

WHO  
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MELCHISEDECH

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Many Trinitarians allege that Jesus the Messiah is the same person as Melchisedec who appeared to Abraham after his victory over five Kings who had captured Lot and his family when they had conquered Sodom (Genesis 14). Therefore they allege that there are at least two divine persons called God prior to the incarnation which would support two persons of a trinity. Yet how can Melchisedec be a co-equal divine person called God if he was always a heavenly priest of the most high God from eternity past?

Hebrews 7:3 clearly states that Melchisedec was “MADE LIKE unto the Son of God.” Hebrews chapter seven does not state that Melchisedec is the Son of God, but rather, Melchisedec was “MADE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF GOD.” Being someone and being like someone are two completely different things. Hebrews 7:15 emphatically proves that the Son of God is not the same person as Melchisedec because Jesus is called “ANOTHER PRIEST.” Hebrews 7:15 clearly states, “... after the similitude of Melchisedec there arises ANOTHER PRIEST.” The word “similitude” is translated from the Greek word “homoioteta” which indicates that the priestly office that Jesus holds is “similar to,” but not the exact same priestly office as Melchisedec. Since inspired scripture clearly proves that Jesus is “ANOTHER PRIEST” then he cannot be the same person as Melchisedec?

Moreover, how can Melchisedec be God if he was “MADE” prior to the incarnation? Can the deity of the true God be “made” and still be an eternally existent divine person? If Melchisedec was “made” like the scriptures plainly declare, then Melchisedec would have to be a created angelic being rather than the One true God of the Bible. For if Melchisedec was “made” then he had to have had a beginning. Isaiah 57:15 states that the One true God is “He who inhabits eternity.” This scripture implies that God has always been eternally existent throughout eternity. Psalm 90:2 speaks of God’s eternal existence as being an everlasting eternal existence: “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you have formed the earth and the world, even FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING, you are God.”

A trinity of three “coequal and coeternal divine persons could not be true if the alleged second divine person was made prior to the incarnation. When the scriptures speak of the Son of God being “made of a woman (Galatians 4:4)” they speak of the man Christ Jesus rather than the deity of Christ Jesus being made inside of his mother Mary. Therefore the human person called the Son of God was made but the deity of that Son

has to be the eternal Spirit of God the Father. That is why the apostles declared that the Spirit of God is the selfsame Spirit of Christ: Romans 8:9-10 "... But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." 2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit (Jesus is Lord), and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom." (See also 1 Peter 1:11/1Corinthians 10:4).

If Jesus is not Melchisedec then who is this mysterious priest? Hebrews 7:3 states that Melchisedec exists "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days or end of life." Some have suggested that this verse of scriptures shows that Melchisedec did not have any geneological information to show who his parents were. Therefore they suppose that Melchisedec was a man who was born from two earthly parents and then eventually died like all other men. But if this scripture means that no one knew, or had any evidence of Melchisedecs geneological records then why does not the scripture give us some indication of this? Scripture usually informs us if something is not really true. Luke 3:23 indicates that Joseph was not the real biological father of Jesus, "As was supposed, the son of Joseph." If Melchisedec was a mortal man then why does Hebrews 7:3 state that Melchisedec "abides a priest continually." Hebrews 7:8 goes on to state that Melchisedec still lives. "And here men that die receive tithes; but there [in heaven] he [Melchisedec] receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives." Hebrews 7:15-16 clearly states that like Jesus the Son of God, Melchisedec was "made ... after the power of AN ENDLESS LIFE." Hence, both Melchisedec and Jesus were clearly MADE [created] by God the Father but Melchisedec never died as mere mortal men do. Therefore Melchisedec has to be an immortal being who still lives in heaven "after the power of AN ENDLESS LIFE!"

Some have alleged that Melchisedec had to be a worldly king who reigned over the city of Jerusalem during the time of Abraham because Melchisedec is called a "King of righteousness (Hebrews 7:3)" and the "King of Salem (Hebrews 7:2)." Psalm 76:2 equates Salem with Zion which is another name for Jerusalem. But if Hebrews chapter seven speaks of the earthly Jerusalem then how could this righteous King reign over a pagan city? There is no mention in history to prove that the early inhabitants of Jerusalem [the Jebusites] were Monotheistic believers. And since Hebrews 7:7 states

that Melchisedec was greater than Abraham, why did God choose Abraham rather than Melchisedec to become a great nation?

