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# “I Am Not Alone”:

## A Study on the Son of God Doctrine by an Ex-Oneness Advocate

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## Cover Text

### Title:

***"I am Not Alone": A Study on the Son of God  
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"Who do you say that I the Son of Man am?  
You are the Anointed One, the Son of God!"  
(Matt. 16:13-17)

"This is the bread that comes down from heaven, that  
anyone may eat of it and not die" (John 6:50)

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Some notes  
about the title:

“I Am Not  
Alone”

Onenessians rightfully contend against Trinitarians because God’s word says that He is “one” (Deut. 6:4) and “alone” (Isaiah 44:24)

However, when it comes to Jesus, Onenessians don’t want to hear what Jesus says about himself:

“...I am **not alone**, but I am with the Father who sent me” (John 8:16).

“The Father hasn’t left me alone.” (John 8:29)

“**I am not alone**, because the Father is with me” (John 16:32)

In these passages, where Jesus said he was not **alone**, he used the Greek word “*monos*”. Jesus was almost literally saying, “***I am not Oneness.***”

Thus the title, “I Am Not Alone” challenges Onenessians to hear Jesus instead of their man-made traditions!

The first question is: how do we interpret the Bible?

## ***"It is written..."*** (Matthew 4:1-10)

Most people don't realize that we are faced with an interpretation problem. To see this, we'll compare Jesus' way to the devil's way.

The devil attempted to make his jumped-to conclusion appear in harmony with God's word.

Since Jesus was subject to *all* of God's word, he wouldn't compromise one aspect in order to keep an exaggerated idea based on another area.

There are only two methods, the devil's way and Jesus' way...

In Matthew 4:5-7 we have Psalms 91:9-12 as interpreted by the devil and Jesus

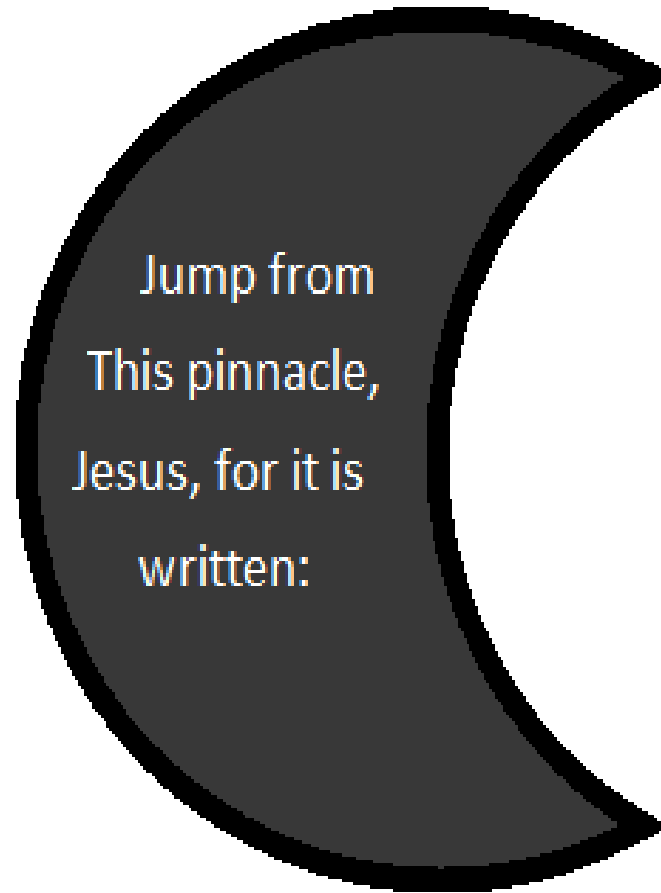


The devil jumped  
To conclusions

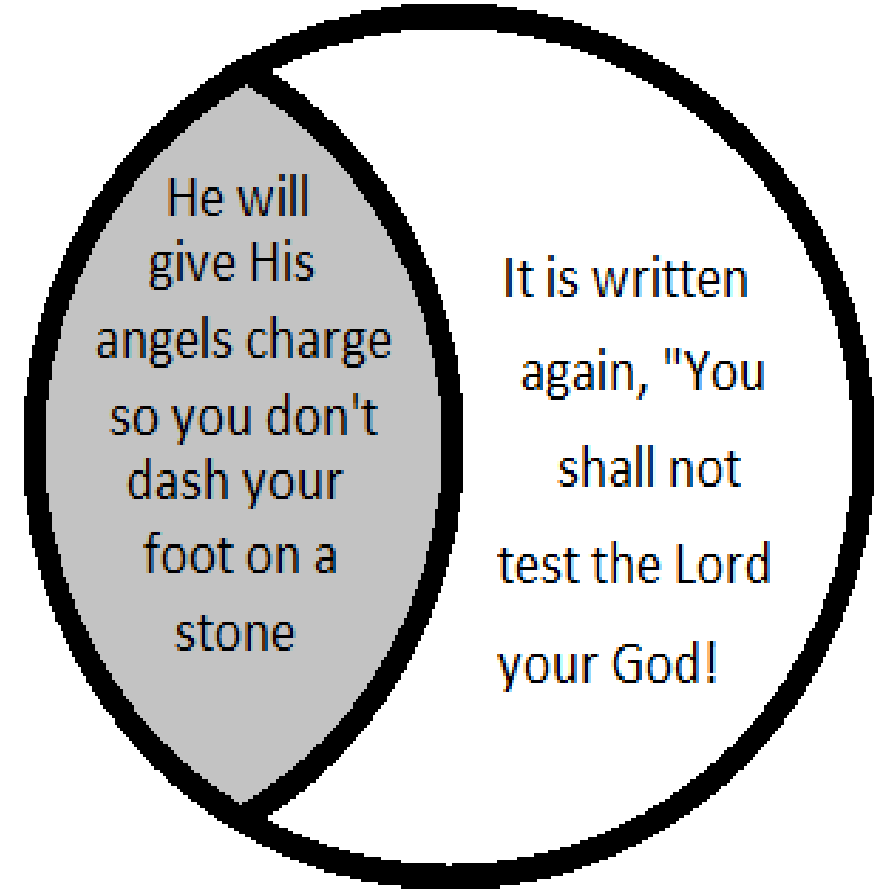
Jesus quoted Deut. 6:16  
that set a boundary

