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**“Hear O Israel, Yahweh your God is ONE
YAHWEH.” Deuteronomy 6:4**



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**“And Yahweh shall be King over all the earth: In that day
shall there be ONE YAHWEH, AND HIS NAME ONE.”
Zechariah 14:9**

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Jehovah God said concerning His Name "Jehovah" in Exodus 3:15 "This is my name unto all generations . . ." Since God cannot lie it is clear that the Name of Jehovah will always be the one and only true name for God. There are many extensions of the name of Jehovah that God has revealed himself in. Yet all of these extensions of the divine name always begin with "Jehovah." It is necessary to call the One True God by His true name to distinguish the One True God from the many false Lords and Gods. The apostle Paul confirms in 1 Corinthians 8:5, ". . . there be many that are called gods . . . as there be gods many, and lords many . . ." Titles such as Elohim and El are not names at all. They were common titles used for pagan deities such as the Philistine god Dagon and the Canaanite god Ashtoreth. God even called Moses a god (Elohim) unto Pharaoh. Therefore, God's true name cannot be called God (God simply means "Supreme") for there are many false Gods who claim this same title. Nor can God's name be called "LORD" or "Father," or "Son," or "Holy Spirit," or "Christ," or "Word," or "Holy One," or "Eternal," or "Creator," or "Adonai," etc. These are not names but terms or titles used to describe God's manifold functions and attributes. Since many pagan deities as well as mere mortals also hold some of these titles, it is essential that we both know and utilize the one true name of our God. Jehovah's prophets plainly declared that God's true people would know His Name: "Therefore my people SHALL KNOW MY NAME." (Isaiah 52:6) "They SHALL KNOW THAT MY NAME IS JEHOVAH." (Jeremiah 16:21)

THE IDENTITY OF JESUS IS REVEALED THROUGH HIS NAME

FACT: THE NEW TESTAMENT OPENS AND CLOSES WITH THE DECLARATION OF THE DEITY OF CHRIST.

Matthew 1:23 informs us that the name of Jesus shall be called "EMMANUEL" meaning "GOD WITH US."

Rev. 22:6,16,20 calls Jesus "THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS."

FACT: THE NAME OF JESUS LITERALLY MEANS "JEHOVAH SAVES"

This is why the angel declared, "You shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Although many Jews may have had this name, no Jewish man could ever claim that his name was given by an angel of the Lord. Thus his name revealed his true identity as "God manifest in the flesh." 1 Timothy 3:16

FACT: THE NAME OF JESUS IS APPLIED TO JEHOVAH

Jer. 23:5,6 "A righteous branch, and a King shall reign . . . and this is His Name whereby He shall be called, The LORD (JEHOVAH) our righteousness." Note: Every time we see the word "LORD" in scripture it is a substitute for the one divine name of God.

**FACT: THE NAME OF JESUS IS THE NAME OF THE
FATHER**

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name
shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The
everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

If the name of Jesus can be called the name of the Mighty God
and the name of the Everlasting Father then his name must be
the divine name of God the Father Himself.

**FACT: JESUS COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES TO BAPTIZE
IN A SINGLE NAME.**

Matthew 28:19 "Go you therefore . . . baptizing them in THE
NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
The words, "IN THE NAME OF" clearly point to one name, not
three names.

FACT: THE FATHER IS NOT A NAME IT IS A TITLE

FACT: THE SON IS NOT A NAME IT IS A TITLE

FACT: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT A NAME IT IS A TITLE

Trinitarians allege that the titles Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are
three separate names for an alleged three person Deity. This is

an absurd belief, since there are many fathers and sons in our world today. No father or Son in his right mind could allege that his legitimate name was "Father" or "Son." Nor could a father or son sign his name on a check or legal document as "Father" or "Son." Can you imagine trying to sign a check with the title "Father" or "Son" as your name? Can you imagine Mary having a Son and calling his name Son? This would be ludicrous. The angel clearly gave us the name of the Son: "You shall call his name Jesus (JEHOVAH SAVES) for he shall save his people from their sins."

The divine name of Jehovah is used over 5,500 times throughout scripture. This is significant because 1 Corinthians 8:5 declares that there are many false lords and false gods: "There be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many)." Therefore the divine name of Jehovah was repeatedly used numerous times throughout scripture to distinguish the One True God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob from the many false lords and gods. Hence, it is essential to know the one divine name of God in order to identify which God or Lord we are talking about. Many Pagan Deities were called "Lords and Gods." For instance, the Philistine God Dagon was called "Elohim" just as Jehovah was called "Elohim." Therefore it is essential that Christians know the name of their God in order to distinguish Him from the many Pagan Deities.

God informed Moses in Exodus 3:15 that the name of Jehovah would be the name of the one true God "forever" and "unto all generations." This includes our generation.

God has revealed many extensions of his name to the Hebrews but these extensions of the divine Name always began with the

divine name Jehovah (Yahweh in the Hebrew). Some examples: Jehovah Shammah, Jehovah Nissi, Jehovah Rapha, Jehovah Tsidkenu, Jehovah Mckeddish, etc. The last revelatory extension of Jehovah's name is Jehovah Hashua (Yeshua is the contracted form of Yahweh Hashua) which means "Jehovah Saves." We translate Yeshua (Jehovah Saves) into the English as Jesus. Therefore we can conclude that the name of Jesus (Jehovah Saves) is the divine Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE FATHER? YAHWEH
WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE SON? YAHWEH HASHUA

Note: The shortened form of the name "YAHWEH HASHUA" is "Yeshua" which literally means "Jehovah Saves."