Hebrews 12:22 clearly points out that there is a heavenly Mount Zion which is the heavenly city of God, also called the “HEAVENLY JERUSALEM.” “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.” Therefore we can clearly see that Melchisedec could be called an angelic king in the heavenly Jerusalem. Since Revelation 5:10 calls Christians “Kings and priests” who will “reign on earth,” it is logical to believe that some angels could also hold this status in the heavenly court. Of course, Melchisedec could not be called the “King of Kings” but he certainly could be a king under the Almighty “King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16).”

All of the scriptural evidence proves that Melchisedec is an immortal heavenly being “without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days or end of life (Hebrews 7:3).” Any other interpretation relies upon twisting and stretching the scriptures well beyond their literal and obvious interpretation. Yet how can a heavenly being not be God if he is said to have no “beginning of days?” We must remember that the word “days” refers to the beginning of the creation of our world in which God first set up days and nights. Genesis 1:5 clearly states when the concept of days and nights first began: “God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” Hence, the “beginning of days” did not commence until after the angels were already created in heaven. Therefore Melchisedec could be a heavenly being who was made (created) prior to the beginning of the first days and nights as recorded in Genesis chapter one. This is how Melchisedec could be said to have had “... neither beginning of days or end of life.”

Those who continue to argue that Melchisedec is God Almighty cannot explain how Melchisedec was “MADE.” If the eternally existent God was made then who made God? If one divine person called God made another divine person called God then that created divine person could not be a true Almighty God at all; nor could a created divine person be said to be eternally existent! And if a Trinitarian believes that one of his alleged divine members of the Trinity did not exist from eternity past then that Trinitarian must throw out the Trinitarian Athanasian creed which states that each alleged divine person is coequal and coeternal with the other two members.

So what kind of heavenly being is this priest called Melchisedec? If Melchisedec



is the Almighty God then why would he be called the “priest of the most high God?” If Melchisedec is not God then he must be an angelic being. Several Dead Sea Scroll texts which do not appear to be written by the Essenes indicate that Melchisedec was the chief angelic priest of the heavenly temple. Since the Dead Sea Scrolls date back to the time of Jesus it makes sense that many Jews living at the time of Jesus and the apostles believed that Melchisedec was a heavenly priest in God’s heavenly temple. Hence, it is probable that the Jewish Christians to whom the book of Hebrews was addressed were not ignorant about the identity of the being called Melchisedec.

Many scriptures prove that the Old Testament Tabernacle and Temple was a copy of the original tabernacle and altar in heaven. For example, Hebrews 8:5 states: “They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven (NIV).” Revelation 11:19 “And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.” Revelation 15:5 “After this I looked and in heaven the temple, that is the Tabernacle of the Testimony was opened.” Isaiah 6:6 “Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the ALTAR. With it he touched my mouth and said, See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin is atoned for.” It is undeniable that this angelic being served in some sort of priestly manner at an ALTAR IN HEAVEN! Therefore it is logical to believe that Melchisedec was an angelic priest in heaven who was sent to bless Abraham.

Trinitarians argue that since Melchisedec is a priest who is like the Son of God (Hebrews 7:3) he must be deity. However, the high priestly office of Jesus speaks of Christ’s humanity rather than his deity. Melchisedec clearly holds a heavenly high priestly office which served as a foreshadowing of Christ’s future priestly office which he now holds in heaven.

