

A BASIC BIBLE STUDY ON THE SUPREME DEITY OF JESUS

# THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

# JESUS CHRIST—God manifested in the flesh

In this lesson, we will study the one true God written about in the Bible. Although He is recognized and referred to by numerous titles, He is but one person. We will see that the Almighty Creator—the LORD Jehovah of the Old Testament revealed Himself to His creation in a human body—that of the Lord Jesus Christ. His purpose was to shed His blood and die for the sins of the world.

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. —2 Corinthians 5:19

In ancient cultures, it was common to worship multiple gods. The Egyptians, the Chaldeans, and the Babylonians all had well established trinities, but the Jews believed in <u>one</u> God.\*

# The goal of this study is to establish that there is: One God, One Saviour, One Creator, and no other gods.

Let's begin with the Old Testament. God declared there was only <u>one</u> God:

#### **Deuteronomy 6:4**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

**Isaiah 43:10** Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

#### Isaiah 44:6

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

#### Isaiah 46:9

Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,

# God declared that there was only <u>one</u> Creator of the world. He created all things by Himself. There were no other creators, neither were there any co-creators.

\* Levi Leonard Paine, *The Ethnic Trinities and Their Relations to the Christian Trinities: A Chapter in the Comparative History of Religions* (Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin, and Company, 1901), 6-7.

#### Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

#### Isaiah 44:24

Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things;* that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

## Isaiah 45:12

I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

### Isaiah 45:18

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

# He declared Himself to be the <u>one</u> and only Saviour of the world.

#### Hosea 13:4

Yet I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for *there is* no saviour beside me.

#### Isaiah 43:3

For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

### Isaiah 43:11

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

#### Isaiah 45:21

Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.

In the New Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ is declared to be that <u>one</u> God, <u>one</u> Saviour and <u>one</u> Creator. God manifested Himself in the flesh in the body of Jesus Christ.

#### John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

## Luke 2:10-11

- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

# Jesus is the Creator.

## John 1:3, 10-11

- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

# Jesus is the Saviour.

## Colossians 1:14–18

- 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:
- 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

## Philippians 3:20

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

#### Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

# Jesus is God manifested in the flesh.

### 1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

#### John 8:58

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

#### Jude 1:25

To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Since there is only <u>one</u> God, <u>one</u> Creator and <u>one</u> Saviour and since Jesus Christ our Saviour created all things, we can conclude that Jesus is God.

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