

# Is the Trinity the One God of His Church? Jesus is also Godly Being!

- “**In God** (the Father) will I praise his word: **in the Lord** (Jesus) will I praise his word. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.” Psalm 56:10-11
- “...it is God (the Father), the only true and living God, to whom our worship and reverence are due. ...Let the brightest example the world has yet seen be your example, rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who know **not God, nor Jesus Christ whom he has sent. The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.**” Ellen White: The Youth’s Instructor, July 7, **1898**, par. 1, 2

Here we clearly see, that God prohibits us from exalting the Holy Spirit or praying to It! Why? Because It is not a God unto Itself, but rather the very Spirit of God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

- “But to us there is but **one God, the Father, of whom** are all things, and we in him; **and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom** are all things, and we by him.” 1 Corinthians 8:6

David praises God the Father, yet also the Lord Jesus at the same. Is he perhaps praising Jesus twice, once as “a part of the Trinity” and once individually? Does Jesus have two forms of existence? This is even mathematically impossible. The name “one God” in the Bible signifies God the Father, not the Trinity!

According to the Spirit of Prophecy, even after the destruction of sin, only God the Father will bear the name of “one God”. These words are likewise confirmed in the Great Controversy, that Ellen White never changed her position on the Trinity.

- “**And the years of eternity**, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of **God and of Christ**. As knowledge is progressive, so will love, reverence, and happiness increase. The more men learn of God, the greater will be their admiration of His character. As Jesus opens before them the riches of redemption and the amazing achievements in the great controversy with Satan, the hearts of the ransomed thrill with more fervent devotion, and with more rapturous joy they sweep the harps of gold; and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of voices unite to swell the mighty chorus of praise. “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.**” Revelation 5:13. The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more.” Ellen White: Great Controversy, p. 678, par. 1,2,3, 1911

Here we read of God the Father and Jesus Christ, and that we will admire the character of God the Father. Since it says “His character,” does that mean that the Trinity has a single character as one “amalgamated” personality? Why is Jesus mentioned separately from God the Father if the name “God” means “Trinity?”

We can’t interpret “God” to mean “Trinity” in one place and “the Father” in another just to suit the needs of our belief. That goes against the principles of the Bible. In the Bible we read a description of the true church (the body), which has the following characteristics. One body, one Spirit (of unity and truth), one Lord (Jesus), one God (the Father).

And that one true church follows the Bible, which clearly teaches that the Father is the only true God, in the sense of Supreme Rulership over all, even over the Son, that God is the Father of all, even of Jesus, and who by His Holy Spirit is in us all, and not that this only true God means three.

According to the Trinity belief, God would have had to send Jesus, the Son of God as a “fourth Being”, for “God the Son” was already a Being or Person “in the Trinity.” Herein alone we can see the nonsense and lack of any Biblical foundation in this false teaching.

- “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **One Lord** (Jesus), one faith, one baptism, **One God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Ephesians 4:4-6
- “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee **the only true God** (the Father), **and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**” John 17:3
- “Let the missionaries of the cross proclaim that **there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, who is Jesus Christ the Son of the Infinite God.**” Ellen White: 1888 Materials, p. 886.3, 1891
- “For there is **one God** (the Father), **and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**” 1 Timothy 2:5
- “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit (of faith, unity and harmony). And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the **same God** (the Father) which worketh all in all.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

We read that there is but one God, who worketh all in all. Is this one God triune? Who is enumerated here? One Lord (Jesus), and one God (the Father). If this one God were not God the Father, then according to that mistaken view each of these titles would equally apply to all members of the Trinity. The Trinity robs the Father of His exclusive title as the one true God! He is God and the Father!

Many try to make the Biblical argument that since Adam and Eve became one flesh, though they were two, that in the same way one God means three. However, Adam was created first, and his wife was brought forth from a rib taken out of his body.

Likewise Jesus was brought forth in a way we cannot comprehend, from out of the divine body of God the Father, begotten as His literal Son.

Two: Adam and Even, not three, became one flesh. They didn’t become one literal body or one summation of two beings, but rather were one in fellowship, nature, mind and character. Hereby we see that Jesus is one Lord, that God the Father is one God, and not that they are one Trinity!

- “The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.** Amen.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

Of course, that doesn’t mean that Jesus isn’t God, but rather that He doesn’t bear the title of “one God” as the Supreme Ruler God the Father. Jesus is a Divine Being and is not created, even if all throughout the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy we see Him beneath His Father, as we also see that the Holy Spirit is not another Divine Being.

- “And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**” John 20:28
- “**Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense.** He was with God (the Father) from all eternity. God over all, blessed forevermore.” Ellen White: SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 5, p. 1126.4
- “‘Before Abraham was, I am.’ **Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God.**” Ellen White: Signs of the Times, August 29, 1900, par. 13

- “I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.” Hosea 11:9
- “**For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is 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.” Isaiah 9:6

So God the Father bears the title “the only true God,” and Jesus as His Son bears the title of “God.” Jesus Himself as the Son of God the Father is also our Father, for He created us and died for us so that we could have eternal life.

Therefore, Jesus is our everlasting Father for by His redemption He has begotten us again to live for eternity.

The difference is that Jesus doesn’t bear the title “God the Son” as does “God the Father,” nevertheless both the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy say that Jesus is God.

What does this mean? It means that we have the confirmation that only God the Father is the one true God, and that Jesus as His Son is of the divine nature and character - a Divine Being. Later we will further study the meaning of the words “pre-existent and self-existent.”

- “But we see **Jesus**, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. **For both he (Jesus) that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one** (God the Father): for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, **in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.** And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I (Jesus) **and the children which God (the Father) hath given me.**” Hebrews 2:9-13