The Bible provides ample evidence to prove that Yahweh God usually uses angels to manifest Himself rather than manifesting Himself directly. Just as God directly spoke through many of His prophets so God also spoke directly through His angels throughout the Scriptures. Exodus 3:1-5 speaks of the Angel of Yahweh manifesting himself in the burning bush and then Yahweh God spoke to Moses (apparently through the angel in the bush). Genesis 18:1 informs us that three MEN appeared to Abraham. Genesis 19:1 proves that these men were angels. Melchisedec was also called a man but this does not prove that he could not be an angel. Genesis 18:16 informs us that Yahweh spoke to one of the three angels to inform Abraham that He was going to destroy the city of Sodom: “When the men [angels] got up to leave ... Then Yahweh said to one of the three angels, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?’” Since Yahweh God was not speaking

to Abraham He must have spoken to one of His angels. This angel that God spoke to remained present so that God could speak to Abraham through him while the other two angels went to Sodom.

Therefore we can conclude that the God of the Bible usually manifested Himself in angelic Theophanies (visible manifestations of God) rather than manifesting Himself directly. I do not believe that God has to use angels to reveal Himself but it is an undeniable fact that God usually chooses to use His angels in just about everything He does. Likewise God the Father appears to have used an angelic priest (Melchisedec) to manifest Himself to Abraham as a prototype of the future priest who would reign after the order of Melchizedec (the heavenly angelic priest). This is the only view that can harmonize with all of the scriptural data without twisting that data to fit our own presupposed opinions.

### **THE SON OF MAN AND THE ANCIENT OF DAYS**

“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him.” Daniel 7:13-14

Trinitarians are quick to point out that this passage of scripture speaks of the Son of man [Jesus] coming before the Ancient of Days [God the Father] in the Old Testament book of Daniel. Therefore they conclude that Jesus must have always existed along with God the Father as a separate and distinct divine person from eternity past. At first glance it appears that the Trinitarians are correct. But when we take a closer look at this passage of scripture we realize that this also is a prophetic vision of the future glory that Jesus will eventually have when he reigns over all peoples, nations, and languages of the earth.

Notice the words, “I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:13).” Here we can clearly see that Daniel saw prophetic visions of one like the Son of man but he never said that he actually saw the Son of God before he was born. Otherwise Daniel would have written, “I saw the Son of Man” or “I saw the Son of God coming with the clouds of heaven.” Daniel clearly wrote that he saw night visions of “... one like the Son of man ...” because he did not actually see the Son of man before he was made in the womb of Mary. What Daniel saw was

prophetic visions of the future Son of God being given dominion over all the earth during his millennial reign over the planet after his second coming. Therefore the prophet Daniel and the other Hebrew prophets only saw prophetic visions of the Son's future glory before he actually came into existence through the virgin Mary.

Notice also that the scripture says, "And THERE WAS GIVEN HIM dominion and glory ... that all people and nations, and languages should serve him." When exactly was this dominion and glory actually given? Did Jesus actually reign over all nations of the earth during the lifetime of the prophet Daniel or was this a prophetic utterance of the future glory that Jesus would have when he will reign over all of the nations and peoples of the earth when he returns from heaven? Since God "... calls things that are not as though they were" (Romans 4:17 NIV), we can see how Jesus was already given glory in the mind and plan of God before he actually received that glory. This is that glory that Jesus spoke of when he said, "... the glory which I had with you before the world was." John 17:5

The Bible plainly states when Jesus will actually be given dominion, glory, and a Kingdom in which he shall rule all people, nations, and languages of the earth. Revelation 12:5 "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." Daniel 7:13-14 Not yet fulfilled. Revelation 11:15 "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world HAVE BECOME the kingdoms of our Lord (One God) and of His Christ (One Man), and He shall reign forever and ever!" Hence, Daniel 7:13,14 will be fulfilled when Jesus returns!

Many other scriptures prove that the Son of Man will come with the clouds of heaven to rule over all peoples and languages of the earth at the end of this age. Mark 13:24 "But in those days, following that distress, " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens." Revelation 1 1:7 also proves that Jesus shall COME WITH CLOUDS when he returns to rule over all the earth in the near future: "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."

Also notice that Jesus is spoken of as "The Son of MAN" in Daniel 7:13. The scriptures speak of Jesus as the Son of man because he was born from his mother Mary as the son



of human ancestry. How could Jesus be the Son of man [the Son of mankind] without being born from a human parent if he had already existed as a Son of man prior to the incarnation? It would be impossible for Jesus to literally exist as the Son of Man prior to his birth because the very title “Son of Man” reference his physical birth from human kind.

