

The Father and The Son

- A New Testament Review -

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In this review I have listed those Scripture references which mention both God the Father and His Son. Some 27 years ago, I began to question the doctrine of God as a Trinity of three divine beings or persons. If God is one divine being who exists as three divine persons, then there IS no divine “Father,” who gave His begotten Son. Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit (*Mat 1:21*). Did the “third person” of the Trinity simply “help” the “second person” to complete the process of incarnation? Who then was Jesus praying to, and teaching about? The Father-Son relationship we read about in the New Testament, would then have been a kind of role playing.

I decided that I would slowly read through the New Testament, taking note of any verse which spoke to this question. (Back then I wasn’t very good with a computer, and I had no fast tools to quickly pull up and transfer verses to lists on a computer screen.) I set three legal pads on the table. On the first I would note any verse which suggested that our God is one divine being. On the second I would note any verse which suggested our God is one divine being who beget a son - a second divine being. On the third pad I would note any verse which suggested that our God is a Trinity of three divine beings.

By the time I read to the end of Revelation, the weight of the evidence was clear. The handwritten list of verses supporting a Trinity, covered only two pages of the first legal pad. The list of verses for one being only, covered several pages of the second legal pad, but did not come close to the list of verses for one divine Father being, who beget a Son. **Every page of the third legal pad was filled, as were the pages of three more legal pads.** It was stunning!

My purpose here - in providing 20 pages of printed verses, is to allow you to repeat my study. I felt that perhaps you - reading through the verses one after another, after another, would make your own discovery of God our Father, and His Son.

As you read through the verses, ask yourself whether the writers believed that the Holy Spirit is a third divine being (or person) - in addition to (1) God the Father and (2) Jesus Christ His only begotten Son. Did they believe that our God is a Trinity of three?

Writings are organized by writer. A separate section highlights the greetings and benedictions, because Paul's standard greeting "from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ," gives strong support to my belief that God is the Father, and the Father is God - ONE divine being who is "above all and through all and in you all." Jesus the Christ is the Father's only begotten divine Son.

1. Who does Jesus say "sent" Him?

Answer: His Father (17 verses).

2. Whose will is supreme - according to Jesus?

Answer: Our Father in Heaven.

3. To Whom does Jesus pray?

Answer: To His Father (19 verses).

How many verses mention prayer to the Holy Spirit?

Answer: 0 verses.

4. Who directed Jesus - concerning His teachings and His actions?

Answer: His God and Father.

5. Who gave Jesus power to heal, and to raise the dead?

Answer: His God and Father.

6. Who gave Jesus authority to judge and to execute judgment?

Answer: His God and Father.

7. According to New Testament writers, who is "the God" of Jesus Christ?

Answer: His Father (10 verses).

8. Who raised Jesus from death?

Answer: His God and Father (4 verses).

9. Did Jesus claim to be equal with His Father?

Answer: No! (3 verses)

10. How many verses speak of giving thanks to the Father? *Answer: 5 verses.*

How many verses speak of giving thanks to the Holy Spirit? *Answer: 0 verses.*

11. How many verses speak of giving glory to the Father? *Answer: 10 verses.*
How many speak of giving glory to the Son? *Answer: 12 verses.*
How many speak of giving glory to the Holy Spirit? *Answer: 0 verses.*
12. Whom did Jesus seek to honor and glorify? *Answer: His Father.*
Who glorified Christ? *Answer: His Father.*
13. To whom will Jesus give the Kingdom He has won?
Answer: To His God and Father (1Corinthians 15:24-28).

WRITINGS BY THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Matthew 1:18 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit." (Lk 1:35)

Matthew 1:20 "But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

Jesus' was conceived in Mary by the Holy Spirit. Does this make the Holy Spirit - Jesus' "father?" "God is spirit," Jesus said. "The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him" (John 4:23-25).

The writer of Hebrews gives us a clue concerning the conception.

Hebrews 1:5-6 "For to which of the angels did He 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'? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: 'Let all the angels of God worship Him.'"

