

# WHO IS THE GOD OF THE BIBLE?

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## PART I

### Our relationship to God

I have printed out here 1 Corinthians 11:1-15 from the King James Version of the Bible so we can examine it. The two footnotes cited at the end are as found in the 1611 edition of the King James Bible.

As you read this chapter, every time you see the word **HEAD** if you will replace it with either the word **κεφαλῆ** (**LEADER**) or **κεφαλῆ** (**FACE**) depending on the context of the use of the word head it will give the scripture a whole new meaning. I verified this information with Richard Draper who is an authority on the Greek Bible. He read the text with me and verified that this is the way the word head is actually used in the original early GREEK editions of the Bible.

To help you do make that change in the wording as you read the chapter, I have printed it out here and every time the word **HEAD** is used I have superscripted the meaning of either <sup>(κεφαλῆ -leader)</sup> or <sup>(κεφαλῆ -face)</sup>. Hopefully making these inserts will help us to understand the original meaning of that scripture and clarify the meaning of the whole chapter as you read it.

**HEAD, FACE, LEADER**, little words with such big meanings.

## PART II

### The Nature of God in the Bible

#### Scriptures where the Bible clearly shows that Christ is a separate being from God the Father

"This is life eternal, that they might know thee the **only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3)

Jesus' expectation that his disciples would be "one" as He and the Father are "one." (John 17:11, 21-24)

Father, I pray not for the world, but I pray for them which thou hast given me.

Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom thou has given me, that they may be one as we are

Father is the "only true God,"

Acts 7:55-56 KJV

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Stephen saw in vision "the Son of Man standing at God's right hand." (Acts 7:56 NEB)

"My Father is greater than I" (John 14:28),

not know the hour of His Second Coming--only the Father knows. (Matthew 24:36)

The Father is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:6, NEB),

*after* the resurrection Jesus will "be subject unto him [the Father] that put all things under him, that God may be all in all." (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)

Matthew 26:39, Christ said He would submit his will to his Father's

Mark 13:32, he said he did not know when He would return, but that the Father did

Hebrews 1:4, Paul said He had "inherited" a name superior to the angels

Colossians 1:15, Paul called Him the "firstborn" of all creation

1 Corinthians 15:28, told the saints that Jesus would, in the end, be subjected under God

"And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:41-42, KJV)

Matthew 3:13-17

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

John 17:18

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

John 14:6-10

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Mark 15:34

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (was he talking to Himself?).

**Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?**

## Scriptures that talk about one God

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD" (Deuteronomy 6:4)

I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." (Isaiah 43:10)

## Scriptures that say God is a spirit

The Father . . . who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. (Colossians 1:12-15)

God is a Spirit" (John 4:24)

However, since there is no indefinite article in ancient Greek, John 4:24 could just as easily be translated, "God is Spirit."

(see the New King James Version, the New English Bible, the Bible in Basic English, the Revised Standard Version, the New Revised Standard Version, and the New American Standard Version)

## Other things the Scriptures say God is

God is light" (1 John 1:5)

God is love" (1 John 4:8)

## Scriptures that call Christ the Father

### Scriptures that say Christ and the Father are one

he that hath seen me hath seen the Father. . . ." (John 14:9)

Christ and the Father are one" (John 10:30),

John 17: 6-23

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.  
16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.  
17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.  
18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.  
19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.  
20 Neither <sup>a</sup>pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall <sup>b</sup>believe on me through their word;  
21 That they all may be <sup>a</sup>one; as thou, <sup>b</sup>Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be <sup>c</sup>one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.  
22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be <sup>a</sup>one, even as we are <sup>b</sup>one:  
23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made <sup>a</sup>perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast <sup>b</sup>loved them, as thou hast loved me.  
24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.  
25 O righteous Father, the world hath not <sup>a</sup>known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.  
26 And I have <sup>a</sup>declared unto them thy <sup>b</sup>name, and will declare *it*: that the <sup>c</sup>love wherewith thou hast <sup>d</sup>loved me may be in them, and I in them.

## Descriptions of God's body

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel "saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone." (Exodus 24:9-11)

God told Moses that he could not see His face at that time, but said he would "cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts." (Exodus 33:22-23)

Ezekiel recounted yet another example: "Above the vault over their heads there appeared, as it were, a sapphire in the shape of a throne, and high above all, upon the throne, a form in human likeness." (Ezekiel 1:26 NEB)

Moses saw his finger when he got the 10 commandments

## Christ's body after the Resurrection

(find these scriptures and add them here)

I am the resurrection and the life

A spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have

Ascension going back to Father

Touch me not for I have not yet ascended unto my Father

Ate fish after he was resurrected

## Scriptures that mention the likeness of God and Man

Luke 2:52 said that Jesus **grew** in wisdom and stature

Hebrews 5:8-9 reported that He **learned** obedience

Genesis 1: 27

So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

8 Blessed *are* the <sup>a</sup>[pure](#) in <sup>b</sup>[heart](#): for they shall <sup>c</sup>[see](#) God.

We are the offspring of God, [Acts 17: 28-29](#)

## Scriptural references to more than one God

"the God of gods." (Psalm 136:2; Daniel 11:36)

Cf. Emerton, J.A., "Names of God in the Hebrew Bible," in Metzger and Coogan, eds., *The Oxford Companion to the Bible*, 548-549.

God stands in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he passes judgment.

*Psalms 82:1*

## Scriptures that say we can become like God

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2.)

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." (Revelation 3:21) Also, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." (Revelation 21:7)

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ . . ." (Romans 8:16-17)

Romans 16-17

16 The Spirit itself beareth <sup>a</sup>[witness](#) with our <sup>b</sup>[spirit](#), that we are the <sup>c</sup>[children](#) of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; <sup>a</sup>[heirs](#) of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we <sup>b</sup>[suffer](#) with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

1 John 3:2

2 Beloved, now are we the <sup>a</sup>[sons](#) of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall <sup>b</sup>[appear](#), we shall be <sup>c</sup>[like](#) him; for we shall <sup>d</sup>[see](#) him as he is.

## The Nature of God described in other versions of the Bible

Why are there so many difference between the Hebrew, Greek, German, Latin and other versions of the bible? Who decided on which wording was correct?

## Christ is the Jehovah of the Old Testament

The God known as Jehovah is the Son, Jesus Christ ([Isa. 12: 2](#); [43: 11](#); [49: 26](#); [1 Cor. 10: 1-4](#); [1 Tim. 1: 1](#); [Rev. 1: 8](#);

## Nature of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost will teach you what you should say, [Luke 12: 12](#).

The Holy Ghost is the Comforter, [John 14: 26](#) ([John 16: 7-15](#)).

Jesus gave commandments to the Apostles through the Holy Ghost, [Acts 1: 2](#).

The Holy Ghost bears witness of God and Christ, [Acts 5: 29-32](#) ([1 Cor. 12: 3](#)).

The Holy Ghost also is a witness to us, [Heb. 10: 10-17](#).

**References to the nature of Satan in the Bible.**

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**PART II**

**Comments and opinions by others on this subject:**

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