Daniel 7:13-14 is yet another example of Messianic prophecy where God thinks and speaks as if Christ were already given the kingdoms of the world before they were actually given to him. Just as Jesus was already spoken of as the “lamb slain from the creation of the world” (Revelation 13:8) before he was actually slain, so Jesus was already spoken of as having glory and dominion before he actually received it.

Moreover, the scriptural evidence proves that the Son of Man could not have literally existed as the Son during the time of the prophet Daniel because God the Father said concerning His Son, “I WILL BE to him a Father, and he SHALL be to me a Son (Hebrews 1:5).” Clearly the Father and Son relationship could not have occurred until after Jesus was begotten.

#### EXAMPLES OF MESSIANIC PROPHECIES GIVEN AS IF THEY ALREADY OCCURRED

Psalm 2:7 “... Yahweh has said unto me, You are my Son, THIS DAY HAVE I BEGOTTEN YOU.” Are we to believe that Jesus was actually begotten [born] when David wrote this psalm?

Psalm 22:16 “They pierced (as if it already happened) my hands and my feet.” Was Jesus crucified twice?

Psalm 41:9 “Even my close friend (Judas), whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.” “Has lifted!” Could Judas have actually betrayed Jesus in heaven before he was born?

Psalm 118:21-22 “I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation (Jesus is God who became our salvation). The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone (Jesus is our chief cornerstone - Ephesians 2:20 - New American Standard Bible).” Could the Pharisees have actually rejected Jesus the Messiah one thousand years before they were born?

Isaiah 53:1-5 “Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him ... He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain ... he took up our pain and bore our suffering ...

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities.” Notice how Isaiah spoke of Jesus as having already been despised, rejected, and pierced 1000 years before hand!

## GLORY WITH THE FATHER

“And now, O Father, glorify me with your own self, with the glory which I had with you before the world was.” John 17:5

Jesus is called the logos [Word] of God because He was “foreknown” in the mind and plan of God to be “begotten” to save His people from their sins. Revelation 13:8 speaks of “... the lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” We know that Jesus was not literally slain from the foundation of the world. The only way to rightly divide the word of truth in these scriptures is to believe that God calls those things which are not as if they already were. Ephesians 4:1 states: “According as HE HAS CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” Just as God’s elect were “foreknown” before they actually came into existence, so the Son of God was “foreknown” before he actually came into existence.

The Word of God is the essential plan and intention that God has always had from the very beginning of creation. Therefore Jesus was in the mind and plan of God from the very beginning because He was “foreknown (Greek Word is *proginosko* = “To know beforehand” “to foreknow”) before the foundation of the world (1Peter 1:20).” In this sense Jesus could speak of having his mortal life, “that glory which was with [the Father]” before the foundation of the world.

The prophet Isaiah’s visions of God’s glory are interpreted by the apostle John as the future glory of the Son:

“But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled which he spake, ‘Lord who has believed our report? And to whom has the ARM OF YAHWEH been revealed?’ Therefore they could not believe, because that Isaiah said again, ‘He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart: that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. THESE THINGS SAID ISAIAH, WHEN HE SAW HIS GLORY, AND SPAKE OF HIM.’” John 12:37-41

Isaiah spoke of the glory of Christ’s ministry of miracles and the hardened hearts of the Jewish people. Nothing is mentioned in John chapter twelve of Isaiah actually seeing



or actually speaking of the Son's pre-incarnational glory in heaven. Isaiah only spoke of Christ's post incarnational glory on planet earth. Therefore the glory that Jesus had with the Father had to be in the mind and plan of God from "before the world was" actually created.

