Seven Ones

yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. (1Cor 8:6)

Unity

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

One body, and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:1-6)

For some time, these seven tenants of faith have stirred me as no other part of God's Word. As we see the light wane and are compelled to feelings of apathy or even desperation, I am convinced the seven ones are the way back to greater orthodoxy in Christianity. So important are these, that in Verses 13 and 14 we see that the very fabric of who we are depends on mutual understanding of these things in order for God's plan to bring, unity to the Church. We can be divided in our thinking and error to the extent that we misunderstand the significance of these seven; and collectively these seven are one. Adherence to these and not going beyond their scope, in effect, is hitting the reset button of unity. For some this could mean new beginnings, even revival.

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1Cr 1:10

One Body

While they were eating, Jesus took **bread**, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; **this is My body**." Mat 26:26

"For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." Jesus said to them, "I

am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will no longer hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. John 6:33-35

In the beginning was the word (*bread/body*), and the word (*bread/body*) is with God, and the word (*bread/body*) is God. Jhn1:1

This symbolism regarding the body/word/bread leads us to some of the most astounding truths; these truths only being assessed through the word of God; on the page, and in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit 1Cr 2:15. We draw near to The Father through His Son, Jesus Christ. When we eat of His Body, we have His Life in us. If we believe in the Word of God then we have the life Christ in us. Jesus said that: "His Words are life." This is the Bread which comes down out of heaven, of which we eat and never die.

"This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. John 6:50

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the **words** that I have spoken to you are Spirit and are life. John 6:63

Upon receiving the words of Christ we receive the Spirit as the seal of God that we belong to Him. Just as Jesus is in the Father, so, too, we are in His Son; we are in His Body. We are resurrected from the dead given the Life of Christ.

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. 2 Cr 1:21-22

As we see in this verse, the Spirit in our hearts is the proof we are in the Body of Christ. His Spirit is Truth. By the truth we know we belong to God. By the truth we know we are in Him, and He in us. We receive Him through faith; those that believe in His name have faith in Jesus, the resurrection and the life.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, **to those who believe in His name**, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Jhn 1:12-13

The Spirit Himself testifies with our Spirit that we are children of God. Rom 8:16

The one who joins himself to the Lord is one Spirit. 1 Cr 6:17

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. Eph 2: 8-9

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. Jhn 6:53

Here we see Jesus using symbolic language in the strongest possible measure. The twelve still did not understand these words of Jesus, and it would be some time before they did. Jesus after giving the twelve the bread likewise gave them the wine to drink, calling it His blood; the blood referring to the Holy Spirit. One could say that the body of the Lord Jesus is Word, and the blood of Jesus is Spirit. Jesus is Word and Spirit.

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into **one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and **we were all made to drink of one Spirit.** 1 Cr 12:13

The final conclusion that can be drawn from this is: there is only one Word of God, or better put, one revelation of One God and He revealed Himself in and through Jesus Christ; this being the Scriptures of the Bible, as we see them in the Old and New Testaments. There's only one true food and one true drink.

"For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Jhn 6:55

The picture here is: His life being in us. This is the Word of God being illuminated by the Spirit. The flesh is His word and the blood is His Spirit/God. We can have His Mind/the word, and His life/the Spirit.

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2Cr 3:17-18

For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ. 1Cr 2:16

You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ/in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Col 3:3-4

The last verse reflects the future event, when all of us are together with Jesus in God. Yet we are in Him now, and have been raised up with Him, seated in the heavenlies, even now having complete Spiritual contact with Him, in Spirit/in God. In the symbolic sense, sharing the same blood/wine.

Even when we were dead in our transgressions, *God* made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, **and seated us with Him in the heavenly** *places* **in Christ Jesus**, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast; we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for**

good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Eph 2:5-10

In conclusion: since there is ONE BODY, it's safe to say, "there is ONE BLOOD." The Body of God is His Word; the Blood of God is Spirit.

God is Word and Spirit. Spiritual Thoughts and words//the substance is Christ.

things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.
Col 2:17

Pictures Displaying One Body

The scriptures display pictures of God, pictures that our minds can grasp, so we are able to see the invisible God; the things of God. Really, everything that we can't see with our literal eyes have the enduring value, the things we take with us beyond this life. The things we can't see really are better, and God wants us to see these things with the eyes of our heart. We see God's arm, and we see even the hand and finger of God. We also see the branch and the vine; these represent a few pictures of **God's contact with us, all of His Children being one in Him.** The idea is: the arm, hand, and finger are part of **one body.** The arm with the hand and fingers can reach down to earth and effect changes in the world; even in our lives. More importantly, we can actively be part of God's life. Jesus shows this to us in a very beautiful way.

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples.

"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. "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. "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

"You are My friends if you do what I command you.

"No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. "This I command you, that you love one another. Jhn 15:1-17

One Spirit

One body and **one Spirit**, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling Eph 4:4

The one who joins himself to the Lord is **one Spirit...** 1Cr 6:17

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, **just as from the Lord, the Spirit**. 2Cr 3:18

Now the **Lord is the Spirit**, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. 2Cr 3:17

So stunning are the implications here, that few are willing to **completely** acknowledge the light that flashes forth from these profound truths; yet without these realizations, the Church finds itself weakened by the gravities of materialism, being assimilated by an increasingly corrupt culture/world. We find ourselves overvaluing things, therefore being hamstrung, insufficiently loving God and one another, **grieving** and **quenching the Spirit**/God.

We should always be rejoicing, and frequently praying; giving thanks for everything, no matter what the situation; because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **Do not quench the Spirit;** do not despise prophetic utterances, yet examining everything *carefully;* holding fast to that which is good/*true*; always abstaining from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your Spirit and soul/mind and body/word be preserved, completely blameless, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Thes 5:16-23

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Eph 4:30

By these truths, the realizations of falling short of the mark are present; yet we can re-unite in meaningful ways, therefore affecting **true** revival **in** the Body of Christ. For the Body to thrive, eventually we must feed upon deeper truths. We all need to attain to the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, being a mature man, attaining to measure and stature which belongs to the **fullness of Christ** Eph 4:13.

One might ask: "What is the fullness of Christ?" Let's look at a few verses describing Paul's insights and enthusiasm, regarding these priceless things.

To me, the very least of the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery, which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might NOW be known through the Church, to the rulers and the authorities in heavenly places. Eph 3:8-10

What we actually have playing out in the times we live are things never revealed in the times of old. The authorities in the heavens long to see the outcome of these things; much of which, have been kept secret until now. We have opportunities to actually participate in the very **powers and substance of God**; being in union with Jesus Christ. A relationship so close, few are willing to speak about it or even acknowledge its existence. Moving forward we can demonstrate just how close this **relationship with God** can be. The following verse will demonstrate some shortcomings regarding our understanding of the Spirit. Notice that the word **spirit**, in the following verse/below, is **not** capitalized. Yet when capitalized, this is indicative of the very highest value ie God. Someone was thinking this **spirit** is **substantive**, ie a lesser part of the Greater. The lesser spirit being **part** of the Greater/est Spirit. This differentiation is often the case as we will demonstrate by showing other verses. Paul takes us from lesser thoughts to greatest possible understanding; this understanding, putting to shame, the thinking of the wise and crafty. **God can not be quantified in this way**; and the following scripture displays this case and point: the small *s* on **spirit** indicative of the lesser part of the greater i.e. the Holy Spirit. Secondly; **the last two words in this verse are not part of the Word of God. These added later by the Wise.**

The one who joins himself to the Lord is one Spirit (with Him) 1Cr 6:17

1Cr 1:17 Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be void. Because the word of the cross/truth is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to the ones who are being saved; it is the power of God. For it is written in the scriptures, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling brethren; there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God has chosen the weak things of

the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised. God has chosen the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD." 1Cr 1:17-31

Many times we see in the scriptures those adding/changing the meaning of God's words; the scriptures making reference to the likes as. Bear in mind it's just those that do these things that are accursed, not necessarily those deceived by the added words, unless of course the latter are willing to Re-affirm them. Once again; the last two words have been added; (1Cr 6:17 "with Him") not actually being part of the Word. In any case, any part of God's Spirit is no less holy than the whole; therefore **God's people** are one in Spirit in Him/God. So if the Head is Holy; so also is the Body and of course, the head and the body are inseparable.

The one who joins himself to the Lord is one SPIRIT 1Cr 6:17

We will be displaying more scriptures reflective of these truths regarding the people of God, those who are **truly** in union with Christ; truth reflecting we are actually His Spiritual Body/Blood, which is The Spirit of God, and the Word of God; which, in short, is God. Take note and don't forget that the Body and the blood need to be together to have life; yet this is figurative language, therefore God's vehicle for revealing deeper truths.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cr 5:19

For this reason also, God highly exalted Him; bestowing on Him the name which is above every name, Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death on a cross. So that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, also those under the earth; and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phl 2:8-11

"Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.

"I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness, and will not turn back, **That to Me every knee will bow**, and every tongue will swear *allegiance*. "They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.' Men will come to Him, and all who were angry at Him will be put to shame. "In the LORD all the offspring of Israel will be justified and will glory." Isa 45:22-25

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.

But we all, with an unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2Cr 3:17-18

The context of this passage can be established from verse 13 onward, but, better yet, from the beginning of the chapter. As with these verses, or any others, we will always encourage a lot of Bible reading; reading it all, and reading it often, using the New King James or the NASB, even the NIV, as these are considered to be improved translations. What we learn from the previous two verses is that Jesus Christ is in fact, One and the Same with the Holy Spirit: Jesus' Body/The Word; being inseparably united with His Blood/The Spirit. The Spirit/God never left Jesus even when the sins were coming down on Him. Here we find another very wonderful thing; that Jesus Christ is Jehovah God in the Flesh; the following verses demonstrating these things.

We're seeing from Isiah forty-five, at the end of time, everybody is willing to concede that Jesus Christ is actually Jehovah. Notice "**That to (Me) every knee will bow**" We see that Jehovah is the one speaking in this Isaiah passage. Read these series of verses over and over with all your heart, as our life depends on it. These are deep and exceedingly wonderful.

It's becoming evident, that in Spirit/Blood, the Father and the Son are one Substance; so too, we are one substance in Spirit in Christ; yet these verses are not the strongest possible evidence that can be shown regarding these things. We will progress to many other expressions from the Word, displaying the depths of our relationship with Him.

Ephesians chapter five is among many important chapters of the Bible, along with the letter to the Romans, and first and second Corinthians. These readings are among the most important; encouraging and strengthening us in doctrine and Faith.

Because we are members of His body. FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Eph 5:30-32

Bold text/caps above is verse Thirty-one, and is a Quote from the Old Testament holding many implications, but for now we will point out what is specific to the subject at hand. Just as the man and woman become one flesh in sexual intercourse, therefore being fruitful and multiplying, so too we are one flesh in Christ in Spirit. Without the union in Christ there is no fruit bearing to eternal life. This Ephesians passage speaks of being inseparably united in Christ Jesus. Jesus expressing the following:

"So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate." Mat 19:6 The woman and the man are really **one organism made by God, and** for God.

