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THE DISCONNECT – PART 2

Between God the Father and God the Son.

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Study 13- part 2. What do we know and how do we feel?

The disconnect between the Son and the Father in modern Christianity branches from several cultural, theological, and interpretive factors. But the biggest misunderstanding of the connection between God's laws and their fulfillment in Christ is what has created that disconnect and changed the way how most believers view obedience!

Here are a few key points of error:

1. Most Christian teachings focus on a Personal Salvation!

- Modern Christianity, especially in evangelical contexts, often emphasize a “personal relationship” with Christ as the primary means of salvation. While this is biblically valid, it minimizes the broader relationship and role with God the Father and the Trinity as a whole.
- Christ is frequently presented as the approachable, crucial figure, and this has the dangerous potential of intentionally or “unintentionally” creating the perception that God the Father is distant, less accessible and sometimes may even give the impression that God the Father is not accessible at all.
- **The reality** is that Christ alone does NOT save. Our Heavenly Father saves through Christ and God the Father is the one that gets all the Glory. If you take our Heavenly Father out of the picture, then we would not have a “mediator”, nor a “Saviour”. Christ tells us with His own words, that without the Father, He on His own self can do nothing.

John 5:30 (KJV) I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

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2. Cultural Shifts in Fatherhood

- In many modern cultures, father figures are sometimes viewed as authoritarian, distant, or absent. This cultural view can potentially shape how people perceive God the Father, making Him seem less approachable or loving than Christ, who is often seen as compassionate, always forgiving and sometimes even inclusive (acceptance for all).

4. Exalting Christ above God the Father.

1. The idea behind the questions and exercise on part one of this study is to present what our brains may be receiving that we are not noticing. Kind of receiving subliminal messages from teachings, movies, pictures, etc. Some teachings are so subtle that we do not realize the damage that it can do in our spiritual walk.

Satan has had about six thousand years of planning, planting and making his lies a truth to most believers and because of this we need to test every spirit of knowledge that we have and make sure it is the truth in God and not what our flesh wants to hear. **1 John 4:1 (KJV)** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Just like the Catholic church has indoctrinated their members with the countless repetitions of the rosary prayer and marking themselves with an upside down cross while doing the cross with their hands from the forehead to the chest and stomach.

In our “Christian lifestyle” the indoctrination is more subtle. It’s more subtle because we believe that since we are not like the rest of the people that have been indoctrinated, then we are all good and have attained the truth.

For the majority of believers that are worshipping Jesus Christ as Lord and saviour, the indoctrination not only comes through the teachings of false pastors, but it also comes through the music we may listen to. Some Christians would agree that we should be very careful with the secular music we listen to. Some have even gone far enough to take out all their secular music and listen only to worship music.

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Just think about this for a moment. What was Satan's job before his downfall? Before his downfall, Satan, also known as Lucifer, was considered a high-ranking angel in heaven, with a position of great authority and access to God's presence, even leading heavenly worship and praise due to his beauty and wisdom; **Ezekiel 28:13**. **Music is one of our biggest influential industries affecting people of all ages, especially the children!**

In this study, I'm not going to dive into the debate over what types of music are acceptable to listen to or not. Instead, I want to focus on worship music and its role in the growing disconnect many believers have allowed between God the Father and Christ the Son.

Over the years, many believers have been influenced by misguided teachings that stress a relationship with Christ solely as the "friend of sinners"—a Savior who is endlessly forgiving, regardless of one's actions. This view often suggests that Christ has no real requirements or expectations for His followers, particularly in terms of works that might be needed to receive or maintain salvation.

One false idea that has been embedded in the mind of believers is that Christ is a friend of sinners. This teaching is from Satan and has the same type of damage as believing that because Christ died on the cross, our past, present and future sins have been forgiven (**Romans 3:25**.)

Read the scripture for yourselves and show me where and who says Christ is the friend of sinners.

Matthew 11:19 (KJV) The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Luke 7:34 (KJV) The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

Did you read and do a little more research/reading on your own?
Who said that Christ was a friend of sinners? _____

Did you by any chance also check Romans 3:25?

Romans 3:25 (KJV) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

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Continuing on, a particular concern I want to address here is the subtle yet significant impact of worship music. Many worship songs, even though they are meant to honor Christ, can sometimes exalt Him in such a way that God the Father is left feeling irrelevant or diminished in comparison. This can lead to a crooked view of the Godhead where God the Father is not fully appreciated, or even overlooked, in the context of worship and glory. Such an approach ultimately impacts on the overall understanding of the Trinity and the relationship between Father and Son.

