

Class # 7
“Jesus: God’s Son, Man of History: Part 2”

THE ONE TRUE GOD

Christianity has all of its roots in the Old Testament religion of the Jews. It is quite accurate to say that Christianity is actually Jewish.

To fully understand the Jewish religion and its God, YHWH, we must understand something of their background. The first real Jew was Abraham. The Bible informs us that Abraham's father was actually an idol worshipper (Joshua 24:2). All of civilization at this time worshipped a variety of different gods. There were sun-gods, rain-gods, gods of luck, gods of fate, and even unknown gods. In brief, anything that could not be explained by the human mind was attributed to a god. We will call this condition of many gods "pluralistic society." By this we mean that there were many explanations for the universe, meaning and existence and a corresponding god for each answer. This is the environment that Abraham lived in.

Abraham was a regular sort of guy, there was nothing "special" or different about him other than the fact that God decided to "reveal" Himself to him (Gen. 12:1). The fact of the matter is that God "chose" to "reveal" Himself to Abraham for no reason at all except that He decided to. The calling of Abraham was a total act of grace, yet Abraham did choose to follow. When God did choose to reveal Himself, He did so as the ONE TRUE GOD, a personal God with a name and personality, thereby making all other "gods" false and the product of the unaided imagination man. He was YHWH, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

It is important to realize that we also live in a pluralistic society and that God has chosen to "reveal" Himself to us as the ONE TRUE GOD. May this cause us to be grateful and thankful!

(I) THE ONE TRUE GOD

- A. The Bible continually reinforces the idea of ONE TRUE GOD.
 - 1. "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord."
(Deut. 6:4)
 - 2. "First...last...besides me there is no God."
(Isa. 44:6-8)
 - 3. "There is none else, there is no God beside me."
(Isa. 45:5)
 - 4. "There is one God."
(I Tim. 2:5)
 - 5. There is no other God but one.
(I Cor. 8:4)

(II) ALTHOUGH GOD IS ONE, HE IS PLURAL IN NATURE
(the idea is one of “compound unity.”)

- A. "Let 'US' make man in 'OUR' image, after 'OUR' likeness."
(Gen. 1:27-28)
- B. Elohim = God in the plural.
- C. Father speaking, Servant and Spirit mentioned.
(Isa. 42:1; Mt. 12:18)
- D. All three members at the same time.
(Isa. 48:16-17)
- E. Baptismal formula.
(Matt. 28:19)

(III) CHRIST IS REFERRED TO AS GOD

- A. "The Word of God...the Word was God."
(Jn. 1:1, 18)
- B. God calls the Son God.
(Heb. 1:8)
- C. YHWH attributed to the Son the New Testament.
(Ps. 24:7; I Cor. 2:8)
- D. "Unto us a child is born...mighty God, everlasting Father."
(Isa. 9:6)

(IV) SPIRIT IS REFERRED TO AS GOD

- A. Never grieve God's Spirit.
(Eph.4:30)
- B. Holy Spirit is called God.
(Acts 5:3-4)
- C. The Lord is that Spirit.
(II Cor. 3:17)

(V) WHY IS THIS SORT OF THING EVEN IMPORTANT?

- A. If there isn't one true God than one god is as good as another.
- B. Wherever this concept is misunderstood, another plan of salvation follows.
 - 1. Jews, because of their misunderstanding of Deut. 6:4 crucified Jesus Christ.
 - 2. Cults always deny this doctrine.
 - 3. It answers theological questions; thereby, making the Bible a unity.
 - 4. We can know we are right and this is important.
 - 5. 1 X 1 X 1 = 1

(VI) JESUS AS GOD REVEALED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read these and compare the Old Testament with the New Testament

CREATOR

Job 33:4-----Heb. 1:8-12
Gen 1:1-----Jn. 1:3

FIRST AND LAST

Isa. 48:12-----Rev. 1:17
Isa. 44:6-----Rev. 2:8
Isa. 43:10-----Rev. 22:13

SAVIOR

Ps. 106:21---Jn. 4:42
Is. 43:3-----Acts 5:31

ROCK

I Cor. 10:4- Deut. 32:4
II Sam. 22:32-I Pet. 2:6-8

I AM (EGO EIMI)

Exo. 3:13-14
Jn. 8:58
Jn. 13:19, 18:5

JUDGE

Joel 3:12-----II Tim. 4:1
Gen. 18:25-----II Cor. 5:10
Rom. 14:10

KING

Jer. 10:10---Matt. 2:1-6
Isa. 44:6----Lu. 23:3
Ps. 47:8-----Jn. 19:21

SHEPHERD

Isa. 40:11---Jn. 10:11
Ps. 100-----Heb. 13:20
Ps. 23-----I Pet. 5:4

LIGHT

Isa. 60:20---Jn. 1:9, 8:12
Ps. 27:1-----Lu. 2:32

Gen. 1:2 - The Spirit in creation.

- Ps. 139:7-10 - The Spirit is present everywhere.
- Heb. 9:14 - The Spirit is eternal.
- Acts 5:4 - The Spirit is called God.
- Jn. 20:28 - Thomas says "My Lord and my God", Jesus doesn't argue.
- I Jn. 5:20 - His Son, Jesus Christ, this is the true God.
- Jn. 1:1 - The Word was God.
- Jn. 1:3 - All things were made through Him.
- Matt. 18:20 - For where two or more are gathered...Jesus is everywhere.