The lasts things said by Jesus are among the deepest expressions regarding our relationships with God, and we have much to say, discussing the ramification as we progress in subsequent chapters. **Really, the Seven Ones inseparably mingle, and are one as a whole.** In no way are any of these independent of one another; in fact they are completely interdependent just as a man and a woman are completely interdependent and actually ONE. These are among the greatest truths we will ever realize; and yet we are just scratching the surface.

One Hope

Anyone willing to draw near, embracing Jesus Christ through Faith, will have the introduction into God's plan; yet faith needs to be nurtured to grow. Certainly God's insight takes into account there being many peoples in the world, and their particular situation is not conducive for any further growth in His plan; they are born of God but soon there after are victims of circumstances. But where the truths of God's word are available, one must choose to capitalize on these opportunities, or risk protracted growth. We need to go from cold to being hot. Faith is our introduction, yet sufferings will inevitably accompany any spiritual growth. Reading the Bible daily is a minimum requirement from God; this being **Our Daily Bread.** This exposure to the Word is more important than the food we eat. Our initial faith, (and it growing), is the pathway that leads to Hope. Hope is our first position of strength, and is dependant on our willingness to read the Bible regularly. Hope is a place of rest, and is the spring board enabling us to acquire true love for God, and His people. Hope is the primary area of strength, therefore it's referred to as a HELMET.

Since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a **helmet**, the hope of salvation. 1Th 5:8

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. Rom 5:1-2

By the time Paul makes this declaration, Paul and many of his converts, had reached that place of **exulting in hope.** This **hope** can be described as **faith coming to maturity.** Faith comes to maturity after some milk, and then solid food; and certainly not without various sufferings along the way.

But now; faith, hope, love, these three remain in place; yet the greatest of these is love. 1Cr 13:13

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Rom 5:5

Romans 5:5 typifies what it means to be a Christian. The hope Paul refers to here is in fact, absolute confidence in God. Another way to describe this hope is: absolute unwavering faith in God. Absolute confidence in what God has promised is the very essence of hope; **confidence in the**

invisible is the most uplifting thing we can gain by far. Hope is absolute confidence that we have a life and rewards with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in this life and there after. There is nothing more uplifting than to know that the best things are to come, after the earthly body has been done away. Yet with these insights, our life with God takes on new meaning, and we really begin to live for Him.

Now for me; to live is Christ, and to die is profit. Phl 1:21

For in hope we have been saved, **but hope that is seen is not hope**; for who hopes for what he sees? Rom 8:24

Absolute confidence in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only true and living Hope.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Pet 1:3

To attain to this hope, God has graciously provided sufferings designed to complete our confidence in Him, enabling us to comfort those sharing in the same trials; yet in peace with Love, with the strength of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In this you greatly rejoice, even though for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Pet 1:6-7

Knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance, and let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. Jam 1:3-4

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Rom 8:18

Just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort. 2 Cr 1:5-7.

If one is suffering, then we all suffer, for this is how we identify who we gather with. We will gather and be strengthened and healed, bearing up one another. By this we know that we are together as one. "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with them; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with them" 1 Cr 12:26. Again, this is how we know that we're together; we're able to comfort one another in the true love of Jesus Christ. We need to read the

scriptures together, growing in strength and love for one another; doing this while we have opportunity, practicing good deeds for all peoples, especially to those who are with us, in our household of faith in Jesus. In doing these things, certainly we will be abounding in hope. Gal 6:10

Types of suffering/discipline

Suffering can either dash our Hopes or complete us in a way that transcends human thought. There are varieties of sufferings; all with a specific purpose. Sufferings from God always come to complete us never to harm. We can be found fighting the very sufferings God is using to complete us. Displaying the types of suffering that God has for us, and identifying their characteristics is crucial to our success. God wants us to have unimaginable amounts of success.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that all creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. Rom 8:18-22

The First suffering we will identify is suffering because of isolation. This is where God wants to cage us up; keeping us safe and in good condition for a specific use later. If we try to get out of this situation prematurely a new kind of suffering needs to be deployed by God (and we will talk about that next). Getting over the shock of being set apart can be drawn out or we come to the realization that this is a new opportunity from God. This is the staging area, and preparation for future events God has planned for us. We are used to being wild and free; we can feel a sense of loss and disorientation like; "Now what." When we look back, it's familiar, yet it's taken on a darkness, looking forward is the light but it's unfamiliar. When a trainer is ready to receive a new animal for training, in most cases the animal is going to feel uneasy, even fear.

The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor; humility. Pro 15:33

Fear and/or respect for the Lord is the Ground zero element necessary to heed the instruction that leads to wisdom and understanding, this verse also is saying we need to humble ourselves before we can honor God. This is the initial staging area. We may think we are humble in the Lord, until the day he restrains us in some way. There are many examples in the scriptures showing these things. We may have been a Christian for a long time or a short time, but when God is finally ready to receive us for the upgrade/plan for our lives, it can be a startling thing. It's like being in a deep sleep and a bugle sounding in our ear, or even getting the whip if we're inclined to resist. There is the term "Being whipped into shape"; God's going to do it whether we like it or not.

FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." Hbr 12:6

We'd better not rage/scoff against the Lord or He will tighten our fetters.

And now do not carry on as scoffers, or your fetters will be made stronger; For I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts Of decisive destruction on all the earth. Give ear and hear my voice, Listen and hear my words. Isa 28:22-23

There's also the sleep of death: if we're allowed to sleep on unfinished business, the enemy can tear it down, leaving us naked, and waking up in fear.

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the *sleep of* death, And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," *And* my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken. Psa 13:2-4

Any mindset that is contrary to sound doctrine, is therefore hostile to the plan of God, and needs to be addressed; eventually the lies in our hearts have to go.

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone *for* the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed. "I will make justice the measuring line And righteousness the level; Then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies And the waters will overflow the secret place. "Your covenant with death will be canceled, and your pact with Sheol will not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through, then you become its trampling *place*. "As often as it passes through, it will seize you; morning after morning it will pass through, *anytime* during the day or night, and it will be sheer terror to understand what it means."

The bed is too short on which to stretch out, And the blanket is too small to wrap oneself in. For the LORD will rise up as *at* Mount Perazim, He will be stirred up as in the valley of Gibeon, To do His task, His unusual task, And to work His work, His extraordinary work; therefore do not carry on as scoffers Isa 28:16-22a

God can go long periods of time without speaking to us; we can be under the impression we're on the right path, but the truth is, we've been drifting off course for a long time.

"I have kept silent for a long time, I have kept still and restrained Myself. *Now* like a woman in labor I will groan, I will both gasp and pant. Isa 42:14

We've been embracing some lies for a very long time, yes we've all been made to drink the wine or Her passion, but God says; "Come out from Her my people." Otherwise we are sharers in her destruction.

I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Rev 18:4-5

We can dig through the rubble of the present and the past finding what's been lost; getting back to the truth.

"Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke?" "Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh? "Then your light will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

"Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you remove the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness, and if you give yourself to the hungry And satisfy the desire of the afflicted, Then your light will rise in darkness And your gloom will become like midday. "And the LORD will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. "Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell. "If because of the Sabbath, you turn your foot From doing your own pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, And honor it, desisting from your ways, from seeking your pleasure, and **stop speaking** your own words. Then you will take delight in the LORD, And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isa 58:6-14

Certainly, being the Church, our Sabbath is every day; if in fact we have entered this rest. The Isaiah passage tends to magnify our short comings. We have breaches in our walls, the enemy splitting our ranks. Yet in the Lord there is the hope of gaining new strength.

Isa 40:31 Those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up *with* wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary. Isa 41:1 "Coastlands, listen to Me in silence, And let the peoples gain new strength; Let them come forward, then let them speak; Let us come together for judgment.

One Lord

Eph 4:5 **one Lord**, one faith, one baptism,

Mat 11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

One of the most common arguments heard between those conceding to the full deity of Jesus and the camps not willing to accept the idea of full deity is the statement of king David in the psalms; and Jesus Himself quoting this prophecy of His earthly father (King David) according to the flesh. This Prophecy indicates two Lords: allegedly one being the Father/God) and the other being His Son/Jesus. How is this solved in our mind, how is it there is one Lord as stated by Paul? How could there be a Lord Father and a Lord Son; this would be two Lords. In what way can there be no contradiction? Understanding the invisible Person of Jesus, will be the key, unlocking this mystery.

One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, and asking Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH YOUR ENTIRE MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM: AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions. Mar 12:28-34

Again, we see in caps, the Quotes from the Old Testament; again highlighting critical text. Jesus seeing that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." By this time in Jesus' ministry it was well known to the scribes and Pharisees that Jesus was making Himself out to be God. Ultimately a few of these religious leaders would put their trust in Jesus. It turned out to be quite a stretch of the imagination for some to wrap their mind around the fact that Jesus was the Christ, ie the Messiah. As in many other occasions Jesus was trying to, in the gentlest way, reveal that He was in fact Jehovah in the Flesh. These Quotes from the Old Testament have the word Jehovah and Lord/Adon... The Lord Jesus Christ: Son of David in the Flesh; Son of God because the Holy Spirit/God, through an act of creation, inseminated the virgin Mary, her being the direct descendant of king David. God provided 23 male chromosomes that were (minus) the old sin nature. Again we see that the Word Christ, Means Anointed One; this is indicative that; in Jesus there was/is the complete presence of God, inseparably united with the human makeup descended from King David. Yet (Jesus), during the incarnation, by his own

volition, limited the full use of this divine power, at His disposal; this He did in accordance with the plan of His Father/God. Jesus and His Father are One Body and One Blood. The Body is The Word/Flesh, the Blood is Spirit/Blood. This is Word; this is Spirit/God.