As an example, Let's test the song "one true God" by Steven Curtis Chapman.

The lyrics are as follow:

One voice in the dark,

A song that lights up the stars

One breath that gives life

One sovereign in power - **HERESY – this would make YHWH less powerful that Christ!**

Who speaks with Thunder and fire

One Lord one king

There is no other than can compare to you – **Not if compared to YHWH**

You are the one alone in greatness - **Diminishes YHWH**

The one who never changes

Jesus you are!

The one who rose in power - **Mislead YHHW raised Christ from death**

The one who reigns forever – **YHWH is the one that reigns, Christ is sitting on His right-hand side.**

Jesus the one true God! - **HERESY – this would make YHWH a false God!**

One man on a cross

And one light of the world

One name one word

One way to be saved

And one lamb that was slain

One love above all

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There is no other that can compare to you!

Again, Not if compared to
YHWH - Only true if
compared to other humans.

And we have seen His Glory of
The one and only Son of God
The one and only Son of God
The one and only Son of God
The one and only Son of God
And you are!

You are the one alone in greatness - **Diminishes YHWH**

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The one who rose in power – **YHWH was the one who raised Him from death.**

The one who reigns forever - **YHWH is the one that reigns, Christ is sitting on His right-hand side.**

Jesus the one true God! – **Again - HERESY – this would make YHWH a false God!**

Jesus the one true God! **Again 3rd time- HERESY – this would make YHWH a false God!**

We have seen the Glory of
The one and only Son of God
Yes, we have seen the Glory of
The one and only Son of God –

We are all “sons” of God. Christ is the only begotten son of God.

And we have seen the Glory of

The one and only Son of God – **Again, We are all “sons” of God. Christ is the only begotten son of God.**

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You are the one true God – **Again 5th time- HERESY – this would make YHWH a false God!**

To summarize, even though this song may sound good and has some truth, it contains many dangers within. Dangerous statements that we are repeating and repeating to ourselves every time we hear this song or every time, we remember this song.

Nothing really different than being indoctrinated by repeating the rosary.

This song **diminishes YHWH 10 times, misguides 3 times and** **profanes YHWH 5 times.**

I understand that there are many songs that don't distort or profane the name of YHWH, but the problem lies in how these songs can elevate Christ above YHWH by directing our hearts to Christ, rather than thanking YHWH for the gift of Christ.

How many songs do you know or have that focus on YHWH?

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The core issue here is that many believers are unaware that they are neglecting obedience even around worship music. Here's what YHWH says about worship:

1 Chronicles 16:9 (KJV) Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Psalms 105:2 (KJV) Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Ephesians 5:19 (KJV) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Colossians 3:16 (KJV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

James 5:13 (KJV) Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Singing psalms not only helps us memorize Scripture but also elevates YHWH and His word in our hearts, soul, and mind. This aligns with the first commandment: **Matthew 22:37 (KJV)** Christ said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. **38** This is the first and great commandment. Also, in **Mark 12:30** and **Deuteronomy 6:5**.

I am not opposed to songs that tell the story of Christ but listening to them more than songs that elevate and glorify YHWH is spiritually unhealthy. Over time, this will cause a disconnect in how we understand the roles of Christ and YHWH in our hearts, souls, and minds.

What music are you currently listening to and enjoying?

What are you allowing to shape your heart, soul, and mind through so-called Christian worship music?

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What secular music are you listening to, and how do you think the lyrics affect your heart, soul, and mind?

If you have children, how do you think the music they listen to might influence their spiritual growth?

Do you believe that the secular music you're allowing them to hear could potentially harm their heart, soul, and mind?

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4. Theological Misunderstandings

- Most teachings, both intentionally and some unintentionally, depict Christ and the Father as having different goals or temperaments. For example, Christ as saving humanity from the Father's wrath. This creates a false opposition and makes it seem like they are not united in love and purpose.
- The Trinity is a complex doctrine. The common teaching is the idea that the Trinity is one single identity or (person) that splits into two or three separate entities. This includes the mistaken believe that Chirtst is the exact same entity in the flesh as the Father.
Such interpretations are incorrect and will lead to an imbalance focus on one member of the trinity over the others.
- Instead of using the term "person" to describe the Trinity, it is more accurate to use the word "Spirit". God the Father is Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also Spirit. Christ, although He came to earth and lived as a "person", is the Son of God. Like the Father, He is Spirit and, after His resurrection continues to exist as Spirit with a glorified body. By understanding these distinctions, we avoid misconceptions about the nature of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **John 4:24 (KJV) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**
- Let's define what a "person" is, and you decide if you still want to call the Father, Son and Holy Spirit "Persons".

per·son - /'pərs(ə)n/ - *noun*

1. a **human being** regarded as an individual.
2. **Similar to** human being, individual, man/woman, human, Being, living soul, soul, mortal, creature, fellow, figure, personage, character, type, sort, beggar, cookie, customer, critter, buddy, fella, bloke, chap, bod, geezer, gent, guy, gal, dude, hombre, buddy, dog, cove, dame, wight.