I used to wonder if Jesus conceived Himself. The writer of Hebrews says the Father brought His Son into our world. The Spirit by which Mary conceived, was therefore the Spirit OF God the Father. Jesus' Father assisted His Son (who already existed in the heavenly realm) to incarnate into human flesh and nature.

John calls Jesus "the Son of the Father." Jesus is NOT the Son of another, or "third" divine being.

John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

2 John 1:3 “Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.”

Matthew 3:16-17 “Then Jesus, when He had been baptized, came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Parallel: Mark 1:10)

As the Father poured His own spirit upon His Son, John the Baptist was allowed to see this anointing, in the form of a dove. “God the Father has set His seal on Him” (John 6:27). Kings and priests were anointed for their office. Jesus the Christ would become High Priest over the House of God, and King of Kings.

Matthew 10:32-33 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

The Father is “in heaven,” but He “sees” into the secret places. He was “with” Christ, and dwelt “in” Christ. He draws men to Christ, and His spirit lives “in” our hearts.

Matthew 11:27 “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.” (Parallel: Luke 10:22)

If the Holy Spirit is a third divine person, would He not “know” the Father and the Son?

Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.” (Parallel: Mark 8:38)

Matthew 23:9 “Do not call anyone on earth your father;
for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.”

Matthew 24:36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”

If the Holy Spirit is a third divine person, would He not also “know?”

On the day that He spoke these words, Christ Himself did not know the day of His glorious return. He knew only what His Father chose to share with Him. He had emptied Himself of all divine power, to take the nature of a man. In His human state, He was completely dependent upon the Father, just like any other human being.

Matthew 26:39 "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, 'O **My Father**, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Matthew 26:42 "Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, 'O **My Father**, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, **Your will be done**."

Mark 8:38 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Mark 13:32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but **only the Father**." (Parallel: Matthew 24:36)

If the Holy Spirit is a third divine person, would He not also know?

Luke 10:22 "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

Once again. If the Holy Spirit is a third divine person, co-existent with the Father and the Son, wouldn't He know who the Father is, and who the Son is?

The authority to forgive, to judge, to execute judgment, to rule and reign - is "delivered to" the Son, and "given" to the Son, and "granted to" the Son, BY "the Father." The disciples also are said to be "given to" the Son, by the Father (John 17:6-11).

Luke 22:28-30 "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you **a kingdom**, just as **My Father bestowed one upon Me**, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Luke 22:42 "**Father, if it is Your will**, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

Luke 23:46 "And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, '**Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit**.' Having said this, He breathed His last."

Jesus' last words were addressed to His Father.

Luke 24:49 “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

The “Promise of the Father” was “the Spirit” - with us and in us (Gal. 4:6). The Father promised to glorify His Son, with the glory that He had once shared with the Father, prior to His incarnation. His divine power would be restored, and He would then baptize with the Spirit. John the Baptist said of Christ, “this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matt. 3:11, Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16). The Spirit of God our Father was poured into His Son. His Son then pours this “power” into us. We become channels for this spirit. Jesus said, “He who believes in Me, . . . out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. This He said of the Spirit” (John 7:38-39).

John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:18 “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”

Jesus Christ “declared” His Father.

John 3:35 “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.”

John 5:17 “But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.’”

Why no mention of a third divine person, who has “been working?”

John 5:18 “Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.”

Note: This was a false charge. Jesus said clearly, “My Father is greater than I” (John 14:28). Neither did He break the Sabbath. It was lawful to heal on the Sabbath. The Pharisees had distorted the Torah.

John 13:16 “Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.”

Jesus was “sent” by God His Father (17 verses), therefore Jesus is not greater than His Father.

John 5:19-21 “Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.’”

Do you see another divine person mentioned in this passage - one other than the Father and the Son? I don't.

John 5:22-23 “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

Why no mention of honor for the Holy Spirit also?

John 5:26-27 “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”

John 5:30 “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

Note: For this verse, only the KJV and NKJV say “the Father who sent Me.” All the rest say, either “Him who sent Me”, or “the One who sent Me.”