Have this thinking in yourselves that was also in Jesus the Messiah, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not think equality with God was necessary, but limited Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in the likeness of men. Having the appearance of a man, He humbled Himself through becoming obedient even though he was facing death, even the death on a cross. Because of this, God exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name that's above any other name. Phl 2:5-9

Philip requesting of Him said, "Lord, just show us the Father, and it will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you this long, and you haven't come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how is it that you say, 'Show us the Father'? "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. Jhn 14:8-11

The following demonstrates the invisible nature/power of the Father is Spirit/the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. (**God is Spirit**) and those who worship Him must worship in (**Spirit and truth**)." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*." John 4:21-26

With only a brief introduction of information given by Jesus this woman was able to draw immediately to the conclusion that: The Christ was coming and that an unlimited amount of truth would be available through Him, from the Father. She came to this conclusion because Jesus was talking about the Spirit. It seems she was familiar with the concept of Messiah being a Man, and being completely endowed with God from within. This passage so typifies who God is: Father/Spirit/Son. Even though she was able to come to limited conclusions, it would be a stretch of the human imagination to believe that within the flesh of Jesus was His Father. If a person was willing to go with what the Bible indicates, believing that **GOD IS ONE**, they were/have been/are considered a heretic, by what was being considered the One and only voice of God. Untold numbers of Jews were murdered because they were willing only to consider God as being one. Before the third century a person could go with the idea of one God, and be safe with this/his conviction, being in little risk of reprisal for this belief. We see James emphatically declaring that God is One:

You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. Jam 2:19

We see over and over the same being said in the New and in the Old Testaments. In the particular times we live, People in more than just a few countries can chose to believe the idea of truly **ONE**, without fear of persecution of any kind. Let's see what Jesus says about this when challenging the scribes to see the scriptures in a deeper way, a way that would lead them to the deeper realities of Jesus' complete identity.

This being ONE in a sense that some who are/were called founders/fathers in the third century were not willing to accept. So much so were they unwilling to consider God as truly being one, that people willing to go with what the bible consistently said, were eventually to be considered a cult. There was even the necessity to invent a new word describing this emerging belief: Trinity. Surely this was not a new belief though; as God was always warning Israel to remain separate from the surrounding nations, and of course their multiple Gods/Deities. This emergent, third century organization, was claiming to be the sole voice of God, also establishing a long history of Totalitarianism, Wholesale murder; pressing its sphere of influence over secular governments, to the extent that this so-called church, and states, could scarcely be distinguished from one another; this being secularized religion. This relationship of harlot and beast is vividly displayed in Revelations chapters 17-18, displaying this organization's legacy from the Tower of Babel to the present day. Of course, now She is in the appearance of **Her final makeover**, a **completely false** Christianity. This is the one going from bad to worse.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived. These were the men that were coming in, learning the lingo, but were going out (**but they were not sent.**)

One Lord -Jesus

(Mar 12:35-37)And Jesus began to say, as He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Anointed one/Christ is the son of David? "David himself said by the Holy Spirit, 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET." "David himself calls Him 'Lord'; so, in what sense is He his son?" And the large crowd was gladly hearing Him.

Erroneously, translators chose a less reliable source for Mark 12:36 I.e. from the Septuagint which is a good translation but on the other hand includes a very grave error. The Septuagint Translation is where the two Lords were created; thus contradicting the Scriptures of ONE LORD as confirmed previously by Jesus, **the one and only Lord of the scriptures**. The truth of One Lord is also confirmed by the Apostle Paul listing seven tenants of faith essential for Unity to exist in the Body of the Anointed One/Christ.

(Eph 4:3-6) Be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is **one Body** and **one Spirit**, just as also you were called in **one**

hope of your calling. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

In Mark 12:36 the first LORD in the verse should be rendered Yahweh/Jehovah; doing so gets us appropriately back to one Lord in the Scriptures; again, that Lord being Jesus. Mark 12:36 is a Quote from Psalm 110:1. In the End everywhere the proper name of God has been changed from Jehovah/Yahweh to LORD will be rectified. Attacks on the scriptures such as this are divisive; Satan seeking confusion amongst God's people. The following is Psalm 110:1 rendered as it should be in faithfulness to the original Hebrew Manuscripts.

(Psa 110:1) **Yahweh/Jehovah** says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Jesus absolutely would have quoted the scriptures in this way; Him having complete understanding that His Father was/is Jehovah/Yahweh of the Hebrew Old Testament. Jesus would not have taught things that contradict the word of God. For that matter, Mark 12:35 and 36 have been so abused to support something that is entirely untrue; thus being fogged in, very few even get to the point Jesus is trying to make. First of all, with the corrected translation there is one Lord that being Jesus. Secondly, we get to the heart of His question which is pointing to the human aspect of Jesus. The answer to Jesus' Question is he's David's son according to Genetics I.e. according to the flesh.

I realized one day that the Apostles and the Prophets **completely avoided any suggestion that God is three in one,** at this point I realized that this in itself was a miracle. The Great Harlot has many strong spells that she has cast over us. Jesus had more to say about this, and there is much to display that was covered up throughout the dark ages. The strong spells of the Harlot put a partial veil over the face of those willing to seek God. On the other hand, there is nothing that has been hidden that shall not come to light, and the best things remain. Mar 4:22 "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has *anything* been secret, but that it would come to light. Even prior to the arrival of Jesus in the world the enemies of God were successful in shrouding the truth in darkness. The following verses describe Israel's condition prior to the advent of Jesus Christ.

Mat 4:16 "THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."

Isa 53:2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of **parched ground**; He has no *stately* form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

Israel was in a deep state of spiritual decline prior to Jesus' arrival on the scene, such to the extent that He is described as growing out of parched ground. Nonetheless, because of God's complete indwelling, Jesus thrived. God always arrives before it's too late.

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them

out of My hand.

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. **"I and the Father are one."** The Jews **picked up stones** to kill Him, and Jesus answering them said, "I showed you **many good works from the Father;** for which of them are you stoning Me?" The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out *to be* God." Jhn 10:27-33

As the true Church; we are never ever given permission from God to pick up stones. In fact we are to bless those who persecute us. The tell-tale sign exposing the true Harlot is the fact She has a notorious history of war, murder, looting the wealth of nations, and persecution of those having a different view on the scriptures. **Catholicism has always been the fertile ground for a holocaust.** History easily demonstrates these unavoidable truths. Just as Jesus exposes the Pharisees so the Lord calls us to expose the likes of these. We do the same works as Jesus; Imitating Him, bringing to light the things that are hidden.

Jhn 10:37 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; Jhn 10:38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe on account of the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I am in the Father." Jhn 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. Jhn 14:11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe on account of the miracles themselves.

"In that day you will know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.**" He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?" 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.** "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.** Jhn14:20-24

"We will come to him and make Our abode with him."

This last statement shows that Father and Son (all that God is, **the Spirit being their mutual Blood**), will indwell those truly loving the Son; We In Him, and He in Us. One might say: "Where is the Spirit in this equation." The Spirit is God just as the Father and Son are God, this being complete interdependence; One Blood, One Body, One person with more than one name. An automobile is not an automobile without the engine. Take the engine out of the equation, and the car lacks all that it was intended to be. The Holy Spirit is the very power/life as to who we are going to be for God. Without the Spirit we lack the very component that is God, and that searches out

Himself (God thinks about Himself, just as our mind seeks to search out all that we are as human beings.) The Holy Spirit is the mind/power of God. Jesus said: "I go to be with the Father", and that the Father would send the Spirit of Truth, yet Jesus also said, "I will never leave you" and that He would be with them always. So, the Holy Spirit is not only the power system but also the communication system regarding all that God is. It's also said that the Spirit searches out the depths of God. In order for us to understand who and what God is, God shows us who He is, displaying by component, Just as an Automobile has Various components but the car is one as a whole. Many who love cars, will have the greatest interest in the engine, and talk more, and glorify more so the engine than any other part of the car. Others might draw attention to the comforts and amenities of the interior, enjoying the safety features within. Regardless of what part we're more so seeking to glorify, it's still ONE. King David saying: 'THE Jehovah SAID TO MY Adon, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET" Here we see God displaying Himself in two components for the sake of our fleshly minds. This displays the Messiah/Christ after the Ascension; Son of David according to the flesh through the Holy Spirit/Father. Son of God, Son of David; Fully God, Fully Man, yet ONE forever. Now God has a permanent history of being man/flesh, a plan that was conceived from eternity past, and those that are in Christ are as much about this plan as Jesus Himself. Though the Members of the Body are many Yet they are ONE in Him. We share in all that Jesus is in the Father.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus goes to great lengths to indicate that He and the Father are actually one being. This was very hard to prove, so Jesus was asking those wanting to kill Him to believe on account of the miracles, believing all that His Father was doing through Him everywhere His ministry was going. Now is a good time to reconsider the statement: "The two shall be one flesh" to truly understand the ramifications here, going back to Genesis, where it was first said by God, in relationship to Adam Being made in the Image/pattern of God. God had made everything bearing seed after is own kind. Adam was the seed bearing fruit; displaying who God was going to be in the future. This statement having to do with Paul's declaration: 1Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Adam was the Image/Shadow/Pattern of what was coming in the future. Jesus would be the Head of the whole human race; particularly regenerate humanity; those choosing for the redemption solution which was through **faith alone**, and not works of any kind. Tragically, a long time ago, Translators chose to treat the name of Adam as being a Generic word rather than a proper name. This is without a doubt one the most colossal miscalculation ever made regarding biblical translation, as the Hebrew does have a word for MAN and its not the word ADAM. The fact that the word Adam is not Generic is VERY, VERY easy to demonstrate by God's and Adam's own words/admonition. First we will show God's Words. Without being faithful to translation, it blurs the unbroken Messianic thread running from Adam/the seed of the woman, to many other messianic witnesses throughout the Old Testament. We will be called fanatical because we're willing to translate (almost) word for word. I point out almost because at the end of the day we can be closer than we were at the beginning of the day. Let's walk while we have light... Almost all translations follow in the pattern of the King James. The King James was so revered there was fear about deviating from it to any degree. But for sure, it was a good first attempt to give the scriptures to the masses.

Then God said, "Let Us make **ADAM** in Our image, according to **Our likeness**; and let **THEM** rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of

the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **God created ADAM in His own image**, <u>in the image of God He created HIM; **male and female** He created **them**. Gen1:26-27</u>

These are the actual words of the Hebrew regarding the word ADAM, the point being that God wanted us to understand that ADAM is MALE and FEMALE. The Significance of this is that the Woman was made out of ADAM; They are ONE FLESH with TWO components that are inseparably united and completely INTERDEPENDENT, letting us understand God who is invisible, and is more than one component but nonetheless ONE. ADAM is MALE and FEMALE. God Calls His original origin of The Human Race ADAM not man. The male and female of the human race are one organism that are completely interdependent, and bearing seed after its kind. This interdependence is such to the extent that if they were to remain separate the human race would cease to exist after a time, yet time has told us they are one flesh and can not remain separate from one another. Yet there is more to see here. Adam is said to be Son of God in the Genealogy provided to us through the Luke Gospel.

The son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. Luk 3:38

Sons of Adam in the scriptures are representative of regenerate/believing (men) leading all the way to Christ. Again, the Seed of the woman is representative of a regenerate line of believers leading all the way to Jesus Christ. Many times we see the name phrase **Son of Adam** in the Hebrew. Son of Adam points out historical believers in Messiah from ancient times leading all the way to Christ. The NAME ADAM in the Hebrew is almost as prevalent as the WORD Man. Notice we said THE NAME "ADAM" and THE WORD "MAN". Now we will demonstrate further that ADAM understood the difference between his NAME ADAM, and the WORD MAN. More importantly we need to understand that God differentiated between the name ADAM and the word MAN as **these are all God's Words through the Prophets.**

ADAM said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of **MAN**." Gen 2:23

The above verse indicates Adam's awareness that the woman was made from part of his own body. Most bibles exchange the word Man where we find Adam in the Hebrew.