It is interesting to note that the Greek word for "GLORY" in John 12:41 ("... WHEN HE SAW HIS GLORY [DOXA], AND SPAKE OF HIM [JESUS]") is the same Greek word for "GLORY" that Jesus used in John 17:5 when he prayed to God the Father, saying, "... the GLORY (DOXA) which I had with you before the world was." The prophet Isaiah saw Christ's glory hundreds of years before Jesus actually performed miracles in His earthly ministry. Isaiah goes on to state that many would not believe that Jesus is "THE ARM OF YAHWEH REVEALED" by saying "Who HAS BELIEVED our report." And again, "He HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HARDENED THEIR HEART." Notice how God speaks through Isaiah as if the Jews who lived during the lifetime of Jesus had already been spiritually blinded before these Jews actually lived. Wherefore, Isaiah did not see Jesus' glory as a second divine person who was beside God the Father in eternity past up in heaven but he saw His glory as the ARM OF YAHWEH revealing Himself as the future Messiah on earth. Isaiah also saw Jesus as a future "child" that would be born and as a future Son that would be given (Isaiah 9:6).

Although Jesus as the Son did not actually rule or reign up in heaven prior to the incarnation, we do know that the deity of the child that would be born is the selfsame deity of the One Spirit of God Almighty. In this sense we know that Jesus pre-existed the incarnation as the One true God. 1 Timothy 3:16 proves that God (all of God) was manifested in the flesh. Jesus is not just a part of God. Nor is Jesus some separate divine person from the rest of God. Jesus is clearly "all the fullness of the deity" manifested "in bodily form (See Colossians 2:8-12)."

The Old Covenant title "God of glory" is applied to Jesus in 1 Corinthians 2:8 as "the Lord of glory." Jesus is further called the "brightness" of God's "glory" and "the express image of His Person (Hebrews 1:3)." Jesus clearly had glory because His deity is One with God the Father but he also had glory as the future Son that would be given in the mind and plan of God "before the world was" (created).

#### THE WITNESS OF TWO - JOHN 8:17-18

"It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bears witness of me."

This scripture does not contradict Oneness Pentecostal Theology as many suppose.

Here again we have a clear distinction between ONE GOD AND ONE MAN. The scriptures are replete with examples of “ONE GOD and ONE mediator between God and men the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).” God is almost always spoken of in scripture as separate and distinct from the subordinate Christ.

Oneness Theology teaches that God became a man with a human spirit, a human soul, and a human body. God could not have really become a man without being in the position of needing to pray and needing to overcome temptation or he would not have been a man at all. If Jesus were all God in just an external shell of human flesh then He could not be said to be a man. Since God became a man He had to pray and have a relationship with God His Father just as all men do.

Therefore Jesus as the Son of the living God could be a witness as a man while God the Father could be a witness as the omnipresent God. Notice that Jesus says nothing about an alleged third divine witness called the Holy Spirit. Why would the Holy Spirit not be included by Jesus and the apostles in so many important passages of scripture? Because there is only One Spirit of God (Ephesians 4:6) and that Holy Spirit of God is the selfsame deity of both the Father and the Son (John 14:7-11). Yet this fact does not detract from God’s ability to miraculously become a man while retaining His divine attributes as the omnipresent God in heaven.

Therefore, the Oneness position is similar to the Trinitarian position in that we believe that there are two separate and distinct persons. However, the difference between the two theological teachings is that the Trinitarian camp believes that the Son is a Second Divine Person who existed as an Eternal Son with God from eternity past while the Oneness camp believes that God foreknew the existence of His Son as “the lamb slain from the foundation of the world” but this foreknown Son did not literally exist as a separate person until being conceived in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:31 / Galatians 4:4). The Oneness camp refuses to add to God’s Word by calling Jesus “a Second Divine Person from eternity past.” The Bible simply states that Jesus is “the Word” of God and “the express image (representation or likeness) of His (God the Father’s invisible) Person” who was “made flesh and dwelt among us” as a man.

The main difference between the Oneness of God position and the Three-ness of God position is that the Oneness camp professes that God operates in different manifestations or modes of existence as One divine individual (who also became a man) but the Trinitarian camp professes that God operates in three different divine persons as



three different divine individuals. Yet somehow these three individual persons are said to be One Being and One God.

Trinitarians try to state that God is one divine Being and three divine Persons even though the definition for Being means a person and the definition for Person means a being. Moreover, Trinitarians have to add much unscriptural terminology in order to define their position (such as trinity, three persons, eternal son, eternally begotten son, coequal, coeternal, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) while the Oneness position uses Biblical terminology such as the Word “One” for the “Oneness of God” and the word “manifestation” for God being “manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16).”

