WE BELIEVE IN THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT - BUT WE REJECT THE MAINSTREAM 3 IN 1 TRINITY GOD TEACHING - AN EXPLANATION

I wanted to set something straight on this page, due to a lot of confusion and twisting the facts regarding our belief about God. Trinitarians accuse us of denying the Holy Spirit, and believing that Christ was created, which is completely false. I have also had people asking me how I can believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and yet reject the Trinity, when "Father, Son and Holy Spirit IS the Trinity". So I wanted to lay out the clear Bible truth of why we reject and strongly reject the mainstream Trinity teaching, while at the same time fully believing in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

There are two mainstream thoughts regarding trinitarianism. One says that there are 3 divine beings united as 'one god.' The other says there is only 1 being, with 3 'persons' or 'personalities' that this 'one god' consists of, and that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the SAME BEING. We reject BOTH of these teachings.

SO WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

Let me share with you what we believe and then I will share with you WHY we reject those two beliefs regarding the Trinity above. While we fully believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, instead of using man's definitions, we turn to the Word of God for understanding of this very important subject. Afterall, the God we worship is THE most important part of our faith. So let me share with you, from the Bible, what we believe regarding the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WHO IS THE FATHER? - According to the Bible, God the Father is that 'one God' whom Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets and apostles worshipped. He is the source of all life, the sovereign of the universe. Let us look at what the Bible says:

John 4:21-24 ...'Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father
seeketh such to worship him. **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.'

John 20:17... 'Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.'

John 17:1-3... 'Father... this is life eternal, that they might know the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.'

According to Jesus' own words, who is the Father? Is He merely a 'third part' of the Trinity god? No! Jesus said Himself that His Father is the **ONLY TRUE GOD**. Jesus said that the Father is not only our God, but HIS GOD also. How can this be if the 3 in 1 Trinity is true? For the Trinity states that all three are co-equal in EVERY way. But the Father is even quoted Himself in Hebrews 1:9 as saying He is the God of Jesus. So we have two witnesses to this fact. How can this be? Let us see what the apostle Paul says:

1 Corinthians 8:5-6... 'For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.'

Do you see? Paul confirmed what Jesus said, in that the Father is the 'one God.' But Paul also states why; it is because the Father is the SOURCE OF ALL LIFE, including the life of His own Son Jesus Christ, which we will explain next in 'WHO IS THE SON?.' God the Father is the very source of all life, and Jesus is the BY WHOM all life is created. This makes the Father the 'only true God.' He is the 'one God' the Bible speaks of, look:

1 Timothy 2:4-5... 'Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, AND one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.'

Trinitarians believe that the 'one God' is the 3 in 1 Trinity god. And yet this is impossible according to the scriptures, because as the apostle Paul said, 'there is one God... AND... one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.' So if Jesus is the mediator between the ONE GOD and men, then how can the one God be the Trinity? That would make FOUR! Do you see the problem? But when you see the TRUTH, as we have shown above, that the Father is that 'one God', then it makes complete sense! Jesus is the one mediator between THE FATHER and mankind.

Acts 3:13... **The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.**

So who is the Father? He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is the 'only true God' - the source of all life and sovereign of the universe. The Father is a distinct personal being. He is our Father and God.

**WHO IS THE SON?** - According to the Bible, the Son is Jesus Christ, the literal begotten Son of God the Father; begotten as a true Son in eternity past before anything was created. Let us take a look:
Romans 8:3 ...'For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.'

John 3:16-17 ...'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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.'

Just take a step back and think about these two verses. For God the Father to SEND His own Son to save us, what does He need to have in the first place to send? A Son right? Both Paul and John tell us that Jesus is God's own Son. Now if Jesus isn't the LITERAL Son of God the Father, and they are just 'role playing', then the above two verses, and many more Bible verses are NOT truth! And if they are not truth, then we may aswell throw away the whole Bible! Just take that in for a moment.

Matthew 3:17 ...'And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 17:5 ...'While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.'