For this reason a **MAN** shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. Gen 2:24

Above represents the actual Hebrew, demonstrating that neither God nor Adam used the name Adam and the Word man interchangeably. Adam is not a generic word but is a proper name that should be consistently translated Adam where ever it is found in the Old Testament. Below is verse twenty-five first rendered without the corrections and the second is with the corrections. Notice that the actual name of the woman is Ishshah, which is in fact generic throughout the Old Testament, yet to remain consistent in translation it should always be translated WOMAN in the English to remain consistent with Hebrew and with God's intent. We always know if a woman was joined with a man

because of context, therefore exchanging for the word wife where we find the literal word woman is also misleading. The Hebrew text always states who a woman belonged to without using the word wife like we do in our language. When translation remains consistent, then and only then are we getting the impressions that God intended. These (impressions) rub some people raw, this is why they changed the words. The rubbing raw is indicative of resistance to God's authority. Again the first rendering of Gen 2:25 is not faithful to the Hebrew whereas the second is.

The man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. Gen 2:25 **ADAM** and **ISHSHAH/The Woman** were both naked and were not ashamed. Gen 2:25

Below we have a short list of verses taking into account the corrections made regarding the Proper name Adam in relationship with verses that actually have the Word Man in them also. When we first looked at these I was very surprised. Proper translation produces the Bridge between Adam and Messiah; seeing it as the Apostle Paul would see it as he read the original Hebrew text. This allows us to see it as Paul was seeing it; yet in the English language:

"God is not a **MAN**, that He should lie, nor a son of **ADAM**, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Num23:19

The verse above reflects unregenerate **MAN**, in contrast, **ADAM** representing the repentant/regenerate mankind. This verse accounts for both sides of the human race, those saved and unsaved. Remember the Genesis Genealogy Goes from Adam to Seth for reasons not always understood. Cain was of course an unbeliever and would not be included in the line of Messiah. Abel was killed by Cain before he had any children. This is why the Genealogy skips Cain and Abel. Seth was the first son after Able that was a believer.

Next we will see some prophetic Messianic Psalms that reflect Jesus is Son of Adam. We're well aware that Jesus is Son of David but not well aware that Jesus was also spoke of as Son of Adam, yet this is precisely why the Apostle Paul, among other things, is able to refer to Jesus as the second Adam. Most are well aware that the following Psalms/prophecy refers to God in the Flesh; Jesus, and Son of David.

O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens! From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease. When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is MAN that You take thought of him, Or the son of ADAM that You care for him? Yet, You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field, The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth! Psa8:1-9

It's important to note and never forget that prophecy often speaks of future events as if they had already taken place. Any true interpretation of scripture depends on knowing this well.

Let Your hand be upon the **MAN** of Your **right hand**, Upon the son of **ADAM** whom You made strong for Yourself. Psa 80:17

"How blessed is the **MAN** who does this, also the son of **ADAM** who takes hold of it; Who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil." Isa56:2

"As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," declares the LORD, "No **MAN** will live there, **nor** will *any* son of **ADAM** reside in it. Jer 50:40

Then He said to me, "Son of **ADAM**, stand on your feet that I may speak with you!" As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard *Him* speaking to me. Then He said to me, "Son of **ADAM**, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to rebellious people who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. Eze 2:1-3

So, Adam was made male and female because the woman was made out of the rib of Adam; and Adam, not God, named the Woman, but God named man and woman Adam. We've seen that Adam is two but really one interdependent being, with Adam having authority over the woman as his own body. We see equality in their interdependence regarding reproduction. Just as the Father has authority over the Son; and they are ONE; so too Adam has authority over the woman, and likewise they are ONE.

There's one other IMAGE/PATTERN that can be seen with the eyes, as the pattern I think is most evident regarding what would have been a visible observation to the human eye. The Law of Moses and all it contained was according to the Flesh. All that was learned about the invisible realm was learned through visible observations of sacred articles. The most compelling observation is the Genealogy showing a Father and a son; God, then Adam being the pattern resulting in a Father-son relationship. Remember in the Luke Genealogy Adam is Called son of God. So: God, then Adam, then Seth, then Enoch, then Kenan, and so on. The word **image** literally means Shadow, so it seems this shadow leads to the very feet of the second Adam. The pattern is a father and a son starting from God to the Second Adam/The Man completely indwelt by God. The Shadow/Pattern shows a continual succession of Father and Son, this being the unit, or one Flesh. A man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his woman and the two shall become one flesh. The man is instructed to leave the father and mother to start the next link in the chain of succession. So Man and Woman; One Flesh is able to reproduce after their own kind, and Adam is God's likeness. So a succession of father/Son or Son/Father leads us to The Lord Jesus Christ, who by his own admission is **Father and a Son in one being.** Jesus said; "I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Jesus stated they are ONE; and when people were looking at Jesus all they saw was One. Jesus did not ever say nor the apostles anywhere there were two or three; always ONE. In fact Jesus

indicated that everything He spoke was not Him speaking but His Father. So it can be said that the Father was saying all this about Himself and the Son. When considering all that the scriptures show, God has made an extended effort that we see Him as ONE. The Wise seek to weight it, calculating; seeking to quantify God. The wisdom of the world is foolishness to God. True Faith likes and embraces the Wisdom of God. Now, why is all this said? Paul indicates that in order for there to be unity, there is ONE LORD. The Father and son is one flesh, and The heavenly Father and The Son are ONE Spirit. Our Father is the Father of the Spirits by which we cry out, "Abba Father!" A father says of his son: "That's my own flesh and blood." ("That's my word and my spirit")

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of Spirits, and live? Hbr 12:9

And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will." Mar 14:36

You have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a Spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" Rom 8:15

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Gal 4:6

Just as in Jesus the Spirit was crying out to the Father, so too in us the Spirit of His Son cries out to the Father from within Us, and We in Him. So, We can say that the Spirit Cries out from within Us to the Father, and even this comes from the Father and it returns to the Father who is in The Son and the Son In the Father and We in Him and He in Us.

Everything that comes from the Father returns to the Father. He rains his Word and His Word returns to Himself. We are His Word and because of Him we came into being.

One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. Eph 4:6

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Rom 8:11

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. Jhn 5:24

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 1Jo 3:14

One Faith

Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. Rom 10:17

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. Jhn 3:16

But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Gal 3:22

Any **true faith** or confidence a human being can have in life must center on Jesus Christ. Faith is simply saying yes to God, going to Jesus and following Him.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. Jhn 14:6

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Mat 11:28-30

For by grace we have been saved through faith; and that not of ourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. Eph 2:8-9

For our faith to be real, it must center completely upon who Jesus is, and on how wonderful He is; We do Believe!!

Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also **we have obtained our introduction by faith** into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. Rom 5:1-2

Jesus Christ is our Door to Heaven, we pass through that door by putting our trust in Him, once we have trusted in Him, we will be blessed and find blessing from God.

"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. Jhn 10:9

The Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord said. "Which of you, having a (slave) plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'? (No, we would not say this) "But will not the master say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and *properly* clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink'? (Yes, the master would say this) "He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? "So you too, when you do all the things

which are commanded, do you say? 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done everything we were supposed to do.'" Lk 17:5-10. (Obviously, we would not say we were unworthy if we did everything that was expected of us.)

The point of this parable is: When God says do this, that, and the other thing, we should do it; also refraining from doing the things we're told **not** to do. So the main point of this parable is: If we're doing everything we're told to do, **God will increase our faith. Amen!!!**

As is so often the case, children don't do what they're told.

Have you forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons? "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES. AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. Heb 12:5-14

Problems in our relationships with others can be the point of departure in our relationship with God. If we are having a falling out with people **because of sin**, these things are going to strain our primary relationship with God. Failure to forgive others is the principle vehicle Satan uses to trap those seeking to grow in their relationship with God. The point is: we are saved through a very small amount of faith; it's inevitable that sufferings will come designed to make us dig deep into the waters of God's Word. Without digging deeper we will remain unwashed. We need the continual washing of God's Word to increase our faith, and then, at the point of increased faith, we can truly be an encouragement to others. Strong faith gives glory to God.

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1Jo 5:4-5

If we have been beaten down by the world, the flesh, or the Devil, sometimes we can't even speak about God; we've been neglecting the true source of power; that being the Bible: the word of God. We're suffering from spiritual anorexia when we don't read the Bible often enough. Reading can be hard at first as a result of weakness, but with perseverance, the scriptures will wash away the

infections of the world. Once relief is realized, new blessings are on their way. When our relationship grows with God we're inclined to share this love with others.

Having the same Spirit of faith, **according to what is written**, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak, 2Cr 4:13

For in this the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."
Rom 1:17

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2Pe 3:18

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. 1Ti 4:12

Because without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Hbr 11:6

One Baptism

JOHN 3:1-21:

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born from above. "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. "If I told you

earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? "No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

We are continually more divided, and rightly so, as there are many different teachings regarding these SEVEN ONES. The Apostle Paul saw this situation taking place among the Corinthian believers. The root of their division was competitiveness; they were boasting concerning whom they had been **Water-Baptized**.

For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's *people*, that there are quarrels among you. Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ." 1Cr 1:11-12

These were the times when the Word was not completely established **in written form** as we have it today. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is representative of the most advanced state of doctrinal consciousness. This letter was among the latter writings of Paul, coming several years after the earlier ministry letters. The Corinthians letters represent insights gained over an extend period of time; these insights stem from the Acts of the Church. Satan seeks to capitalize on any misconception we may have regarding the truth.

Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

so that no one would say you were baptized in my name. Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel; **not in cleverness of speech,** otherwise the cross of Christ would be made void. 1Cr 1:13-17

Paul cut through these divisions among them by reminding them they were all **in Christ by the doings of God.**

No man may boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us the wisdom from God, and the righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD." 1Cr 1:29-31

There's little doubt that these arguments were the lit fuse leading to the carnal state of the Corinthians, plunging them into further ungodliness.

1Cr 3:3 You are still fleshly, since there is jealousy and strife among you, again, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not men? What is Apollos? And what is Paul? We are servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord has given to each one of us an opportunity. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God is causing the growth. So the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 1Cr 3:3-8 But now avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 2Ti 2:16

It was communicated that Jesus did not water baptize anyone, this is likely the point some of them were making; it is evident that at least a few of the Corinthians were pointing to the real Baptizer/Christ The Anointed One.

Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ." 1Cr 1:12

The Father raised Jesus when He gave up His Spirit on the Cross; the Father is in Jesus.