The Bible never uses the word “THREE” to describe God but the word “One” is used hundreds of times throughout the Bible to describe God’s essence of Being (not including more than 6,800 listings of the divine name of “Yahweh” which literally means “The Self Existent ONE”). Therefore the Lord our God must be ONE DIVINE INDIVIDUAL. Since God is never spoken of in scripture as THREE ONES, THREE INDIVIDUALS, OR THREE PERSONS, OUR GOD MUST BE SOLELY AND INDIVISIBLY ONE!

Footnote: Textual critics have proved that the words “three that bear record in heaven” in 1 John 5:7 is a scribal interpolation that was added into the text in the sixteenth century A.D. There is not a single Greek manuscript that says “Three that bear record in heaven” for the first 1500 years of church history. Therefore we know that the words “three that bear record in heaven” did not appear until the 16th century.

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THERE IS ONLY “ONE GOD THE FATHER (WHO IS GOD) AND ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST (WHO IS GOD WITH US AS A MAN - 1 Corinthians 8:6). GOD REPEATEDLY STATES THAT HE IS ONE SELF EXISTENT ONE, NOT THREE SELF EXISTENT ONE’S. THEREFORE THE BIBLICAL DATA PROVES THE ONENESS OF GOD RATHER THAN THE ALLEGED TRINITARIAN THREENESS OF GOD (i.e. THREE DIVINE PEOPLE)!

The Catholic Church is guilty of torturing and murdering over 70 million people in order to compel them to follow her doctrines. Why should we believe any doctrines that the Catholic Church developed over the centuries if this Church is guilty of such atrocities? Jesus said to the Pharisees, “you do the deeds of your father [the Devil].” Jesus clearly called Satan a liar and murderer. Since the Catholic Church has done the deeds of her Father [Satan] she cannot be the true Church of Christ. Therefore she must

be the harlot Church that the book of Revelation prophesied about almost 2000 years ago (Revelation chapters 17-18).

Why should Christians depend upon the Roman Catholic formulation of the trinity doctrine when she murdered millions of “saints” and “martyrs of Jesus (Revelation 17:6)?” In the year 385 AD the Roman Catholic Church began using the power of secular government to execute Christians who rejected Trinitarian baptism. From 385 AD through the Middle Ages, millions of Christians were tortured and put to death for alleged heresies, including the so called heresy of Anabaptism [Rebaptism] by single immersion into the Name of Jesus Christ.

## THE ESSENTIALITY OF ONENESS THEOLOGY

Many professing Christians are opposed to anything that brings division among various Christian denominations and churches. Yet Jesus warned us that “Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; But he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

The Bible plainly teaches that the great majority of those who will profess Christ in the last days will not be saved. Jesus exclaimed, “Enter in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

No matter what we want to think, the scriptures teach that the vast majority of professing Christian believers will not enter into eternal life. God’s word further warns all professors of Christianity to beware of false teachers who would receive the promise of the Holy Spirit and prophesy in his name while deceiving God’s people as “workers of iniquity.” Jesus was not joking when he warned us to beware of false teachers. Satan is a master deceiver who has successfully deceived the vast majority of professing Christians. Therefore it is vitally important that we obey Jude verse 3:

“When I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”



Have you ever thought of how many people are truly contending [fighting] for that faith? The apostle Paul was so grieved over the soon coming entrance of false teaching into the Church that he wept night and day with tears:

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock ... Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.” (Acts 20:29-31)

\*Notice that the entrance of false teaching into Christianity caused the apostle Paul to “warn every one night and day with TEARS!” If it does not matter what doctrine you believe then why did Paul cry over false teaching? Paul wrote by the inspiration of the Spirit that these false teachers would be as grievous wolves, “not sparing the flock” of Christ. In other words, just like wolves devour unsuspecting sheep, so the entrance of false teaching would cause the deceived in the flock of Christ to perish.