Only two times did God the Father speak in the New Testament that people actually heard and understood. And what did God the Father use both those occasions to confirm? That Jesus Christ is His beloved Son! Was God trying to get an important message across do you think?

Galatians 4:4 ...'But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.'

Mark 12:6 ...'Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.'

The Bible even tells us that Jesus was begotten of the Father way back in eternity past before anything was created. And no, this does NOT mean that Jesus Himself was created. This is a blatant lie aimed at us by Trinitarians. The Father did not take some material and create Jesus like He did with us and the rest of creation. Jesus was begotten [born] of the Father's own divine being - taken from the very bosom of the Father:

Proverbs 8:23-25 ...'I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth.'

Proverbs 30:4 ...'Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?'

Micah 5:2 ...'But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.'
These verses clearly tell us of Jesus being begotten (brought forth) of the Father in eternity past. How? We do not know because God has not told us. This is what FAITH is all about - taking God at His Word - "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON". The Bible tells us that Jesus was 'brought forth' from the Father before creation, so we must believe it by faith. Now some people will say, 'Oh, Proverbs 8 is speaking of wisdom, not Jesus.' And what they don't realize is that the Bible confirms Jesus Christ IS the wisdom of God, look:

1 Corinthians 1:24 ...'But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.'

Luke 11:49 ...'Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute.'

Matthew 23:1,34 ...'Then spake Jesus ... Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city.'

1 Corinthians 1:30 ...'But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.'

So the Son is Jesus Christ, the LITERAL begotten Son of God the Father; begotten as a true Son in eternity past before anything was created. Jesus Christ is a distinct personal being, apart from the Father, and yet 'one' with the Father in Spirit, mind, action and purpose. Jesus is truly the SON OF God.

WHO/WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? - According to the Bible, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father, which He gives to us through His Son Jesus Christ. Let us take a look:

Luke 12:11-12 ...'And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.'

Matthew 10:19-20 ...'But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.'

Can you see what the Word of God is telling us here regarding the Holy Spirit? Luke and Matthew tell us that the Holy Spirit that speaks in us is the Spirit of God the Father. Now when you look at the word 'Spirit' in both the Hebrew and Greek, it means 'breath, mind, life.' So if the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father, then it means the Holy Spirit is the very divine life and mind of God the Father. Look at the following two verses:

Isaiah 40:13 ...'Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor has taught him?'

Romans 11:34 ...'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?'
Do you see how Paul understood Isaiah 40:13? He knew the Spirit of the Lord is the MIND of God. It is His very life, power and character that He gives to us. But how does the Spirit of the Father come to us? THROUGH Jesus Christ His Son. Look:

Revelation 5:1,6,7 ... 'And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals ... And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, HAVING seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.'

Acts 2:32-33 ... 'This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.'

Peter, speaking to the crowd on the day of Pentecost, explains what has just happened, and what does he say? That Jesus had received the Holy Spirit FROM the Father, and Jesus HIMSELF gives that Spirit - that life and power of the Father - to the disciples. Do you see?

John 20:19-22 ... 'Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you ... And when he had said this, HE BREATHED ON THEM, and saith unto them, RECEIVE YE THE HOLY SPIRIT.'

Titus 3:4-6 ... 'But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.'

Do you see? The Holy Spirit, which is the life, mind and power of God the Father comes to us through His beloved Son Jesus Christ. It is that 'one Spirit' which they both share, which is why Jesus said in John 14:23 that both He and the Father would dwell in us.

