

# The Trinity in Scripture

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The Jehovah's Witnesses reject any notion of the Trinity. Because the word "trinity" is found nowhere in the Bible, they argue the concept is a false one. They believe that Jesus is Michael the Archangel, and that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but "a force, like radar." Where they get these ideas is anybody's guess, but it's unimportant in the end because I intend to prove them wrong (though I am not the first guy to come along since Charles Taze Russell invented his religion and do so.)

I intend to show the following:

1. The Bible teaches that there is only one God.
2. The Holy Spirit is, in fact, a person.
3. God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit all possess the qualities of deity.
4. Qualities and deeds attributed to one can also be attributed to another, or all three persons of the Trinity
5. Each member of the Trinity is distinct and separate from the other two.
6. I will give further proof that Jesus is God.

All verses that I will use here are taken from the King James Version of the Bible. The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society publishes their own copies of the King James Version in New York City, and so it is totally legitimate to use the King James when debating with a Jehovah's Witness.

## The Bible teaches that there is only one God

Many religions that deny the Trinity, including the Jehovah's Witnesses and Islam, make the false claim that Trinitarians believe in three gods. This claim is not true. The doctrine of tritheism goes back to the early church, but is considered heresy by the mainline church.

One God in scripture:

### • Old Testament:

- *Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he [is] God; [there is] none else beside him. - Deuteronomy 4:35*
- *Know therefore this day, and consider [it] in thine heart, that the LORD he [is] God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: [there is] none else. - Deuteronomy 4:39*

- *See now that I, [even] I, [am] he, and [there is] no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither [is there any] that can deliver out of my hand. - Deuteronomy 32:39*
- *For who [is] God, save the LORD? and who [is] a rock, save our God? - 2 Samuel 22:32*
- *Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou [art] the LORD, [even] thou only. - Isaiah 37:20*
- *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 43:10*
- *[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. [7]And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. [8]Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared [it]? ye [are] even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, [there is] no God; I know not [any]. - Isaiah 44:6-8*
- *I [am] the LORD, and [there is] none else, [there is] no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me - Isaiah 45:5*
- *[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. [22] Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else. - Isaiah 45:21-22*
- *Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me - Isaiah 46:9*

### • The New Testament:

- *How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that [cometh] from God only? - John 5:44*
- *Seeing [it is] one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision*

through faith. - Romans 3:30

- As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol [is] nothing in the world, and that [there is] none other God but one. - 1 Corinthians 8:4
- Now a mediator is not [a mediator] of one, but God is one. - Galatians 3:20
- One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all. - Ephesians 4:6
- Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, [be] honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. - 1 Timothy 1:17
- For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; - 1 Timothy 2:5
- Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. - James 2:19
- To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. - Jude 25
- There are others that call themselves god, but the Bible teaches that there is one true God, and the rest are false gods.
- The True God:
  - Now for a long season Israel [hath been] without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. - 2 Chronicles 15:3
  - But the LORD [is] the true God, he [is] the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. - Jeremiah 10:10
  - And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. - John 17:3
  - For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God - 1 Thessalonians 1:9
  - And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. - 1 John 5:20
- False gods:
  - [20] And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. [21] And turn ye not aside: for [then should ye go] after vain [things], which cannot profit nor deliver; for they [are] vain. - 1 John 12:20-21
  - For all the gods of the nations [are] idols: but the

LORD made the heavens. - Psalm 96:5

- And have cast their gods into the fire: for they [were] no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. - Isaiah 37:19
- [23] Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye [are] gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold [it] together. [24] Behold, ye [are] of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination [is he that] chooseth you. - Isaiah 41:23-24
- Hath a nation changed [their] gods, which [are] yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for [that which] doth not profit. - Jeremiah 2:11
- How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by [them that are] no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. - Jeremiah 5:7
- Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they [are] no gods? - Jeremiah 16:20
- As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol [is] nothing in the world, and that [there is] none other God but one. - 1 Corinthians 8:4
- [19] What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? [20] But I [say], that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. - 1 Corinthians 10:19-20

## The Holy Spirit is a person

Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as a person.