John 5:36 “But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish -- the very works that I do-- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.”

How many times did Jesus say that His Father had sent Him? Answer: Seventeen times - all recorded by John (Jn 5:23, 5:30, 5:36, 5:37, 6:39, 6:44, 6:57, 8:16, 8:18, 8:29, 8:42, 10:36, 12:49, 17:21, 17:25, 20:21).

John later wrote, “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world” (1John 4:14). One wonders why only John seems to “get” this.

John 5:37 “And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.”

In this passage, Jesus is speaking to “the Jews” (specifically the Scribes and the Pharisees) who hounded Him. It seems they did not “hear” the “voice” of the Father at the baptism. (Matthew 3:16-17)

John 6:27 “Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

*“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power” (Acts 10:38). The dove was a symbol of that anointing (manifest for the benefit of John and a few of the disciples). **God the Father sealed His Son - with His own Spirit.***

The Holy Spirit is the seal or pledge of God (1Cor. 1:22). Paul told believers, “You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise” (Ephesians 1:13). You were sealed by God, with His Spirit (Eph. 4:30). In the final days, the “servants of God” will be “sealed” just before the first Trumpet is sounded (Rev 7:3-8).

John 6:32 “Then Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.”

The “True Bread” is Christ Jesus.

John 6:37 “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

John 6:44 “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The Father draws men to Christ - who is the only way to the Father. I do not see another divine being mentioned in this salvation dynamic.

The only way for the Father to act as an invisible drawing force, is by His Spirit that is everywhere present. Jesus said, “God is Spirit.” And men must worship the Father “in Spirit” (John 4:23-24). I have found no command to worship the Spirit.

John 6:45 “It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.”

John 6:46 “Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.”

John 6:57 “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me [the Bread] will live because of Me.”

John 6:65 “And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

*No one can come to Christ unless drawn and enabled **by** the Father.
And no one come to the Father except **through** Christ.
There is no mention of another divine person in this salvation process.*

John 8:16 “And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.”

If the Father was “with” Jesus and “in” Jesus, then the omnipresent Spirit is that of the Father Himself.

John 8:19 “. . . If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”

There is no mention of knowing another divine person.

John 8:28-29 “Then Jesus said to them, ‘When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

No mention of “pleasing” another divine person.

John 8:42 “Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.”

John 8:49 “Jesus answered, ‘I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.”

John 8:54 “Jesus answered, ‘If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.”

The Holy Spirit is never specifically honored.

John 10:14-15 “I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”

John 10:17 “For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” (NRS)

John 10:18 “No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down of my own free will. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it back again. This commandment I received from my Father.” (NET)

John 10:25 “Jesus answered them, ‘I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me.”

John 10:29 “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

John 10:30 “I and My Father are one.”

No third divine being is mentioned.

John 10:36-38 “do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

John 11:41 “Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, ‘Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.”

John 12:26 “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.”

John 12:27-28 “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say -- ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.” “Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’” (NRS)

John 12:45 “And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.”

John 12:49 “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.”

John 12:50 “And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

John 13:1 “. . . Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father.”

John 13:3 “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,”

John 14:2 “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?” (NRS)

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

John 14:7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

John 14:9 “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me, has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father?””

John 14:10 “Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”

John 14:11 “Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.”

How could the Father be “in” Christ, unless He IS spirit?

John 14:12 “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified [honored] in the Son.” (NIV)

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--”

I believe that Christ is here speaking of His future glorified self. The Father would “glorify” His Son, “with the glory” that He once had, prior to His incarnation. He would restore His Son to omnipresence, so that He could “live in” His disciples. “The last Adam was made a life giving Spirit” (1Cor 15:45). “God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son” (Gal 4:6).

John 14:20 “At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me and I in you.”

John 14:21 “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

*The Comforter presence with us and in us, IS Jesus. He has “been made a life-giving spirit” (1Cor 15:45). He said, “**I am with you always**” (Matt. 28:20). “I will not leave you orphans. **I will come to you**” (John 14:18).*

John 14:23 “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”

John 14:24 “He who does not love Me, does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.”