I do not see the word Spirit in those similarities!

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Issaiah 55:8 (KJV) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. **9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For better understanding about the trinity, please see study 58.

5. Cultural Individualism!

- Individualistic cultures tend to focus on personal experiences and relationships, which often leads to emphasizing Christ as a personal savior while neglecting the shared covenant aspects of faith, which include God the Father and the Holy Spirit. On Whom God the Father is primary!

6. Lack of Teaching on the Trinity!

- Many churches do not spend enough time teaching about the Trinity and how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together. Without this foundation, believers may not see the unity and love shared among all three of them.

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How can correction be made?

Here are some of the things that believers and churches can do to address this disconnect:

Emphasize the unity of the Trinity:

Teach and reflect on how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work in perfect harmony in creation, salvation, and in the sustaining of the world.

- **Re-frame God the Father:** Highlight His love, mercy, and involvement in the world, as seen in **John 3:16 (KJV)** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
And Ephesians 1:3 (KJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: **4** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: **5** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- **Place the priority and balance where and on what it needs to be on:** Ensure that sermons and studies give attention to the role of Christ, and the Holy Spirit, but place God the Father in His rightful place.
 - God the Father is sitting on the Throne of Heaven. **Issaiah 66:1 (KJV)** Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?
 - Christ does the will of the Father. **John 14:31 (KJV)** But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.
John 4:34 (KJV) Christ saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
 - God the Father sent Christ for us! **John 3:16 (KJV)** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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- Christ is sitting on the right-hand side of the throne of the Father.
Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) Looking unto Christ the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Mark 16:19 (KJV) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
- **Encourage Reflection:** Encourage believers to meditate on passages that show God the Father and Christ the Son's unity. **John 10:30 (KJV)** I and my Father are one.
John 17:21 (KJV) That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **17** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
Where does the relationship in or with Christ fall on the above verse?

The Holy Spirit's Role: The Holy Spirit is sometimes overlooked in salvation discussions. but it's crucial to emphasize the Spirit's role in drawing believers to Christ, helping them experience the Father's love (**Romans 8:15-16**), and finally guiding them towards salvation!

See Study 29 – The Holy Ghost -

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We started by saying that: The disconnect between the Son and the Father in modern Christianity branches from several cultural, theological, and interpretive factors. But the biggest misunderstanding of the connection between God's laws and their fulfillment in Christ is what has created that disconnect and changed the way how most believers view obedience!

To finish getting the full understanding of the disconnect, there are a couple of studies that complement this one.

And once you get there “hopefully in order” you should have the entire picture of God’s plan for us!

Study 35 – Good works, Study 36 – Love and obedience – the first commandment – and Study 38 – Truth or Deceit,

So, the question remains, who is leading your heart, soul and mind?
Is it Christ or is it God the Father?

Who leads Christ, heart, soul and spirit?

Did Christ come up with His own commandments or is He being obedient to His Father and passing down the commandments that God the Father told Him to teach us and follow?

Malachi 3:6 (KJV) For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Matthew 5:18 (KJV) For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Hebrews 13:8 (KJV) Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

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The following are some of the things Christ said concerning Him and God the Father.

John 5:30 (KJV) I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 12:49-50 (KJV) For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **50** And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

John 14:31 (KJV) But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

John 14:9-13 (KJV) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? **10** Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. **12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. **13** And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Some scriptures from the disciples.

1 John 5:2-3 (KJV) By this we know that we love the children of YHWH, when we love YHWH, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of YHWH, that we keep His commandments: and His **commandments are not grievous.**

John 9:31 (KJV) Now we know that YHWH heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of YHWH, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

Luke 11:28 (KJV) But he said, Yea rather, **blessed are they that hear the word of YHWH, and keep it.**

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Did Christ not tell His disciples to do the same He had to do with God the Fathers' commandments?

Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

What commandments did Christ tell His disciples to do and follow, His own invented new commandments or God the Father's commandments?

The commandments of God the Father, correct, so, where was the disconnect?
Let's finish talking about it!

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