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the **Father abiding in Me does His works.** "I and the Father are one." Jhn 14:10; 10:30

The Spiritual hands of the Father raised the Spirit of Jesus up from the cross. The Father saved Jesus, and all those that would believe, in one swoop.

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and said; "Father, **INTO YOUR HANDS** I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, **He breathed His last.** Luk 23:46

This is the saving baptism without human hands; this baptism into death, we were also baptized. When Jesus died, we died.

It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him:

If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will

deny us;

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. 2Ti 2:11-13

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too *might* walk in newness of life. Rom 6:3-4

It's important to note that the word **might** is not in the original Greek of Rom 6:4.

The death we died we died to sin.

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin **once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Rom 6:8-10

Walking in newness of life.

For if we have become united in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be with His resurrection, **knowing this, that our old self was crucified,** for this cause our body of sin is done away with, so we're no longer slaves to sin; **for he who has died is freed from sin.** Rom 6:5-7

We have a cleansing of mind through the Spirit that takes place without human hands being involved.

For in Him/Christ all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body from the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. He did this when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, these being hostile to us; and He has taken this out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Col 2:9-14

Jesus was baptized with our sin. This is why it says we died with Him, and that we were raised with Him out of that death.

"But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished! Luk 12:50

2Cr 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus knowing that we would be raised up with Him assured a few men of this reality, even though Jesus knew they wouldn't understand all that it would imply. Jesus' statements had everything to do with **the invisible**, **the past**, **and the future**.

James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. Mar 10:35-39

Nobody actually saw the sins of the world piercing into Jesus' body; nor were they able to see His Spirit, nor the Father ascending and descending from the body. Above all; Jesus was High and Dry on the cross with no water in sight. We are saved by this Dry Baptism. God secured our salvation before the foundations of the earth were set. No substance of this earth can secure our salvation.

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. Isa 53:5

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Cr 5:21

Paul's insights regarding divisions among the Corinthian Church permeate many of his writings. Paul is always pointing out this NO HANDS Baptism, the baptism of receiving our sins on the cross. There are at least FIVE different teachings regarding water baptism. To understand the context of Paul's arguments, it's important to notice that some of the Corinthians were emphasizing the baptism of the Spirit (Christ), which is the true power and **the very reality of our salvation.** A perfected confidence in this baptism cleanses the conscience **John the Baptist** was well aware of the fact that his ministry was **earthly in nature**; yet John's ministry was pointing to the **power within Jesus Christ.**

"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming **after me** is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Mat 3:11

"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." Mat 1:23

If it were not for a Baptism **without human hands,** none of us would see God, and there would be no potential of being truly ONE BODY in Christ. We are in one body because of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. As we said before, there is complete blending regarding the SEVEN ONES. The seven ones are all related to the new creation having nothing to do with literal water.

But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, **not made with hands**, that is to say, not of this creation. Hbr 9:11

Again, there are at least 5 common Baptism formulas which come down to us from tradition. However none seem to resort to the Mosaic Law for their conclusions. After all this is God's Word, and the Apostles and others were confirming who Jesus was by reading The Law and the Prophets. Many times we see the word (fulfill) in the New Testament, and it's almost always used regarding what Jesus was doing in order to fulfill what the Old Testament was saying and requiring of Him; proving that He was in fact the Messiah.

Why does Jesus Request Baptism from John?

Obviously, everyone except Jesus transgressed the law. Jesus lived under the law until he breathed His last on the Cross.

For the death that He died, **He died to sin once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Rom 6:10

"For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Gal 2:19-20

Jesus, being son of David, was obligated to function within the limits of the Mosaic Law, just as any other Israelite. The Seed of Abraham being Christ

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" Mat 9:27

This is the record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Mat 1:1

The Law required ceremonial cleaning. This was the prerequisite to any priestly duty and absolutely required before his His ministry could go forward.

Exd 29:4 "Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

All of the activities of John's ministry had to be done outside of the Levitical district in the wilderness. **John's ministry was unique as was Jesus'.** Johns' ministry portrayed the consecration of the People; for presentation to meet the Lord is the Idea. The following shows the earliest example of the Lord coming to his people, this displays the Lord being revealed on the third day, coming out of the grave.

The LORD also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; and let them be ready for the third day, for **on the third day** the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. Exd 19:10-11

Jesus was the Prophet that was to arise from the people of Israel.

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet **like Me** from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to Him. Deu 18:15

I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen **like you**, and I will put My words in his mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. Deu 18:18

It's awesome to see the wisdom of God; in the span of three verses He describes the God Man Jesus Christ. The Lord talking to Moses saying the Prophet would be: "Like Me" and "Like You." Amen!!

Because Jesus was a man, the law applied to Him just as any other Israelite. He was sent by the Father to be a servant. This act of humility (Jesus submitting to the baptism of John) was paramount. John would soon be killed and the message of the kingdom passed to Jesus, the Lord of the Harvest:

And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Luk 10:2

Jesus for a time preached the same kingdom message as John; while his disciples were water-baptizing the masses. This kingdom message was passing Them/us out of the shadows of the Law, to the true substance, that being Christ.

These things which were a shadow of what was to come; therefore the substance belongs to Christ. Col 2:17

It's no surprise that the first thing indicated subsequent to Jesus' Baptism is His age when the Ministry began. There's no doubt Luke was aware of the significance of this ceremonial cleansing.

The Spirit Descending as a Dove points to the Agent of Power for this new age/ New Covenant. All this marked a dividing line between two different administrations of God. John's ministry would soon be superseded by the Lord's. John the Baptizer had much to say regarding this succession of ministry. John was told in the early days of his ministry that the one to whom he saw the Spirit fall upon was in fact Messiah.

"I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' Jhn 1:33

John's baptism of Jesus also marked the day of Jesus' recognition among His people. This gave the Father the perfect platform to introduce His beloved Son to the Masses of Israel. Obviously this occasion represented an unspeakable honor for John. John lived a life of complete separation, being set apart for the extraordinary task of being the Lord's Herald. This ceremony was the very hallmark of Jesus' qualifications for everything taking place there after. This was the place of passing the authority of God from John to Jesus; as John's ministry was anointed by the Father, the law required succession from the previously anointed, then to the successor. Again, this baptism representing the actual dividing line between the Shadows of the Law and the reality (Christ). John was the Last Prophet of times old.

"But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet. "This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.' "I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." When all the people and the tax collectors heard *this*, they acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John. Luk 7:26-29

John's ministry was within the confines of Levi, therefore being temporal in nature, having a beginning and an end; whereas Jesus' Ministry is eternal in pattern and nature of Melchizedek, the unique OT Priest through whom the Spirit of God ministered outside the confines of Levitical jurisdiction. Jesus and Melchizedek function through God's eternal Spirit; their ministry's having no beginning or end:

For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

For it is attested of Him, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." (Heb 7:14-17)

Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Hbr 6:20 Without father, without

mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually. Hbr 7:3

(Please read the whole chapter 7 of Hebrews). The Levitical Priesthood, being related to the Law of Moses, required you be a son of Aaron, the brother of Moses, this Priesthood being related to the flesh; whereas Melchizedek was empowered by the Spirit/God. Any ministry of the Church holds this eternal nature because God is eternal, and we are His Body. The Church is the Body of Christ.

(The Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. Hbr 7:19 Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for us. Hbr 7:24-26

We are in a new order; not recognizing anyone except in the Power of the Spirit/God in Christ, our life and power not being related to any earthly substance whatsoever; whereas the Law was all according to the flesh and related to earthly substance. Jesus Fulfilled the Law in His flesh never to die again. If we are thinking of earthly substance being in any way related to our salvation, then the veil remains in place to some degree. No physical activity on our part can save us; only faith.

The Holy Spirit *is* signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing, which *is* a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which <u>cannot</u> make the worshiper perfect in conscience, since they *relate* only to food and drink and <u>various washings</u>, <u>regulations for the</u> <u>body imposed until a time of reformation</u>. But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, <u>not made with hands</u>, that is to say, <u>not of this</u> <u>creation</u>. Hbr 9:8-11

2Cr 5:16 **Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh;** even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now **we know** *Him in this way* **no longer.** Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2Cr 5:16-17 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, **He died to sin** once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Rom 6:9-10

The new power, of this age, comes through faith in the Resurrected Christ; the Son of God.

Nevertheless, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. Gal 2:16

Jesus baptizing us in the Spirit is our consecration and power for succession of Ministry, Jesus Christ being the high Priest of our confession. With these things in view, it's plain to see there is one Baptism taking place that's related to God's power to save.

The Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph. Luk 3:22-23

When John was not inclined to Baptize Jesus; Jesus said; "Allow it at this time

But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him. Mat 3:15

Even now there is no succession of ministry without being sent by someone who was anointed with the Spirit before we were.

Notice that Jesus encloses this baptism within a time element (at this time.) Jesus is not saying, «do it right now». The Greek word here encloses this event within a segment of time; whereas the baptism of the Spirit, which is invisible, transcends time. Jesus was aware that the purpose for John's baptism was to diminish over time; it's easy to see that John, by his own admission, was well aware of this. We will examine the words of Jesus, John, Paul and Peter everything pertinent to the subject. We will be examining the book of Acts which vividly displays many events regarding this transitional period in Christianity. We'll also look at faith and the miracles/healings of the Gospels; thus demonstrating that the healings that Jesus did were a pattern demonstrating that faith made the healings retroactive, just as faith makes salvation retroactive. The point being that when we express faith in Jesus, the seed is planted: with moisture/more Words; the seed germinates and springs up to life. The picture here is we are Baptized when we die. Jesus was baptized when He committed His Spirit to the Father. Notice the Father's hands are in view here.

And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, and said, "Father, **INTO YOUR HANDS** I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, **He breathed His last.** Luk 23:46

This baptism Jesus Received, upon departing the cross, is **exclusively** the baptism that Paul is making reference to **regarding our salvation in Christ**. The absolute confidence in this baptism will affect true change in us, effecting a complete metamorphosis of our consciousness towards God. This washing pierces the very depths of our hearts, creating change in our priorities, a shift from the worldly focus to the Godly.

Or do you not know that **all of us** who have been baptized into Christ Jesus **have been baptized into His death**? **Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death**, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death.

certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; **for he who has died is freed from sin.** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Rom 6:3-10

On the third day the Spirit/Blood of Jesus did return to His Body, therefore He rose to His feet in the tomb. This was the **SIGN** that proved the **salvation from His Death on the post** ("**cross**), which occurred three days earlier, was effectual.

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days **I will raise it up**." The Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" **But He was speaking of the temple of His body.** Jhn 2:19-21

It's important to note that the Father raised up the invisible part of Jesus at the point Jesus breathed out His Spirit while on the Cross; this is the resurrection of the dead that saves us; whereas Jesus raised up His own Physical body when He returned to it/the body.