John 14:28 “If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.”

John 14:31 “But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.”

*Jesus never said, “I love the Holy Spirit.” Never.
There is no statement that the Holy Spirit loved Christ.*

John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.”

John 15:8 “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

The Holy Spirit is never glorified.

John 15:9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.”

John 15:10 “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

John 15:15 “I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” (NIV)

John 15:23 “He who hates Me, hates My Father also.”

John 15:24 “If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.”

Why no mention of hatred for the Holy Spirit also - if He is a third divine person?

John 15:26 “But when **the Helper** comes, **whom I shall send to you** from the Father, the Spirit of truth who [or which] proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

The Spirit from the Father would testify - give proof of - Jesus. Jesus said, “He will glorify Me.” Who is Jesus referring to? Who would glorify Him? God His Father or a third divine being? In His last prayer, heard by the disciples, Jesus prayed to His Father, “glorify Your Son” (John 17:1) and “glorify Me” (John 17:5). The return of Christ AS Spirit, “with” them and “in” them, would “testify” of His ascension to sit beside the Father, and of His instillation of High Priest over the House of God. He was “made a life-giving spirit” (1Cor 15:45).

John 16:3 “And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.”

John 16:5 “But now I go away to Him who sent Me . . .”

John 16:10 “I go to My Father and you see Me no more.”

John 16:15 “All things that the Father has are Mine.”

John 16:23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.”

John 16:25-27 “I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.”

Note: There is no statement to the effect that a third divine person called the Holy Spirit, “loves” anyone.

John 16:28 “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

John 6:62 “What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?”

John 17:5 “Glorify me with the glory I had with You [Father] before the world was.”

It is clear. The Son of God existed with His divine Father before He was incarnated into human flesh (John 1:1-3).

John 18:11 “So Jesus said to Peter, ‘Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?’”

John 20:17 “Jesus said to her, ‘Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, “I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.”’”

Jesus’ Father is also His God (Jn 20:17, Rom. 15:6, 2Cor. 1:3, 2Cor. 11:31, Eph. 1:3, Eph. 1:17, Col. 1:3, Heb. 1:9, 1Pet. 1:3, Rev. 1:6).

Question: With whom did Jesus have a relationship?

Question: Was this relationship with one divine person, or with two divine persons?

John 20:21 "So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

John 17:1-25

[This last prayer witnessed by His disciples, was addressed to His Father.]

v. 1 "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You"

v. 2 "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him."

v.3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

v.4 "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do."

v.5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

There is no mention that a third divine being would be glorified by the death of God's Son.

There is no mention that another divine being assigned Christ the work He was to do or the cup He was to drink.

There is no mention that another divine being gave Christ power or authority.

v.6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word."

v.7 "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You."

v.8 "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me."

Here Jesus affirms that He "came forth from" God His Father. He was begotten from His Father, before being "sent" into the world.

v.11 "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are."

Jesus never said that He was also “one with” another divine being. Or that He “came forth from” the Holy Spirit. Or that His death was “the will of” the Holy Spirit. No!

Everything was about the Father. He came that men might “see” and “know” His Father.

v.18 “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.”

v.21 “that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

v.22 “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one”

v.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.”

v.24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may 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.”

The Spirit is never described as loving or loved - by anyone.

v.25 “O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.”

v.26 “And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

Who is “in” us? Answer: Jesus!

Acts 1:4 “And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem [after Pentecost], but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me;’”

Acts 1:7 “And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.’”

The Spirit is never said to have any authority.

Acts 2:33 “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He [Christ] poured out this which you now see and hear.”

Christ Himself “poured out” His Spirit upon the waiting disciples. His presence is the “gift” and was the “promise.” John the Baptist said, “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matt. 3:11, Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16).

1 Peter 1:3 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” (NIV)

*The Holy Spirit is never praised.
The Holy Spirit is never called “the God of” Christ.*

2Peter 1:17-18 “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain” (Matthew 17:5).