- But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **he** shall testify of me: - John 15:26.
- [7] Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send **him** unto you. [8] And when **he is** come, **he** will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: - John 16:7-8.
- [13] Howbeit when **he**, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he** will guide you into all truth: for **he** shall not speak of **himself**; but whatsoever **he** shall hear, [that] shall **he** speak: and **he** will shew you things to come. [14] **He** shall glorify me: for **he** shall

receive of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you. -  
John 16:13-14

Now if the Holy Spirit were a force, and not a person,  
wouldn't *he* be referred to as *it*?

The Holy Spirit also possesses qualities that only a  
sentient being can possess:

- He can be grieved:
  - **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.** - Ephesians 4:30
- He teaches:
  - *But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.* - John 14:26
- He gives and He has a will:
  - **[8]For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; [9]To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; [10]To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another [divers] kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: [11]But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.** - 1 Corinthians 14:8-11
- He testifies:
  - *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:* - John 15:26.
- He reproves (convicts):
  - *And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:* - John 16:8.
- He has intellect:
  - *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.* - 1 Corinthians 2:11
- He loves:
  - *Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in [your] prayers to God for me;* - Romans 15:30
- He intercedes:
  - *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.* - Romans 8:26

## The Father, Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit all possess the qualities of Deity

The Father, Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit all possess the distinct qualities of deity: omniscience (being all-knowing), omnipotence (being all-powerful), omnipresence (being in all places simultaneously), and eternity.

- God is omniscient:
  - *And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.* - 1 Chronicles 28:9
  - *Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?* - Job 37:16
  - *I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.* - Job 42:2
  - *Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.* - Isaiah 42:9
  - *For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.* - 1 John 3:20
- God is omnipotent:
  - *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.* - Genesis 17:1
  - *And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.* - Exodus 6:3
  - *I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.* - Job 42:2
  - *But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.* - Psalm 115:3
  - *Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:* - Jeremiah 32:17
  - *Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?* - Jeremiah 32:27
  - *And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.* - Matthew 3:9

- *But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. - Matthew 19:26*
- *For with God nothing shall be impossible. - Luke 1:37*
- *And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. - Luke 18:27*
- *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: - Ephesians 1:11*
- God is omnipresent:
  - *Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. **Do not I fill heaven and earth?** saith the LORD. - Jeremiah 23:24*
  - *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? - Isaiah 66:1*
  - *[48]Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, [49]Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? - Acts 7:48-49*
  - *[27]That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: [28]For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. - Acts 17:27-28*
- God is eternal:
  - *The **eternal God** is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. - Deuteronomy 33:27*
  - *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. - 1 Timothy 1:17*
  - *But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. - 1 Peter 5:10*
- Jesus is omniscient:
  - *And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? - Matthew 9:4*
  - *Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. - John 16:30*
  - *He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. - John 21:17*
- [23] *Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. [24] But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, - John 2:23-24*
- Jesus is omnipotent:
  - He created the world:
    - *[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. - Colossians 1:16-17*
  - The devils obey him:
    - *And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. - Mark 1:27*
  - *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. - Matthew 28:18*
  - *[20]For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: [21]Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working **whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.** - Philippians 3:20-21*
- Jesus is omnipresent:
  - *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. - Matthew 18:20*
  - *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. - Matthew 28:20*
  - *Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. - John 1:48*
  - *And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. - John 3:13*
  - *[9](Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? [10]He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, **that he might fill all things.**) - Colossians 3:11*
  - *Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian,*

*Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.* - Colossians 3:11

- Jesus is eternal:
  - *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.* - John 17:5
- The Holy Spirit is omniscient:
  - *But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.* - 1 Corinthians 2:10
- The Holy Spirit is omnipotent:
  - *And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.* - Luke 1:35
- The Holy Spirit is omnipresent:
  - *[7]Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? [8]If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.* - Psalm 139:7-8
- The Holy Spirit is eternal:
  - *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through **the eternal Spirit** offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* - Hebrews 9:14

### Things attributed to one person of the Trinity can also be attributed to another, or all three

Not only does each member of the Trinity possess the qualities unique to deity, they are also each credited with some of the exact same deeds. This reinforces the claim that there is but one God.