So the Holy Spirit is the divine life of the Father which comes to us through Jesus our Lord. The Holy Spirit is not a separate divine being from the Father and His Son. Just as our spirit is not a separate being from us, the Holy Spirit is not a separate being from the Father. We do not know the nature of the Spirit, but we know from the Bible that it is NOT a separate being who sits on the throne of heaven like the Father and His Son, as Revelation tells us that only TWO beings - God and the Lamb sit on the throne for all eternity (Revelation 5:13, Revelation 21:22, Revelation 22:1)

WHY WE REJECT THE TRINITY

As you can see, the Bible clearly teaches that there is 'one God' the Father - A personal divine being. There is also the Son of God the Father, Jesus Christ our Lord - another personal divine being - the divine Son of God, begotten of the Father, as a true Son in eternity past before anything was created. And the Holy Spirit is the divine life, mind and power of God the Father, which He gives to us through His Son Jesus, who is the 'one mediator' between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5). But what does the trinity doctrine teach? Well, we saw at the beginning that there are two beliefs regarding the trinity. One is that God is one being
consisting of '3 persons' in that one divine being. And the other teaching says that God consists of 3 beings, all co-equal and co-eternal.

Now there are many problems with BOTH of these teachings. The first problem is that the Bible NEVER says 'God is 3 in 1', or that 'God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' The Bible ONLY ever says that the 'only true God is the Father' (John 17:3, 1 Corinthians 8:6). Yes, John 1 says that Jesus is God (divine). But that is because He is the SON OF God, which makes Jesus 'God' (divine) like His Father. I am human and I have a son, which makes my son human also. But my son is NOT me and I have authority over my son, just as the Father has authority over His Son Jesus.

John 14:28 ...'Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.'

1 Corinthians 15:27-28 ...'For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.'

Do you see? Jesus said Himself that His Father is greater than He. Does that mean Jesus is some 'lesser god'? No. Jesus is as divine as the Father. But the Father has authority over His Son, being the first, just as Adam had authority over Eve, being the first. And when all things are done, Jesus will be subject unto the Father, as 1 Corinthians 15 confirms above. This proves the 'co-equal' Trinity god to be false.

The next problem with BOTH trinity teachings is that they obscure the distinct personalities of God the Father and His Son. According to both trinity teachings, the Father and Son are just 'role playing.' This destroys the unique and REAL Father and Son relationship between God and His Son. And this takes us onto the next couple of problems. If the Father and His Son are NOT really a Father and Son, then what is God doing? Not speaking the truth! Do you realize the consequences of this? Role playing is acting and acting is NOT truth - it is pretend! So do we serve a PRETEND God? This is serious friends! How can we trust anything in the Bible if God is NOT speaking plain truth?

Also, if Jesus is not the real, literal Son of God the Father, then the whole gospel message is DESTROYED! Do you realize that? The gospel message is based upon God SENDING HIS SON to DIE for our sins. If Jesus is NOT the real Son of God, then God did NOT send His Son and John 3:16 is destroyed and cannot be trusted. Also, if Jesus is 'co-eternal' with the Father, then that means Jesus CANNOT DIE. And if Jesus cannot die, then it means He didn't really die on the cross and we are DEAD in our sins, without hope! Because only a divine SACRIFICE could save us from our sins against God's law.

Friends, the trinity teaching (both versions) is a very dangerous teaching. It destroys the plain Word of God. It is a form of spiritualism and must be rejected. Yes, we firmly believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But we must use the whole council of God to understand who and what these three are. The Father is the only true God, being the source of all life. The Son is Jesus Christ, the LITERAL begotten Son of God the Father, begotten in eternity past. Which is how God could SEND His own Son for us. And the Holy Spirit is the very divine life, mind and power of God the Father, which He gives to us through His Son Jesus. Thus
Jesus comes to us as the Comforter to help us in our weak human nature. Jesus wrought out a perfect life in humanity and it is He who comes to us through the Spirit of the Father to help us in our weaknesses. This is also important to understand. Christ said Himself, "I will not leave you comfortless, I WILL COME TO YOU." (John 14:18). Will you BELIEVE in God’s plain Word, or be deceived by the spiritualistic teachings of men?

For a further study on each of these, please see our following pages:

THE ONE TRUE GOD IN THE THREE ANGELS MESSAGE

IS JESUS CHRIST THE LITERAL SON OF GOD?

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?