He represented the Father to all created beings. He was worshiped by angels, and He was commander of the angels of Heaven (*Heb. 1:6, Rev. 12:7*).

Lucifer the highest *created* being, became jealous of God’s *begotten* Son. He wanted to be equal in authority. When he refused to be under Christ’s authority any longer, “there was war in Heaven.” Lucifer the Light Bearer, became Satan the deceiver. He was cast out of Heaven with those angels who had followed him in rebellion (*Rev. 12:7*).

Satan deceived the woman and the man on a planet called earth, speaking lies and insinuations against God, through the mouth of a beautiful flying serpent (*Gen. 3*). He tempted them with the same desire that he himself had felt, the desire to be “as God”. When Adam and Eve also rebelled against their Creator - stealing the fruit which He had expressly forbidden, they lost the special protection of heavenly angels.

The dominion of earth, especially given to mankind (*Gen. 1:28; Psa. 115:16*), was now left unguarded, to be usurped by the powerful Evil One. Satan would now use the earth as his base of operations. He would act as “god” on earth, to continue his war against the Father and His Son.

While Adam and his wife came under the dominion of the Evil One because of their rebellion, a grace period was given to the race of mankind, to give them an opportunity to return to the Father God - to be reconciled with Him. The Son of God stepped in to become the Mediator of this reconciliation (*1Tim. 2:5, Col. 1:19-20*).

The Son of God continued the war against the Evil One, but the war had shifted to the earth. His Presence and the actions of the heavenly angels under His command, preserved the earth from immediate ruin. He would try to win the human race back to the Father. The Spirit of Christ spoke through all of the Old Testament prophets telling the people of the power and love of God, and of a Savior to come (*1Peter 1:10-11*). By many miracles, their writings were preserved for all time.

God had promised that one day “the seed” of a woman would crush the Serpent’s head (*Gen. 3:15*). The Son of God would incarnate to become also “the Son of Man”. He would live as a man among men, in perfect obedience of His Father’s will. He would endure every test which the most evil mind could invent. Only in this way, through perfect obedience, could He recover the dominion which Adam lost through disobedience (*Daniel 7:14*) - dominion over this earth.

Christ and the angels under His command kept up a constant connection between Heaven and earth, until the time came for God’s Son to become a man. He came to earth as a man to reach men. He came to represent the Father and to tell of His love. Satan had caused men to live in fear of God, to believe that God is an avenging destroyer. Christ came to sweep away the lies. He spoke of God as a Father who cares deeply for every created son and daughter.

God the Father - the One who originally beget a divine Son, assisted His Son in the incarnation. We read in Hebrews Chapter One, that the Father “brought” His Son into this world. Consider all we learn from just this one passage of Scripture. I’m going to break the text in a few places, to point out different things.

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Hebrews Chapter One: “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

God has a Son. That Son is the express image (an exact copy) of God. God made the worlds through His Son. The Son then upheld all things - He kept them going, and kept them in order. The Son then purged our sins, and returned to sit at the right hand of His Father.

Hebrews Chapter One continued: For to which of the angels did He [God] ever say: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You?’ And again: ‘I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son?’ 6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’ . . .

The Son of God is better than the angels. He is God’s only “son”. He is not a created being. The Father actually created everything that was created through His Son, which means the Son of God created all the angels.

God’s Son inherited His place next to the Father, but He agreed to leave that place, to become a powerless human being. At just the right time God the Father brought His “firstborn” into our world. I always wondered how the Son of God managed to reduce Himself to a sperm. This verse tells us that He had help from His Father.

Matthew 1:18, Matthew 1:20, and Luke 1:35, all tell us that “the Holy Spirit” came upon Mary. Put the passages together. The Holy Spirit is God the Father of Jesus Christ. He is the omnipresent One who brought His Son into our world.

Hebrews Chapter One continued: 8 But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.’ 10 And: ‘You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.’

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’?