Paul further predicted the main source of this false teaching: It would come through pagan philosophy which would pervert the teaching that “in Christ dwells all the fullness of the deity (Colossians 2:8-12).” Scripturally and historically, we can prove that the doctrine of the Trinity is foreign to the Bible (from Pagan Philosophy) and to the faith of the majority of the early Christians.

The first person to use the word Trinity wrote that the great majority of believers of his day (the late 2nd century) rejected the concept of three divine persons comprising the deity. It was Tertullian who called the majority of second century Christians “Modalistic Monarchians” because they taught Oneness Theology. Therefore the historical evidence proves that the majority of the earliest Christians were Oneness in their Theology and that Tertullian (An Arian who taught that Jesus is a lesser God under God the Father) and many others were used by the great deceiver to infiltrate Christianity first by Arianism (Jesus is a second divine person who is not equal to God the Father) and then by Trinitarianism (Jesus is a second divine person who is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father). The apostle Paul stated that those who fall prey to the Devil’s devices will not be spared!

Since Satan could not defeat the true Church of Jesus Christ openly he decided to use his demons to infiltrate Christianity by using false teachers to distort the original untainted message of the first century apostles. The original apostles knew by the Spirit that Satan would use false ministers to infiltrate Christianity in order to deceive people and rob them from the true salvation which was delivered by the original apostles of

Jesus Christ.

“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy or vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ. For in Him [Christ] dwells all the fullness of the deity in bodily form.” Colossians 2:8-12

“For I know this, AFTER MY DEPARTING SHALL GRIEVOUS WOLVES enter in among you, NOT SPARING THE FLOCK.” Acts 20-31

### SAVE YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES

“Save yourselves from this perverse generation (Acts 2:40)”

We are not going to help ourselves, or our children, friends, and loved ones if we allow ourselves to be deceived into believing false religious teachings. Our children trust us to lead them the right way. When we allow our children to be taught the wrong way, we ourselves are guilty for leading them the wrong way. Jesus said, “If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.” If you allow yourself to be spiritually blind and lead your family the wrong way, then you are responsible for their demise.

When Lot’s sons in law mocked Lot for trying to lead them the right way, their wives and children also perished with them in the destruction of Sodom. When men rejected the preaching of Noah, their wives and children also perished with them in the great flood. When the Jews rejected the word of God through God’s prophets, their children also suffered and died with them when they were attacked and besieged by the Assyrians and Babylonians. Therefore you are not only responsible for obeying God’s will for your life; you are also responsible for your spouse and children.

Do you really think you can look your children in their eyes on judgment day after you have carelessly led them to a church or denomination where they were poisoned by the false doctrines that Satan has sown? Why not search the scriptures with an open and honest heart to make sure that you bring your family into a church where the pure teachings of the Word of God are being taught?

### ETERNITY IS TOO LONG TO BE WRONG

Can you imagine the torment that you would experience for all eternity, knowing that you may have led your family into a church or denomination that led them into



hell? May God give you the strength to fully obey His word no matter what kind of persecution you may encounter for doing so! Eternity is too long to be wrong! Why not make your calling an election sure by fully obeying the word of the Lord? Do it today! For delayed obedience is disobedience

“Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

#### PRAYING FOR A GLOBAL HARVEST

WE SINCERELY PRAY THAT THESE FREE E-BOOKS WILL BE A BLESSING TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WORLD WIDE. IF YOU ARE LITERATE IN ENGLISH AND IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE PLEASE PRAY ABOUT TRANSLATING THESE BOOKS INTO THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU KNOW. WE ALSO NEED CONTACT PERSONS WHO CAN RESPOND TO INQUIRIES IN EACH LANGUAGE.

THE AUTHOR IS PRAYING THAT THIS BOOK WILL HAVE A GLOBAL IMPACT IN RESTORING THE CHURCH TO THE APOSTOLIC FAITH OF THE ORIGINAL APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST. MAY OUR GREAT GOD LEAD DOZENS OF PEOPLE TO WORK AT TRANSLATING THESE FREE BOOKS INTO MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES SO ALL PEOPLE COULD READ THEM FREE OF CHARGE.



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