- The Creation:
  - The Father:
    - *In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth.* - Genesis 1:1
    - *Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:* - Jeremiah 32:17
  - Son:
    - *[1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2]The same was in the beginning with God. [3]All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* - John 1:1-3 (Note: The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that God created Jesus, and that Jesus subsequently created everything else. If what they say is true, then

Genesis 1:1 would appear to contradict John 1:1-3, as the heaven and the earth would logically fall under the category of *all things*

- *[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.* - Colossians 1:16-17
- *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.* - 1 Corinthians 8:6
- The Spirit:
  - *The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.* - Job 33:4
  - *Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.* - Psalm 104:30
- The Resurrection:
  - The Father:
    - *Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.* - Acts 2:24
    - *And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.* - Acts 3:15
    - *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places],* - Ephesians 1:20
    - *Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.* - Colossians 2:12
  - The Son:
    - *[19]Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. [20]Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? [21]But he spake of the temple of his body.* - John 2:19-21
    - *[17]Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. [18]No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.* - John 10:17-18
  - The Spirit:
    - *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your*

mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. - Romans 8:11

- For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: - 1 Peter 3:18
- The Source of our salvation:
  - The Father:
    - Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of **God our Saviour**, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; - 1 Timothy 1:1
    - For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Saviour**; - 1 Timothy 2:3
    - For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in **the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.** - 1 Timothy 4:10
  - The Son:
    - But is now made manifest by the appearing of **our Saviour Jesus Christ**, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: - 2 Timothy 1:10
    - To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father **and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.** - Titus 1:4
    - Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; - Titus 3:6
- The title 'Alpha & Omega' or 'First & Last':
  - The Father:
    - Who hath wrought and done [it], calling the generations from the beginning? **I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I [am] he.** - Isaiah 41:4
    - 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 44:6
    - Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I [am] he; **I [am] the first, I also [am] the last.** - Isaiah 48:12
  - The Son:
    - [11]Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:** and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. [12] And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; [13] And in the midst of the seven candlesticks **[one] like unto the Son**

**of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. - Revelation 1:11-13

- [17] And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; **I am the first and the last: [18] I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.** - Revelation 1:17-18
- [13] **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.** [14] Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. [15] For without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. [16] **I Jesus** have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star. - Revelation 22:13-16
- Identification with the Rock:
  - The Father:
    - Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips: - Isaiah 17:10
  - The Son:
    - And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. - 1 Corinthians 10:4

### Each person of the Trinity is distinct and separate from the other two

Now that it has been shown that each member of the Trinity possesses the qualities of deity, it must be shown that each is distinct from the others so as to demonstrate that each is not simply a different presentation of the same person. A popular, but errant analogy used to understand the Trinity is that of a man who is a father, son, and husband all at the same time. Another is the different states of water: ice, water, and steam. Such analogies are used to demonstrate the doctrine of **modalism**, an unbiblical heresy. God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are all God, but are not the same people. God the Father is not Jesus, Jesus is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father:

- The Father and Jesus are not the same:

- *To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from **God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*** - Romans 1:7
- *Grace be unto you, and peace, **from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*** - 1 Corinthians 1:3, Philippians 1:2
- *Grace be to you and peace **from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*** - 2 Corinthians 1:2, Galatians 1:3
- *Grace be to you, and peace, **from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*** - Ephesians 1:2
- *Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, **from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*** - Ephesians 6:23
- *Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians **which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ:*** *Grace be unto you, and peace, **from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*** - 1 Thessalonians 1:1
- *[1]Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians **in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:** [2]Grace unto you, and peace, **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*** - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2
- *[1]Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of **God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ,** which is our hope; [2]Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, **from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.*** - 1 Timothy 1:1-2
- *To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, **from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*** - 2 Timothy 1:2
- *To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, **from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.*** - 2 Timothy 1:2
- *Grace to you, and peace, **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*** - Philemon 3
- *James, a **servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,** to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.* - James 1:1
- *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of **God, and of Jesus our Lord,*** - 2 Peter 1:2
- *Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, **from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.*** - 2 John 3
- *[32]Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, **him will I confess also before my Father** which is in heaven. [33]But whosoever shall deny me before men, **him will I also deny before my Father** which is in heaven.* - Matthew 10:33
- *All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.* - Matthew 11:27
- *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name **of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*** - Matthew 28:19
- *And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.* - Luke 3:22
- *All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.* - Luke 10:22
- *[1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was **with** God, and the Word was God. [2]The same was in the beginning **with** God.* - John 1:1-2
- *[16]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. [17]For God **sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;** but that the world through him might be saved.* - John 3:16-17
- *But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.* - John 7:29
- *[16]And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. [17]It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. [18]I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.* - John 8:16-18
- *Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.* - John 8:55
- *As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.* - John 10:15
- *[41]Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. [42]And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.* - John 11:41-42
- *Believe me that I am **in** the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.* - John 14:11 Note: Notice it does

not say "**I am the Father**", but rather "**I am in the Father**"

- Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. - John 20:21
- *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, - Galatians 4:4*
- *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: - 1 John 2:1*
- *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. - 1 John 4:10*
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit are not the same:
  - *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the **Son, and of the Holy Ghost** - Matthew 28:19*
  - *And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. - Luke 3:22*
  - *[31]If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. [32]There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. - John 5:31-32*
  - *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another** Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; - John 14:16*
  - *But when the Comforter is come, whom **I will send** unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: - John 15:26*
  - *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. - John 16:7*
  - *[13]Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. [14] He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you. - John 16:13-14*
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- *[26]Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what [is] the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to [the will of] God. - Romans 8:26-27*



## Further proof that Jesus is God

Jesus is called God:

- [8] *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. [9] For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.* - Colossians 2:8-9

Jesus claims to be God:

- *Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.* - John 8:58  
**Note:** The Jehovah's Witnesses translate "I Am" as "I have been", in their New World Translation. To emphasize the reality of what Christ said, and the fact that the King James Version (and most modern Translations) have this verse translated correctly, we need only read further, as the next verse says: *Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

Stoning was the penalty for blasphemy. Why would the Pharisees attempt to stone Jesus for claiming to have merely been in existence before Abraham? Such a claim would have been considered lunatic, but certainly not blasphemous, or in any way worthy of death. Jesus was ascribing to himself the same name of God that his Father used in Exodus 3: [13] And Moses said unto God, "Behold, [when] I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, 'The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you'; and they shall say to me, 'What [is] his name?' what shall I say unto them?" [14] And God said unto Moses, "I AM THAT I AM:" and he said, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, 'I AM hath sent me unto you.'"

- In John 10:30, Jesus says: *"I and [my] Father are one."*, to which the response is: [31] **Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.** [32] *Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?* [33] *The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.* [34] *Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?* [35] *If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; [36] Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?* [37] *If I do not the works of*

*my Father, believe me not. [38] But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father [is] in me, and I in him. [39] Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, [40] And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.*

Notice again, Jesus does not refute their claim that he claims to be God. In fact, he reinforces his claim!

I have heard it said that often when we miss the point of what Jesus is saying, the Pharisees come to our rescue. When you read of the Pharisees' responses to Jesus anywhere in scripture, pay special attention to their response. It will amplify and clarify Jesus' claims.

## Conclusion

All false religions and cults, in one way or another, teach "another Jesus" (see 2 Corinthians 11:3-4). Some teach that Jesus was a "good man", some that he was some kind of "guru". Almost all deny his deity. Those few who acknowledge his deity will deny his humanity, or will teach that he is one of many gods. All of these teachings run contrary to the teaching of the Bible. The two biggest cults in America are no exception. The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that Jesus is not God, but "a god". The Mormons do not deny Jesus' divinity, but dilute his divinity by teaching that Jesus is one of many gods. In fact, they teach that man can become a god as well (that sounds eerily like the claim that Satan made to Eve in the Garden of Eden - see Genesis 3:5).

This study has been in no way exhaustive. Nevertheless, all of the verses given here prove several things. First, they prove that the Bible teaches there is only one God. There are not three gods as many cults accuse mainstream Christianity of teaching, and there are not many gods as the Mormons teach. Second, they prove that the Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost) is a person. He teaches, gives, testifies, convicts, loves, intercedes, has a will, has an intellect, and can be grieved. These are all characteristics of a sentient being, not a force or a tool. Third, they prove that the Father, Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit are all God. Lastly, they prove that all three members of the Trinity are distinct and separate from the other two. The only doctrine that reconciles all of these claims of the Bible about God is the doctrine of the Trinity. This is the doctrine taught by the mainstream of Christianity and held by the followers of the true Jesus. There is one God, but that one God is made up of three distinct and separate persons.