1 John 1:1-3 “-- that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

Why no mention of fellowship with the Holy Spirit also - if He is a third divine person?

1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

Why no Advocate with the Holy Spirit?

1 John 2:22 “Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.”

Why no denial of the Holy Spirit also, if He is a third divine person?

1 John 2:23 “No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also” (NRS).

*Only Christians confess Jesus as the Son of God.
No other faith “has the Father.”*

1 John 2:24 “Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.”

Would we not also abide in the Spirit, if He is a third divine person?

1 John 4:14 “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.”

“God so loved the world that **He** gave **His** only begotten Son” (John 3:16).

“. . . yet for us **there is one God, the Father, of whom** are all things, and we for Him; **and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom** are all things, and through whom we live” (1 Corinthians 8:6).

2 John 1:3 “Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father,
and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father.”

FROM God the Father. FROM His Son. That's it. There is no other!

2 John 1:9 “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has BOTH the Father and the Son.”

Jude 1:1 “Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:”

Revelation 2:27 “He who overcomes . . . to him I will give power over the nations . . . as I also have received from My Father . . .”

Revelation 3:5 “He who overcomes . . . I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

Why no mention that Christ will “confess his name” before the Holy Spirit also, IF He is indeed a third divine person?

Revelation 3:21 “He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” (NAS)

Revelation 22:1 “And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb.” (NAS)

Revelation 5:13 “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, I heard saying: ‘Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!’”

THE WRITINGS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

Fourteen times, Paul sends grace and peace to the believers “from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Twice he writes to the Thessalonians, calling them “the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (1Th 1:1).

There is no greeting from the Holy Spirit, or in the name of the Holy Spirit. If Paul believed in a third divine being, he certainly neglected to mention Him.

GREETINGS AND BENEDICTIONS

Romans 1:7 “To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 1:3 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 1:2 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Galatians 1:3 “Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Ephesians 1:2 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 6:23 “Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1:2 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Colossians 1:2 “To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 1:1 “Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 1:1 “Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:”

2 Thessalonians 1:2 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 2:16 “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace,”

1 Timothy 1:2 "To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord."

2 Timothy 1:2 "To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."

Titus 1:4 "To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior."

Philemon 1:3 "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

OTHER REFERENCES TO GOD OUR FATHER IN THE WRITINGS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

When Jesus returned to His Father in Heaven, He was glorified with the glory He once had, before He was incarnated (*John 17:5*). The Father poured His own spirit into and through His Son. In this way, the Father restored to Christ all power, presence and knowing. He "was made a life giving spirit" (*1Cor. 15:45*). In this way, the Spirit of the Father became also the Spirit of Christ. **Both** Father and Son dwell with us and in us, just as Christ promised.

John 14:23 "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.'" (NAS)

Romans 6:4 "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

The Spirit of the Father, who raised Jesus from death, lives "in" those who believe, giving them "new life."

Ephesians 3:14-17 "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, [result] that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;"

Galatians 1:1 "Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead)"

Jesus did not raise Himself from death. He was resurrected by His Father.

Romans 8:15 “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’”

Galatians 4:6 “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’”

Romans 15:6 “that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Christ’s Father is also His God (Jn 20:17, Rom. 15:6, 2Cor. 1:3, 2Cor. 11:31, Eph. 1:3, Eph. 1:17, Col. 1:3, Heb. 1:9, 1Pet. 1:3, Rev. 1:6). Long after He returned to His Father, Jesus still called Him “My God” (Rev. 3:12). There is no mention that Christ regarded a third divine being as His God, or as His equal in a Trinity.

1 Corinthians 8:6 “yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.”

God is our Father. Our Father is God. Jesus Christ is the Father’s only begotten Son. We worship the Son because the Father has commanded that we do so.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28 “Then comes the end, when He [Christ] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Christ] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.” 25 For He [Christ] must reign till He [the Father] has put all enemies under His [Christ’s] feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For ‘He [the Father] has put all things under His [Christ’s] feet.’ But when He [the Father] says ‘all things are put under Him,’ [under Christ] it is evident that He [the Father] who put all things under Him [Christ] is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him [Christ], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him [the Father], that God may be all in all.”

