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The Doctrine of Trinity 02

All of us know that the Scripture definitely mentions three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Even anti-trinitarians readily accept that, of these, the Father is God. However, since this is a Bible-based exposition, let me give statements from the Bible that prove that Father is God.

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:2).

"But now, O Lord, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You
our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand” (Isaiah 64:8).

"Before the mountains were born, or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (Psalms 90:2)

"And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.”” (Revelation 4:8)
"For thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy" (Isaiah 57:15a).

God the father is clearly identified in the Bible as Omnipotent and Eternal God. If Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God, then the Bible should mention similar attributes for them. Do we find such statements in the Bible?

Is Lord Jesus God?

In article 7 we noticed that Father is God. The Scripture makes it clear that Father is God and even anti-trinitarians accept that Father is God. Now let us look at Jesus Christ. Was He God? What
does the Scripture say? Consider the following:

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder: and his name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matthew 1:23).
“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

“...because he had not only broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making Himself equal with God” (John 5:18).

“I and my Father are one” (John 10:30).

“The Jews answered him [Jesus], saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God” (John 10:33),
“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory” (1 Timothy 3:16).

There are numerous other statements in the Bible, but a few sample verses quoted above make it clear that Lord Jesus is God.

Now that we have seen that the Bible clearly says that Father is God, Jesus is God, the question is: is the Holy Spirit
also God! We will discuss that question in the next article.

**Is Holy Spirit God?**

In article 7 we noticed that Father is God, in 8 we noticed that Jesus is God. Now let us look at the Holy Spirit. Was He God? What does the Scripture say? Consider the following:

*The Holy Spirit Is Mentioned As God:*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:4-6).

In Scripture, the Nouns ‘Holy Spirit’ And ‘God’ Are Synonymous:

“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the
Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God” (Acts 5:3, 4).

The above are only a small sample of numerous statements that we find in the Bible that make it clear that Holy Spirit is God.

Now that we have seen that the Bible clearly says that Father is God, Jesus is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, the question now is, what does the Bible say
about the term "God". Is God one or three? We will discuss that question in the next article.

Is God one or three?

In the last few articles we saw selected references (among many) that Father is God, Jesus is God, and that the Holy Spirit is God. Three persons are identified as God. Since Bible is God's word, we cannot reject what the Scripture says.

So now the question is: are there three Gods, seeing that the Bible identifies 3 persons as God. Let us look to the Bible itself for the answer. We read:
“Hear, O Israel! Yahweh is our God, Yahweh is one” (Deuteronomy 6:4).

“You are great, O Lord God; for there is none like You, and there is no God besides You” (2 Samuel 7:22).

“Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me” (Isaiah 43:10).

“... there is no God but one” (1 Corinthians 8:4).
“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God” (1 Timothy 1:17).
“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble” (James 2:19).

As usual, we have picked up only a few verses on this subject from among a large number of statements that the Scripture makes. The Scripture is very clear that there is only ONE God.

Summary

By now it is clear to any careful student that the Bible claims that each of the
three persons is God, but also that there is only ONE God. So what is the solution??? We will see that in the next article.
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