God the Father - speaking to His begotten Son - calls His Son "God". This is huge! The Son of God is divine. He is a divine being. The word "god" means "divine being". "God" is not a name. God describes what He is - divine as opposed to created. No angel was ever invited to share the Father's throne. Only the Son. Yet the Father - still speaking to His Son - calls Himself "Your God." "Your God has anointed You." This shows hierarchy! The Father is first, the Son second.

Just one more insight we derive from Hebrews Chapter One, and then I will continue "The Story". God says to His Son, "You LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. "They will perish" but you remain. They will grow old like a worn out garment, and you will roll them up, and change them for a new one - "the new heavens and new earth" which you will create (Isa. 65:17, Isa. 66:22, 2Pet. 3:13). To "perish" means to be destroyed - to die. Think about it. No one, left behind on this old earth at the return of Christ, will survive. In the study titled "Millennium" I go into those passages which prophesy an end to this earth we now inhabit.

Let's continue with the story.

When the Son of God incarnated, He "emptied Himself" of His divine powers. He could no longer be omnipresent as Spirit. To win back the dominion of earth for mankind, He must overcome the Serpent - as a man. The Spirit of the Father flowed through His Son, enabling Him to heal the sick and raise the dead (*Acts 2:22, John 14:10*). Jesus said, "*The Father who dwells in me, does the works*" (*John 14:10*). "*For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself*" (*John 5:26*). Through Christ, the Father would pour out His love for the lost world.

Men controlled by Satan crucified the Son of God, but the Father raised Him to life again and took Him back to Heaven (*Gal. 1:1, 1Pet. 1:3*). The Son asked the Father to restore to Him the glory He had once shared with the Father, before He became a man (*John 17:1-5*). This the Father did in the gift of His Holy Spirit (*Acts 2:33*).

As the Spirit of the Father flowed through Christ, the Spirit of the Father became also the Spirit of the Son. This Spirit restored to the Son His capacity to be omnipresent.

Before His death Christ had promised His disciples, "*I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you*" (*John 14:16-18*).

Who is this Comforter? Who stood there "with" those disciples? Who would soon be "in" them? Who could take the place of their beloved Jesus? No one could take His place!

“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” (Gal. 4:6). The Spirit of the Son, the vital presence of their master, would be with them always. “The last Adam was made a life giving spirit” (1Cor. 15:45). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. He is “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27).

Jesus said, *“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:18). “I am with you always” (Matt. 28:20). “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them” (Matt. 18:20).*

“The first Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit” (1Cor. 15:45). Christ the man, became Christ the Holy Spirit. “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2Cor. 3:17).

“He who descended (into the grave) is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things” (Ephesians 4:10). The Comforter is Christ Himself - not Christ in body, but Christ in spirit. He is with us and in us!

Through Jesus, the Father has poured upon us His Holy Spirit (*Titus 3:4-5, 1John 4:12-13, 1John 3:23-24*). This is the Spirit which “proceeds from the Father” (*John 15:26*), through Christ, to men. Jesus said, *“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13).*

Christ has received from the Father the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift has enabled Christ to baptize us with His own Spirit (*Matt. 3:11, John 20:21-22*). John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the one who would “baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (*Lk 3:16, Jn 1:33*).

Every spiritual gift is given to us by God the Father, through Christ His Son (*Acts 2:33, Eph 4:7-8*). We are strengthened by the Spirit of the Father in our inner being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts, (*Eph 3:14-18*) and through this gift we become the extension of Christ in this world.

Because of what He has done, the Father has highly exalted His Son, and has given Him “the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow” (*Philippians 2:9-10*). This is worship! We are to worship Jesus Christ. This is the will of God our Father.

The Son of God acts for His Father. He represents His Father. He is the only Mediator between God and man (*1Tim. 2:5*). He will also act for His Father, in the execution of judgment. Finally - when every enemy of God is either reconciled or destroyed, Christ will deliver to His Father the kingdom He has won (*1Cor. 15:24*). Then Christ Himself will be subject to His Father, “for the Head of Christ is God” (*1Cor. 15:28; 1Cor. 11:3*).

For eternity to come, God Our Father will be all in all.

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