At the point of Jesus ascending and descending, immediately upon leaving His body on the cross, the veil of the temple was torn open, signifying that the **entrance to heaven was secured for all the willing (past present, and future).** The death He died on the Cross was a Spiritual Death because our sins were transferred to Him.

He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things. Eph 4:10

For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God; Rom 6:10 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, **He** made a public display of them, having triumphed over them **through Him.** Col 2:14-15 "But God raised Him up, putting an end to the agony of death, since **it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.** Act 2:24

He was alive and still strong when he breathed out His Spirit/Blood. The Soldier, used to seeing crucifixions, saw that Jesus left His body at the time of His own choosing.

After this, Jesus, **knowing that all things had already been accomplished**, **to fulfill the Scripture**, said, "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon *a branch of* hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. Jhn 19:28-30 Therefore when Jesus

had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit. Again; Jesus crying out with a loud voice, said; "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he *began* praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." Luk 23:46-47

The spear of the soldier revealed Jesus' body was at least nearly full of Blood. The New Covenant did not require a literal bleeding to death. Jesus had been dead for quite some time, as the waters and the solids of the blood separated in the upper extremities of His body; thus proving that blood loss was not even remotely the cause of death.

When they came to Jesus, they saw that He was already dead, and did not break His legs.

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN." And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED." Jhn 19:33-37

The Word/Jesus/Spirit ascended and descended simultaneously to fulfill His **post-salvation** activities. The death we died we died in Adam. Jesus died paying the debt that was due for the redemption of the Body; in effect, the Head Saving the Body is the picture. When He died we died, when He was raised we were raised also; but each in his own order as it is written.

Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power. 1Cr 6:14

He who has died is freed from sin. Rom 6:7

But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming. 1Cr 15:23

We with Him/He with Us is the first fruits of those who had fallen asleep prior to the Cross; our completion in Him, and then Their completion in us, the Bride, the Heavenly Jerusalem.

By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hbr 11:9-10

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." Rev 21:9 The saints of old will indwell this heavenly Jerusalem.

Through predestination and election, there are people not even born that have already been raised.

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. Rom 8:29-30

And God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **even when we were dead in our transgressions**, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **and raised us up with Him**, and **seated us with Him in the heavenly** *places* **in Christ Jesus**, Eph 2:4-6

Christ died for the sins of the whole human race but especially for those who Believe.

For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. 1Ti 4:10

Again, what comes from God returns to God. Paul indicates that we are already with Christ in heaven, we are ONE SPIRIT IN HIM. We all have partaken of One Spirit, we are united with Christ, all drinking of one Spirit.

But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him.* 1 Cr 6:17 Since the last two words in this verse were added, it just should read: **But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one Spirit**

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of **one Spirit.** 1Cr 12:13

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My **WORD** be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it. Isa 55:9-11

His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself. *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and **His name is called The Word of God**. Rev 19:12-13

The God of peace will soon crush Satan **under your feet.** The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Rom 16:20 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under **His feet**. 1Cr 15:25

To which of the angels has He ever said, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"? Hbr 1:13

One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. Eph 4:6

John The Baptist's, Jesus', Paul's, and Peter's comments regarding Baptism

John The Baptist's statements regarding his unique baptism tells of his keen awareness that his Ministry was temporal in nature and its power was limited to the Shadows of the Law; John's ministry being the last of the old, paving the way to Messiah.

As it is written in the book of Isaiah; and being the very words of the prophet: "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, AND MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT. Luk 3:4

"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Mat 3:11-12

Immediately we see the stark contrast: John's baptism relating to the earthly substance of water; whereas the baptism that Jesus would provide relating to symbolism indicative of a supernatural cleansing; something of this creation versus something completely beyond this creation; yet the shadows were symbolic of what is real, the true reality. John has more to say that really needs to be understood; otherwise we can remain in the Shadows without the full brightness of Jesus arising in our hearts.

2Pet 1:19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mar 1:7-8

Notice that John indicates that Jesus would be the baptizer; on the other hand, Jesus stated that the Father would send the Comforter/Holy Spirit, indicative of God truly being one with various name and titles. One can continually make a case for God being one, because the scriptures continually state and demonstrate this truth.

This is John's admission that he was of a different order in the divine realm; not fit for personal service to the Lord. This is not vane modesty from John but his keen realization of deep truths. There is Israel and there is the Church. From the cross forward until the rapture is the Body of Christ, the Church is in order, incorporating all the races of the world. After the rapture of the church, Israel, once again, will be on center stage with the Church, a ruling party in Christ. John the Baptist will be raised with Israel; (those who fell asleep of Israel) pending their thousand-year earthly kingdom.

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also. Rev 6:9-11

The Church, therefore, after the rapture, is gathered in Heaven **as One Group**; whereas the individuals in view here are not gathered as one; this is pending until the Tribulations are completed. John the Baptist is included in this group. The Old Testament saints along with their tribulational and millennial comrades will indwell the Bride/Christ at the end of the Thousand years, entering there final state of eternal bliss in God. So defined are these distinctions that the twelve Apostles will be judging the twelve tribes of Israel. This truth so defines oneness, because it's said that there is one Judge. In literally hundreds of ways, God's Word attempts to enclose all that He does as being one; showing the various components to describe this ONE as a whole. The Word of God continually and emphatically emphasizes One, not Three. And again, the Prophets and Apostles completely avoided coming to a conclusion of three. Countless numbers have been persecuted throughout church times maintaining the scriptures position of One.

The brief description of these end time events is not an attempt to display these things with completeness. Much personal study, as stated before, opens the wealth of the scriptures to our hearts. It is the attempt of this study to expose as many **keys** to the scriptures as possible in the shortest possible document. Because there is so much deception, the only way to come to the truth is to read the scriptures on a regular basis.

Jhn 1:15 John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me."

Here's another attempt by John to express God's complete indwelling of Jesus: "He existed before me". John was born before Jesus, Oneness defining The Father, Son, and also the Church being one in Christ. This all one Body/Word, therefore one Blood/Spirit, in all and through all; **but each in its own order.**

The following is among the most important, displaying John's understanding that he was simply a friend of the Groom and not among those that would be the Bride/Church.

Jhn 3:29 "He who has the Bride is the Bridegroom; but the friend of the Bridegroom, who stands and hears Him, rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. "He must increase, but I must decrease. "He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. "What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. "He who has received His testimony has set his seal to *this*, that God is true. "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. "The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." Jhn 3:29-36

Jesus', Paul's, and Peter's Key statements regarding John's baptism

Luk 16:16 "The Law and the Prophets *were proclaimed* until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

Here, Jesus passively indicates John's ministry being grouped with the Old Testament saints. When Jesus continues in the pattern of John's ministry (although Jesus was not water baptizing, but the disciples were), this represented the transitional period passing out of the Shadows of the law. Israel's heritage and culture were completely steeped in these symbolic expressions pointing to future realities. John's ministry was absolutely unique and provided the corridor passing into this new age; his ministry having an abrupt ending. This Baptism displayed purification of sins; however the actual purification of sins can neither be seen nor felt; it is retroactive at the point of **faith** in Jesus Christ. At the point of faith, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and we are in union with Jesus Christ. This transitional ministry related to the law would soon become obsolete although it would be carried on through tradition and, therefore, obscuring the true realities. Nonetheless people are still getting saved regardless of any misconceptions we are having.

Jhn 4:1 therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although **Jesus Himself was not baptizing,** but His disciples were).

Hbr 8:13 When He said, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

The Apostle Paul was recruited later by our Lord, as one untimely born.

Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. 1Cr 15:7-8

Paul's face-to-face encounter with the Lord was to orient the Church in a way not previously disclosed to the other Apostles.

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven. And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak. 2Cr 12:2-4

For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but *I received it* through a revelation of Jesus Christ (Ga 1:11-12)

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles —if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit. (Eph 3:1-5)

The Apostle Peter was well aware of the advanced nature of Paul's Ministry.

And regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. 2Pe 3:15-16

Prior to Jesus' departure He disclosed that the disciples were not ready to bear up everything; this being some of the information Jesus passed on to Paul. Paul's ministry did much to orient everybody to the most advanced state of contentiousness regarding the faith.

"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears,

He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. Jhn 16:12-14

It seems God used Paul as a stop gap measure; there is ample indication the other Apostles were willing to sacrifice truth for the sake of human expediency.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. "But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be! "If I rebuild what I have destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor. Gal 2:11-18

God used Paul to finish up what was incomplete; providing completed doctrines to the Churches; Paul's writings hold all of the deep truths, leading us to deep insights and confidence in the invisible nature of God and His policies towards sinful man, faith, forgiveness, righteousness, judgment, and baptism into Christ Death. Paul never once advocates the ongoing practice of water baptism; on the contrary, he indicates he was not sent to Baptize but to preach, asking us to imitate him just as he imitated Christ. As said before, Jesus was not doing the water baptism, as he held the very power to raise the dead apart from any earthly substance.

1Cr 1:17 **For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel**, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.

1Cr 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

Later in The Apostle Peter's Ministry he indicated the properties of water could do nothing more than clean the dirt from our skin, Peter redirecting our thoughts to the real baptism, that taking place the moment Jesus breathed his last on the cross. Peter uses the example of the Ark because the occupants were high and dry above the water; this demonstrating a salvation accredited directly to the power of God (a miracle) who raises the dead. Only complete confidence in God's power can effectively cleanse our conscience of **dead works** to serve Him with the greatest effectiveness. If our confidence is in worldly/fleshly activity, a veil is remaining in place.

Who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, [[but an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,]] who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

1 Peter 3:20-22

No doubt Peter started having a change of mind about water baptism as often as he remembered the Words of the Lord.

Act 11:16 "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

Water, Blood, Spirit.

Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and three are in <u>one</u>. 1Jo 5:9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. 1Jo 5:5-9

These statements given to us through John are profound; they encompass not only two events but also **two witnesses from God**; the Water Baptism and the Cross/Blood. The law requires two or three witnesses for any matter to be confirmed. We also have the very important third witness in view here; God/Spirit.

Deu 19:15 "A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

2Cr 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. EVERY FACT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

We have the Witness Speaking from Heaven; also the Spirit descending as a dove when Jesus was baptized by John. Actually these two witnesses are one; The Word and the Spirit are indivisible therefore God being one; just as the Body and the Blood are one.

After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." Mat 3:16-17

One Might argue and say the people were seeing God on this occasion; but Jesus, and the Apostle John in his book, would refute this later.

Jhn 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

1Jo 4:12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

At the opposite end; and the requirement of the Law, was the shedding of blood for the remission of sins.

Hbr 9:22 According to the Law, almost all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

The new covenant did not require bleeding to death, as we demonstrated earlier; nevertheless Jesus was abused more than any man, and did bleed real blood.

Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted. Many were astonished at you, so **His appearance was marred more than any man**; His form more than any of the sons of men. Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; for what had not been told them they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand. Isa 52:13-15

God's Spirit is the Blood of Jesus and the very witness within ourselves testifying we are children of God.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our Spirit that we are children of God.

We have this testimony within ourselves because of the Word of God. Our countenance being clear; and able to see the depths of God; because the Spirit searches the depths of God; we have His Blood. We all drink of one Spirit.

The Spirit and the water and the blood; and three are **one**. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this: that He has testified concerning His Son. **The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself;** the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this:

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. 1Jo 5:8-15

The water and Blood both speak of sanctification; therefore the Holy Spirit/God is the <u>real</u> agent providing the cleansing we received at the moment of faith in Jesus Christ. The Spirit is the water and the blood; this is why we see God, in verse nine, setting aside the witness of men in favor of His own, yet this witness is within ourselves, that we are children of God. His blood is in us, and His word washes us.

Eph 5:26 So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.

Jhn 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Jhn 7:38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Jhn 7:38-39

Act 1:4 Jesus gathering them together, commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, that which, you heard of from Me; "for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Act 1:4-5

Rev 7:17 for **the Lamb in the center of the throne** will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Rev 21:6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Rev 22:1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from **the throne of God and of the Lamb**

The Word of Reconciliation

Namely, that **God** was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the **WORD** of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Cr 5:19-21.

One God and Father

One God and Father, of all, who is over all, <u>and through all, and in all</u>. Eph 4:6

Yet for us there is *but* **one God**, **the Father**, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him. 1 Cr 4:6

I think there's little doubt there would **not** be more than one Father, unless one was to say that Jesus is the Father; and why should we doubt this as Jesus did say; "If you have seen me you have seen the Father."? Jesus, in very straight forward vocabulary, at the insistence of Philip, stated this to be true. Nevertheless the scriptures indicate only one Father; therefore Jesus and the Father are truly one being, not two or three; Spirit being the mutual blood **IN ONE BODY**.

A person cannot talk about a Father without having the concept of there being sons and/or daughters; and with that said, God did become a Father upon the birth of Jesus Christ. Any discussion about the Father involves a relationship with the Son.

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, 'Show us the Father'? Jhn 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. Jhn 14:7-11

Jhn 10:30 "I and the Father are ONE."

Why should we doubt this as **God** was in Jesus reconciling the world to Himself? The Deity of the Son is the Father Himself; from the incarnation onward, Jesus sharing this Deity for ever.

2Cr 5:19 namely, that **God** was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Either we have the Father channeling through Jesus, or what do we have? Was not Messiah supposed to be God with us in the flesh of a real human being?

Jhn 5:20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

Jhn 8:28 So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

Jhn 12:49 "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment what to say and what to speak.

Mat 1:23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

One might say; "In what way was the Father in Jesus?" The best way to answer this is to say the Father was in Jesus in two ways. First, the Spirit is the Blood of the Father; this is coalescence of mind. The human mind of Jesus was/is the express image of the Father; the very consciousness of the Father becoming the consciousness of the Son. In consciousness, the Father and the Son are identical in respect to the past, but the Father did not reveal everything regarding the future because God wants us to live day by day.

"But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. Mar 13:32

Of course we do trust in the future to the extent that it is revealed in the scriptures; and as we live on, we are breaking into our destined future as God would have it. Jesus inherited everything from the Father in total, including the credits of all creation. Jesus' consciousness is the Father's consciousness to the extent that the Father revealed it at the time of His/Jesus' incarnation. The Lord Jesus' recollection of the burning bush is His join-recollections with the Father. The Deity within Jesus always knew all things regarding the past; with no knowledge or recollection of not knowing it. The Consciousness/Deity of Jesus also includes Omnipotence; Jesus having the very hands/power that created the whole Universe. **Everything** is being given to His Son.

"All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Mat 11:27

Hbr 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the express image of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hbr 1:1-3

Hbr 1:4

Having become much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Please bear in mind that the book of Hebrews is in no way insinuating that Jesus is an Angel; on the contrary the writer of Hebrews is indicating that the **Man** Jesus, with the resurrection of the dead, would rise from the dead with complete superiority over the Angels; only temporarily confined to a Human body with its obvious limitations. Angels/Messengers had greater powers, yet God chose **man** to rise above the Angels. Not one shred of the Apostles writings indicate Jesus was indwelt by an Angel/messenger. Jesus was and is indwelt by God Him Self. Jesus was not a Messenger; again, within Jesus was the Father **from birth**.

Pertaining to the previous verses, the crafty try to separate the Son from the Father, indicating the Son is holding everything together by Himself. This is an attempt to make God three. The following verses is one of many verses indicative of the Son's reliance on the Father/Spirit/God for power. Nevertheless, **the Son through inheritance** received all that the Father was, is, and has; and again; including the very consciousness /omniscience of the Father. Everything the Father **is** and has was given to the Son. Just as the son of a human father takes on the characteristics of humanity, so to the Son of God would ((in every way)) take on the characteristics of God. Jesus would submit to God even though He had (personally,) all the powers of God at His disposal.

Jhn 14:28 "You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

Mar 12:36 "David himself said in the Holy Spirit, "THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET."

Through inheritance the man Jesus/Son/God, by the Father's will, is accredited with every aspect of the Father's past; and jointly will bring to completion everything pending regarding the future. Once all the enemies of God are under the feet of Jesus the God/Man, then the Head/Jesus and the Body/Church will return to a position of subordination to the Father. Notice that Jesus is sitting at the Father's right hand while the Father carries out everything pertaining to the Son's inheritance. This is the same way our dads and moms might arrange for an earthly inheritance; we don't have control over it; they do it. None of this leaves the Son without Power; the idea is; it is ONE with no divisions of any kind.

One God and Father, of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. Eph 4:6

1Cr 11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and **God is the head of Christ.**

Col 2:19 WE ARE holding fast to the Head/Christ, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a **growth which is** *from God*.

It is evident that Paul is more so asserting the preeminence of the Father; therefore we will display scripture supporting such a conclusion. Jesus is of course the Star Witness leading us to these conclusions, the Father/Spirit always speaking through Him. In **holding to the Head** we think it requires that the greatest precedence be given to the Words of Jesus. **Jesus is in fact, the very revelation of the Father**; **just as Christians in good standings will be a revelation of the Father**. The following verse is Jesus speaking to his disciples

Mat 10:20 "For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

Therefore any questions about the Father naturally will be respective to the relationship with the Son/Sons/Body. The Father speaks through anyone He chooses.

Jhn 5:26 "Just as the Father has life in Himself; even so **He gave to the Son** also to have (**this same**) life in Himself.

It is evident from the previous verse that the life the Son has He received from His Father. This is consistent in how we understand life. The Father testifies regarding the Son. A person becomes a father as soon as they have a son.

Jhn 5:37 "And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.

Jhn 6:27 "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

Here we are receiving from the **Son of Man** that which He received from the Father/God/Spirit. This demonstrates that we receive eternal life from the Father through the Son; this is in agreement with many other words of scriptures.

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord,

always give us this bread." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." Jhn 6:32-40

Jhn 5:21 "Just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

Jhn 6:37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

Jhn 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

"He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me. "I have come *as* Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness. "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to speak. "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me." Jhn 12:45-50

Another example of the Father Son Relationship is expressed though the Vine and Vinedresser relationship; of course, the Vine can not bear fruit without the vinedresser.

Jhn 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

The advanced state of consciousness or (deity) in Jesus takes Him out of this world; Him being in heaven while yet in the earthly Body. This further illustrates the oneness of the Father-Son relationship in the Spirit/blood. All believers receive a portion of this Deity through the Son. This provides for a certain Spiritual skill enabling us to Magnify God in the world.

Jhn 17:5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

We see again, and powerfully, from John 17:5 that the consciousness of the Lord Jesus being cognizant of eternity past; a seamless and eternal recollection of a Father-Son relationship accounting for every event in eternity past. This is Jesus' thoughts in Spirit in the Glory of the Father; the Past being as lucid as the present. This sight that Jesus has is His inheritance from the Father. The very portion of God that Created everything, even the consciousness of everything in the past, belongs to Jesus Christ. This is a very beautiful thing and Jesus chooses a **portion** of the same for us.

Jhn 17:11 "I am no longer in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name which You have given Me that they may be one even as We *are*.

Jhn 17:15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world; "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth "Just As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Jhn 17:15-24

This doctrine proves to be a stumbling block to the wise and to the some of great learning; but God did say "I am and there is no one else besides me"; insisting over and over that He is ONE. Any human dad with a son would be a liar if he stated he had no son. Dads always reveal they have a son. The scriptures give no permission whatsoever to quantify God as being three in one; again: the Apostles completely avoided doing this. A few Centuries after our Lord's times on the earth, an organization that would prove to be the most murderous organization the world has ever known invented the word *Trinity* which means THREE. Of course the murderous activity is the very ear mark of who She is: The great harlot of Revelations 17. This one/three doctrine has created divisions and broken the RANKS of True Christianity ever since the conception of the idea. The Catholic teaches a different Jesus than Paul taught; the Harlot Teaching that Jesus is in effect on sabbatical, with his mother being in charge. Again Catholicism is a 100% false Christianity... Are there true born again believers among Her? Absolutely; but God says; "Come out from Her my people or share in Her destruction", and this calling out from Her has been taking place from the times of the tower of Babel onward.

Gal 1:6-9

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

Rev 18:4

I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues.

Isa 45:5-7

"I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known me; that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.

Jhn 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God."

The following verse is reflective that The Father is the origin of all living things. Jesus aware there would be those trying to divide God in our thinking, laid out the major characteristics of God by Name. The word/name Father again reflects origin. Son or sons of God reflect those who came or were created by the Father. Spirit is the eternal substance of God/Father or those created by Him. The Spirit is the name of reflective of His substance i.e. God is Spirit.

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? Heb 12:9

It is in fact rare to see God in the Old Testament being referred to as a Father. If there was an eternal Father-Son relationship (in eternity past), this would represent the most guarded secret of God. Why would God keep something like this secret? Why would a human dad keep a secret like this and say no one else was there? Why would someone say, «there is no one here besides me» if there were in fact two others with him? We see in Deuteronomy 32:6; in the Song of Moses; from v.3-6, we see Jehovah/Lord referred to as The Rock, and Father.