A good example: My Son's name is Nathaniel but we always call him Nathan for short. So likewise, the proper name for Yeshua is "Yahweh Hashua" but they always called his name "Yeshua" for short.

Jesus further stated: "I am come in my Father's Name" John 5:43.

THEREFORE JESUS IS CLEARLY THE NAME OF
YAHWEH = "JEHOVAH SAVES"

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? YAHWEH
Since the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jehovah Himself, the name of the Holy Spirit has to be Jehovah. Joel 2:28,29 proves this to be true. "I am Jehovah your God, and none else . . . I will pour out MY SPIRIT upon all flesh. . ." Acts chapter two proves that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples. Hence, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jehovah.

CONCLUSION

1. JESUS IS THE NAME OF THE FATHER JEHOVAH SAVES
2. JESUS IS THE NAME OF THE SON JEHOVAH SAVES
3. JESUS IS THE NAME OF THE SPIRIT JEHOVAH SAVES

THE SCRIPTURES PROVE THAT THE NAME OF JESUS CAN BE APPLIED TO ALLTHREE TITLES OF THE ONE TRUE GOD: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. THEREFORE THE SCRIPTURES SUPPORT THE ONENESS VIEW OF GOD RATHER THAN THE TRINITARIAN CONCEPT.

FACT: NOT EVEN ONCE DID THE APOSTLES AND EVANGELISTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH EVER BAPTIZE IN THE TRINITARIAN FORMULA "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

WHAT ABOUT BAPTISM INTO THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT?

Our Lord Jesus Christ clearly commanded the apostles to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Did the apostles fail to obey Christ's command when they baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus? If the apostles were in error when they always baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, then there would be a clear contradiction within the pages of the Bible. Does God's Word contradict itself? Or are many misinterpreting the Word of God?

Let's take a closer look at Matthew 28:19.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Notice that the apostles of Christ were commanded to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus did not say, "in the names of the Father, Son, and Spirit." He clearly stated, "in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit." The titles of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not names at all. They are titles or positions that God holds. He is our Father as the creator, Son as our redeemer manifest in the flesh, and Holy Spirit as God's indwelling Spirit within the Church.

No one in their right mind would sign a check by writing, "Father," or "Son," or "Spirit." There are many fathers, many sons, and many spirits who are holy (the angels of God and born again believers who are truly living for God have holy spirits). Any grammarian would state that the titles Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not names. There must be a Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We know that the name of the Son is Jesus. We also know that the meaning of the name of Jesus means "Jehovah Saves." Scripture further states that Jesus came in his Father's Name. John 5:43 states that Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name, and you receive me not..." Therefore when we put all of the scriptures together we can clearly understand that they do not contradict each other at all. They fit together in perfect harmony much like a child fits many pieces of a jig saw puzzle together in perfect harmony. When a Pastor or Elder carries out the divine command to baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, he will baptize in the Name

of Jesus Christ. For Jesus, meaning "Jehovah Saves," is the Name of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

It is truly enlightening when one considers that the very passage of scripture that the Roman Catholic Church used to change the mode of water baptism and formulate the false doctrine of a Trinity of three divine people actually proves the Oneness of God, the full deity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ. For Jesus' command to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit proves that the singular name of Jesus Christ is the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit. All three titles or manifestations of God comprise the One Supreme Being we call Jehovah God. There cannot be three divine Jehovah's. Jesus is not a second divine person of God. Nor is Jesus Jehovah Junior. The scriptures plainly declare that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the "Alpha and Omega, ... which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty (Rev. 1:8). And again the scriptures declare that our wonderful Jesus is "the beginning and the end, the first and the last (Rev. 22:13)." The Roman Catholic Church developed the false creedal doctrine of the Trinity which states that our Jesus is "the second person of a Trinity." A phrase which clearly contradicts inspired scripture and is nowhere to be found in the Bible.

One might argue that the concept of the Trinity is taught in the Bible. I certainly agree that the concept of the plurality of God's Might and Majesty cannot be denied in scripture. Nor can we deny the fact that the One True God created all human beings after his own image and likeness. Since man is a tripartite being of spirit, soul, and body - so also God is a tripartite Being

manifested to us as Father, Son (The Word Incarnate), and Holy Spirit. The fact that Adam was created as one person in the image and likeness of God (not three persons with three heads) proves that God is also One Person. The whole concept of calling God three divine co-equal, co-eternal persons is completely foreign to the Bible. It is a false and misleading invention of the devil. It leads to a pseudo form of Christian Baptism which takes the saving Name of Jesus Christ out.

THE APOSTLES AND EVANGELISTS OF THE NEW
TESTAMENT CHURCH ALWAYS BAPTIZED IN THE
NAME OF JESUS ALONE

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus
Christ."

Acts 2:38

"They were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus."

Acts 8:16

"And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the
Lord Jesus."

Acts 19:5

". . . so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were
baptized into his death."

Romans 6:3

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put
on Christ."

Gal. 3:26,27

"And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Col.3:17

There is absolutely no instance in the entire New Testament where the apostles and evangelists of the early church ever baptized in the titles Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The actions of the apostles prove that the name of the Father, Son and Spirit has to be Jesus, which literally means "Jehovah Saves."