

The Unity of God

Jn 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 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. 30 I and My Father are one."

In verse 30 we have one of the most amazing claims of Jesus. That He and the Father are one.

But what does that mean? How are we to understand that? Does that mean that He and the Father simply agree or have the same purpose? Or does it go much farther than that?

- I. Is this all that important?
 - A. I know some will ask, now what makes a difference? Does it make a difference about the relationship of Jesus with the Father?
 - B. It affects us because it will determine what we believe about Jesus. Who He is in His person. And although that may not seem to affect our daily lives, it does and it affects our eternal destiny.
 1. John 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." NKJV
 2. John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. NKJV
 3. You see you can be confused about a lot of things, but if you are confused about who Jesus is and why He came into the world, it might affect your eternal destiny.
 - C. It is also important so that we might "Earnestly contend for the faith"
 1. Jude 3-4 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. NKJV
 2. 2 Tim 4:1-5 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to

fables. NKJV

II. What is it that we know about God?

A. There is but one God.

1. Deut 6:4-5 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. NKJV

B. God also speaks of Himself in the plural.

1. Ge 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
2. Ge 3:22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"--

III. But what about Jesus?

A. The Old Testament prophets claimed that the Messiah would be God.

1. Isa 42:1 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
 - a. Mt 12:18 "Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.
2. Isa 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
 - a. Lk 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
3. Zech 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the Lord of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones. NKJV
4. Isa 6:3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of

hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

a. John 12:41 41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. NKJV

B. Jesus has a unique relationship with the Father.

1. Jn 10:38 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."
2. Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.
3. Jn 5:23 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.
4. Jn 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
5. Jn 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'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.
6. Jn 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.
7. Jn 16:15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.
8. Jn 17:10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 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.

C. No one know the Father or Son as they do each other.

1. Mt 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.

D. Jesus is expressly called God

1. 1Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.
2. Tit 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

3. 1Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

And they took up stones to stone Him. What would you have done.

If Jesus was here in the world today, thousands would line up to stone Him. For the very same reason that these Jews did. He revealed their sin and they didn't like it.

Sin is the issue. What will you do with it?

Will you deny it and try to make yourself look good?

Or will you let God break your heart and humble you as the sinner that you are?

One leads to acknowledgment of Jesus for who He really is.

The other leads to eternal destruction.

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