"For I proclaim the **name** of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God! **"The Rock!** His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He. "They

have acted corruptly toward Him, *They are* not His children, because of their defect; *But are* a perverse and crooked generation. "Do you thus repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? **Is not He your Father who has bought you?** He has made you and established you. Deu 32:3-6

In Psalm 89 we see a Messianic Psalm demonstrating an anointing of the Son of David; this being a prophecy regarding Jesus. This would be an anointing like none other taking place before it, as God would indwell Jesus/Man. God speaking in this Psalm states that David/Jesus would cry to Me/God; "You are my Father, my God, and **the Rock of My Salvation.**

"He will cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, **the rock of my salvation.'** "I will make Him Firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. Psa 89:26-27

In Isaiah 9:6-7 we see Jehovah is instrumental in a Prophecy regarding the **future Son** of the Father; this indicative of God's/the Father's Complete Presence in the man Jesus; This representing the **complete union** of God and Man:

A child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. Isa 9:6-7

One more time, we see Jehovah referred to being <u>Israel's</u> Father in Isaiah 63:16:

Isa 63:16 For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us And Israel does not recognize us. You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

From the Birth of Jesus we see an explosion of a Father-Son relationship; we see that the Son received His life from the Father, also the source of His authority, and Jesus' recognition that He was Son of man and God.

"For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so **He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself.** and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because **He is Son of Man.** Jhn 5:26-27

Son of Man is actually Son of Adam/Hebrew through the Seed of the woman. Gen 3:15 representing the earliest prophecy concerning Messiah:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise Him on the heel."

Psa 8:4-5What is man that You take thought of him, even **the son of Adam** that You care for Him? Yet You have made Him a little lower than God, And You crown Him with glory and majesty!

Jesus states that He does nothing from His own Initiative; taking all His instructions from the Father.

Jhn 5:30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

We all follow in the pattern Jesus made for us through the Father.

Hbr 6:20 **Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us**, becoming the high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined; conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be **the firstborn among many brethren**; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. Rom 8:29-30

Hbr 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, **in bringing many sons to glory**, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

God, in Jesus, is the Father of the Spirits; He is our life:

Hbr 12:9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the **Father of Spirits**, and live?

Rev 22:6 And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and **the Lord, the God of the Spirits of the prophets,** sent His messenger to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

1Jo 1:1_3 That which has existed from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life —and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

We are the first fruits in Christ

Rom 8:22-23 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, **having the first fruits of the Spirit,** even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. Rom 8:22-23

1Cr15:23-26 But each in his own order: **Christ the first fruits,** after that those who are Christ's at His coming, then the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power; but He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident there is an exception regarding the One (the Father) who put all things in subjection to Him/Son. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all. 1Cr15:23-28

Being in Christ/In the Father we are afforded the same opportunities that came to Jesus: Namely that the Father speaks through us also.

Mat 10:20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

2Cr 5:19 God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God is making an appeal through us; therefore we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Cr 5:19-21

All of Creation Redeemed by the Father through the Son

Mat 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

I consider the sufferings of this present time are unworthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it,

in hope that **the creation itself also** will be set free from its slavery to corruption **into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.** For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly **for** *our* **adoption as sons**, the redemption of our body. Rom 8:18-23

All the living beings ever created will have a capacity to give glory to God and His Children; and we to them.

Rev 5:13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, **and to the Lamb**, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

1 Corinthians 8:6

First Corinthians eight-six is among some of the most deceptive verses in the bible as words have been added not found in the Original Greek. Any diligent study of the Greek easily reveals this to be true. If you're willing to take the time, the Strong's Greek Hebrew concordance reveals these inconsistencies; nevertheless we will display what the Greek is literally communicating.

1Cr 8:6 But we have one God Father, of which are all things; and us in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ through whom are all things; and us through Him.

What this verse communicates is that everything is from the Father, and redeemed through the Son; and therefore all things are returning to the Father. The following verses in most bibles are translated adequately enough, and are communicating these same truths.

Jhn 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." Jhn 14:6-7

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:18 Through Him (*Christ*) we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

Eph 3:8-19 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of **the mystery** which for ages has been hidden in **God who created all things**; so that **the manifold wisdom of God** might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the

authorities in the heavenly *places This was* in accordance with **the eternal purpose which He (the Father) carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,** in whom we have boldness and confident **access through faith in Him(Jesus).** Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the **Father,** from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of **His glory,** to be strengthened with power **through His Spirit** in the inner man, **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;** *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length, height, and depth, of the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.**

The mystery is that all of mankind (and creation) would be redeemed through the man (*Jesus*) indwelt by God. Not only this, but He (*God*) would indwell us, **and we in Him,** through Jesus Christ; and this for all eternity.

Col 1:12 We give thanks to **the Father, who has qualified us** to share in the **inheritance of the saints in Light.** He (*the Father*) has rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col 1:12-14

This succession of scriptures is no attempt to diminish Christ, who through inheritance from the Father has been made heir to all things. Jesus has been given first place in everything; all creation being accredited to Him in the Father. Through Express image the very consciousness of the Son is that of the Father because they share the same Spirit/Blood; (there is one Body and one Spirit.)

Col 1:12 We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for (all) the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven. Col 1:12-20

The Following is scripture that magnifies Jesus Christ; Him being the Express Image of God; Jesus, from conception to being seated in Heaven, becoming the exact duplicate of God in Spirit, in the Flesh:

Heb 10:5

Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,

"SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED,

BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME

1 Timothy 3:16

By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

He who was revealed in the flesh.

Was vindicated in the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed on in the world,

Taken up in glory.

This relationship taking on its fullness when Jesus returns to earth in glory, with His Father and the angels.

Luk 9:26 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and that of the Father and the holy angels.

Rev 10:7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

Hbr 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hbr 1:1-3

2Cr 1:20 As many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

Now He who established us with you in Christ, and anointed us, is God, who also sealed us and gave the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. 2Cr 1:20-22

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them Rev 21:2-3

From Conception to Heaven

No examination of a father-son relationship could be complete without examining the relationship between God and His Son. All information about the Father is Channeled through the Son. The Father and the Son have the same Blood, and that blood is the Spirit; we are able to know the Father through the Blood. **This is the true drink.**

Jhn 6:45 "It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me. "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father. Jhn 6:45-46

Jesus told His disciples that they were seeing the Father; also declaring that they were from the Father.

For there to be complete exchange of the Blood of God to Man, this would require the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ. Because of the original sin of the first Adam the whole human race was plunged into sin. The First Adam did not have the Anointing of God whereas the Last Adam, Jesus Christ, did. The anointing of Jesus is the Blood of God, this being the Spirit of the Father in the Son. Jesus' access to the Father is through the Spirit, just as is ours.

"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth." Jhn 4:23-24

Eph 2:17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; for through Him (*Jesus*) we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and **are of God's household**, Eph 2:17-19

Jhn 15:26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you **from the Father**, **the Spirit of truth**, **who proceeds from the Father**, He will testify about Me, **and you** *will* **testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.** Jhn 15:26-27

Mat 10:20 "For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

This system of communication was perfected in Jesus and is now passed on to us from the Father through Jesus, just as Jesus received from the Father.

2Cr 3:16 Whenever a person turns to the Lord, a veil is taken away. **Therefore the Lord is the Spirit,** and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there's liberty. But **we all, with unveiled face, are beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, and are being transformed into the same image; from glory to glory; just as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2Cr 3:16-18**

Act 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth today that which you both see and hear.

From Conception, the Father was in direct communication with Jesus. There was no barrier because of sin. Because of this Spirit relationship from birth, Jesus became advanced in wisdom and knowledge of the past and future; Jesus being given the literal mind of God. Jesus, at twelve years old, had the keen realization that His origin was completely that of God; His human consciousness was rapidly being filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit/the Father.

After three days they found Jesus in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all *these* things in her heart. And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luk 2:46-52

Never do we see in the Scriptures Jesus referring to Mary as His mother; only woman. The Spirit of His Father was in Him; completely present and powerful and loving; and Jesus loved His Father with all His heart.

Jhn 3:35 "The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hands.

Jhn 5:20 "The Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and He will show Me greater works than these, so that you will marvel. "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so, the Son also gives life to whomever He wishes. "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will

honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. Jhn 5:20-23

Jhn 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; "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and **the words which you hear are not Mine, but are the Father's who sent Me**. "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, **whom the Father will send in My name,** He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Jhn 14:23-26

Jesus never did sin and always did the will of His Father; yet there were temptations; yet through these sufferings He learned obedience; therefore, completely satisfying the Laws of Righteousness; therefore our Father was always pleased with Him.

Jhn 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

Hbr 5:7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, **He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.** And having been made complete, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, Hbr 5:7-9

Jesus' knowledge was limited to what ever the Father was revealing to Him. The Father gave Jesus His complete consciousness of the past; yet His knowledge of certain future events were not completely revealed all at once.

Mat 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

Mar 13:32 "But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father *alone*. Take heed; keep on the alert; for you do not know when this time will come." Mar 13:32-33

Act 1:6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Act 1:6-8

Inheritance from the Father

It seems the best way for us to understand Jesus Christ's inheritance is to view mankind on the basis of what it does not have; **except through Christ.** For starters: humans are spiritually bankrupt, having no spiritual capacity or capital outside of this world. For us to have a heavenly value, it must come from heaven; and everything that comes from heaven is eternal in nature and value, being related to the new birth; the new birth being from the Father, through Jesus Christ. The inheritance of the First Born is two thirds of everything the Father Was and Is; this also being called the (double portion). The Son receives the greater portion of the Father's complete person and identity while simultaneously maintaining a subordinate human consciousness. This is the unique consciousness of Christ; and this same life/consciousness in Christ is predestined for those who love God.

1Cr 2:9 but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN, AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, NEITHER HAS ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

Where do all those of the world start out? Of course we start out dead. The following scriptures describe our disposition in the world as being without God in us, and without us being in Him.

Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts; "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me void, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it. Isa 55:6-11

The resurrection of the dead in Christ finally provided a new life, not only the life of God but the thoughts and power of God in Christ. This is a metamorphosis of our being: God being the inner agent creating Himself in us; our consciousness being replaced by His through faith; choosing to seek for the things that are above.

Col 3:1 If you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When **Christ, who is our life,** is revealed, **then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.** Col 3:1-4

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and that which I live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

This is being Christ possessed; this is having His thoughts, having His mind in us; yet the earthly man does not believe in these things.

1Cr 2:14 The natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT he WILL INSTRUCT HIM? **But we have the mind of Christ.** 1Cr 2:14-16

Another way to understand this is by saying the Body has all the advantages the Head provides for it. In other words: we have everything Christ is. Yes, everything Christ is; we are in Him.

(We're able) to comprehend, along with all the saints, what is the length and depth, and height. (We can) know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge; that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly beyond all we ask or think, according to the power that works within us; to Him the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Eph 3:18-21

With Jesus, the Father's being or person is Jesus' being, and the Father's thoughts are Jesus' thoughts; They are One Body with one Blood, and We have this Blood, because we have eaten His Flesh and we Drink His Blood.

Jhn 6:63 "It's the **Spirit** who gives **Life**; the flesh profits nothing; the **Words** that I have **Spoken** to you **are Spirit and are Life.**

God thought it, God Spoke, and it came into being.