Who put all things under the feet of Christ? Answer: God His Father.

John 3:35 “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.”

2 Corinthians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,”

2 Corinthians 11:31 “The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.”

Galatians 1:1 “Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead)”

Jesus did not raise Himself from death. God the Father resurrected His Son, just as His Son will someday raise the dead - at His glorious return. (See also Acts 3:15, Acts 13:30, Acts 17:31, Rom. 4:24, Rom. 6:4, Rom. 8:11, Rom. 10:9, Eph. 1:20, 1Thess. 1:10, 1Pet. 1:3).

Galatians 4:6 “And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son** into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’”

Ephesians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”

Ephesians 1:17 “I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”

Ephesians 2:18 “For through Him [Christ] we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

The Son of God “was made a life-giving spirit” (1Cor 15:45). This is the spirit by which we find access to the Father. He is the “one mediator” between God and man (1Tim 2:5).

Jesus said, “No one comes to the Father but by Me” (John 14:6).

Ephesians 3:14-17 “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, [result] that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;”

The Holy Spirit is “His Spirit” - “the Spirit of the Father.” The Spirit is also “the Spirit of Christ.” BOTH Father and Son come to us and dwell with us (John 14:23). This is how “we abide in the Son and in the Father” (1John 2:24).

Ephesians 4:5-6 “one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

If God the Father is “though all” and “in you all,” what need of another divine Spirit being?

Ephesians 5:20 “. . . giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Spirit OF God is never thanked. We give thanks to God the Father FOR His Spirit.

Philippians 2:11 “and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 4:20 “Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

The Spirit OF God is never glorified, never thanked, never honored.

“Glorify Your Father in Heaven” (Matt. 5:16). “With one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 15:6).

Colossians 1:3 “We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,”

Colossians 1:12 “giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.”

Colossians 1:19-20 “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”

More recent translations say it pleased “God,” rather than “the Father.”

Colossians 2:2 “that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,”

Some recent translations leave out “both of the Father.”

Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Do all in the name of Jesus - giving thanks to God the Father.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 “remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,”

1 Thessalonians 3:11 “Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.”

1 Thessalonians 3:13 “May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones” (NIV).

2 Thessalonians 2:16 “May our Lord Jesus Christ himself **and** God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,” (NIV).

Hebrews 1:5 “For to which of the angels did He 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’?”

1 Peter 1:2 “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

According to Jude 1:1, we are “sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ”, therefore “the Spirit” in this passage, is the Spirit of God the Father.

1 Peter 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

Jesus was resurrected BY His Father.

2 Peter 1:17 “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

God the Father glorified His Son, with His voice and with His Spirit.

1 John 1:1 “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life--
2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us.”

“The Word was with God, and was God.” “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.”

1 John 1:3 “that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

*Sin is always against the Father. Christ is our only “advocate” in Heaven.
“There is one Mediator between God and man - the man Christ Jesus” (1Tim 2:5).*

1 John 2:22 “Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.”

1 John 2:23 “Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.”

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2 John 1:9 “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.”

Jude 1:1 “Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:”

It seems that Jude also, fails to give any credit to a third divine being.

Revelation 1:6 [Jesus Christ] “has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

All those who have part in the first resurrection will become “priests of God and of Christ” (Rev. 20:6).

Revelation 2:27 “He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’-- as I also have received from My Father;”

Revelation 3:5 “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

Revelation 3:12 “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of **My God**, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of **My God** and the name of the city of **My God**, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from **My God**. And I will write on him My new name.”

Christ spoke these words to John long after He returned to Heaven.

Revelation 3:21 “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

No other divine person or being is said to rule.

CONCLUSION

Did you read straight through this compilation? What do you think?

Revelation 5:13 “Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

Revelation 7:10 “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”

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