*The Scripture that Jesus quoted limited and qualified God's promise, and showed **the devil's** interpretation as being outside of God's intention...*

## Satan's Interpretation



## Biblical Interpretation



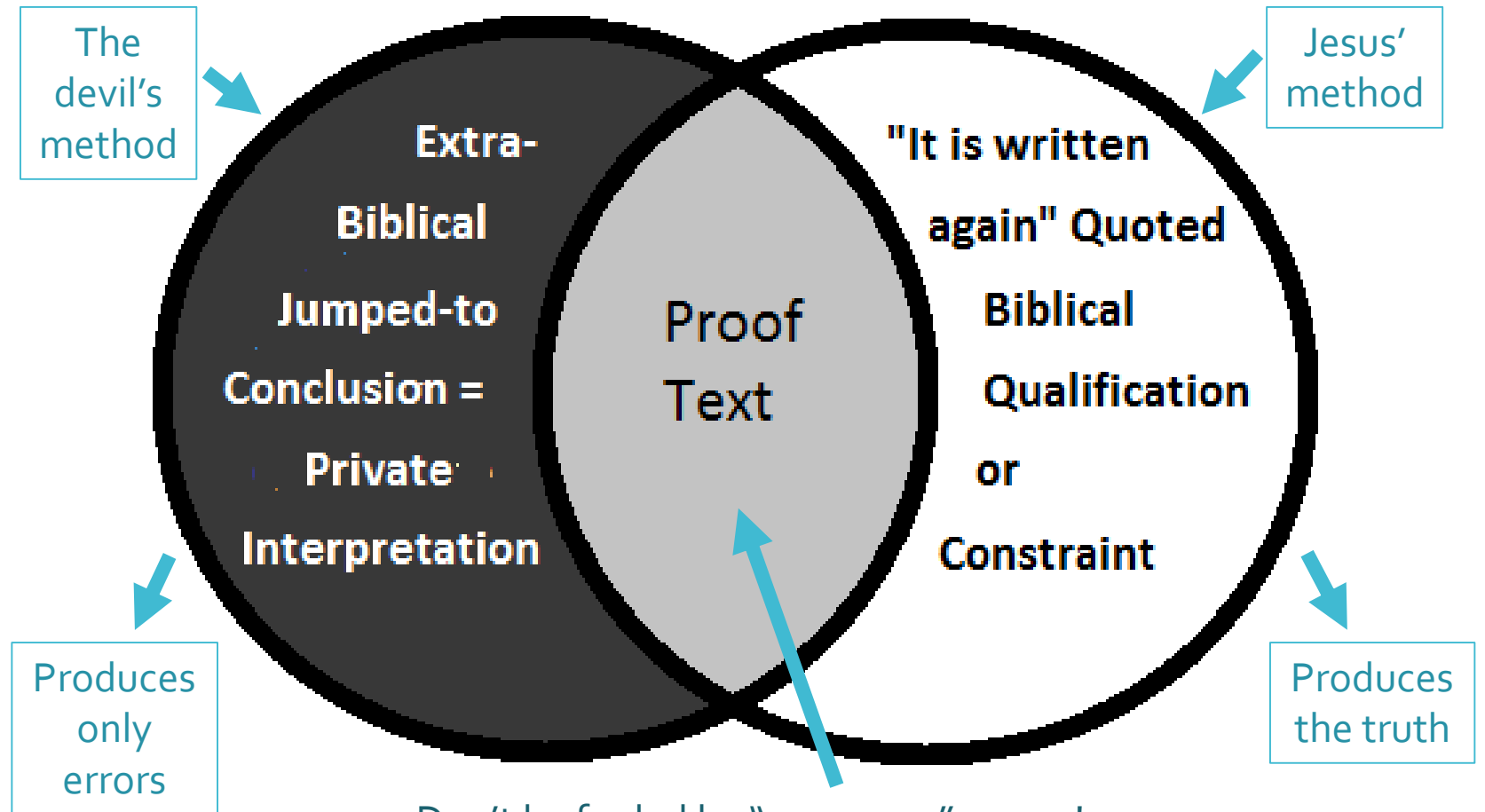
"...The mind of the flesh...is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can it be."  
(Romans 8:7)

Jesus submitted himself to every word of God! Thus so should we!

## How to understand our "Circles of Discernment":

The devil's "method" is called: ***Proof-Texting***!

What makes the complete circle on the left *wrong* is that *it negates certain explicit Scriptures* that can be quoted in direct and clear opposition to it.



Don't be fooled by "gray area" verses!

"Man shall not live...but *by every word*...of God." (Matthew 4:4).  
*No one's doctrine is true if it exaggerates what the Bible only implies, and negates what it clearly does say!*

If the *First Commandment* is "God is one" (Deut. 6:4), how do Trinitarians come up with the Trinity?

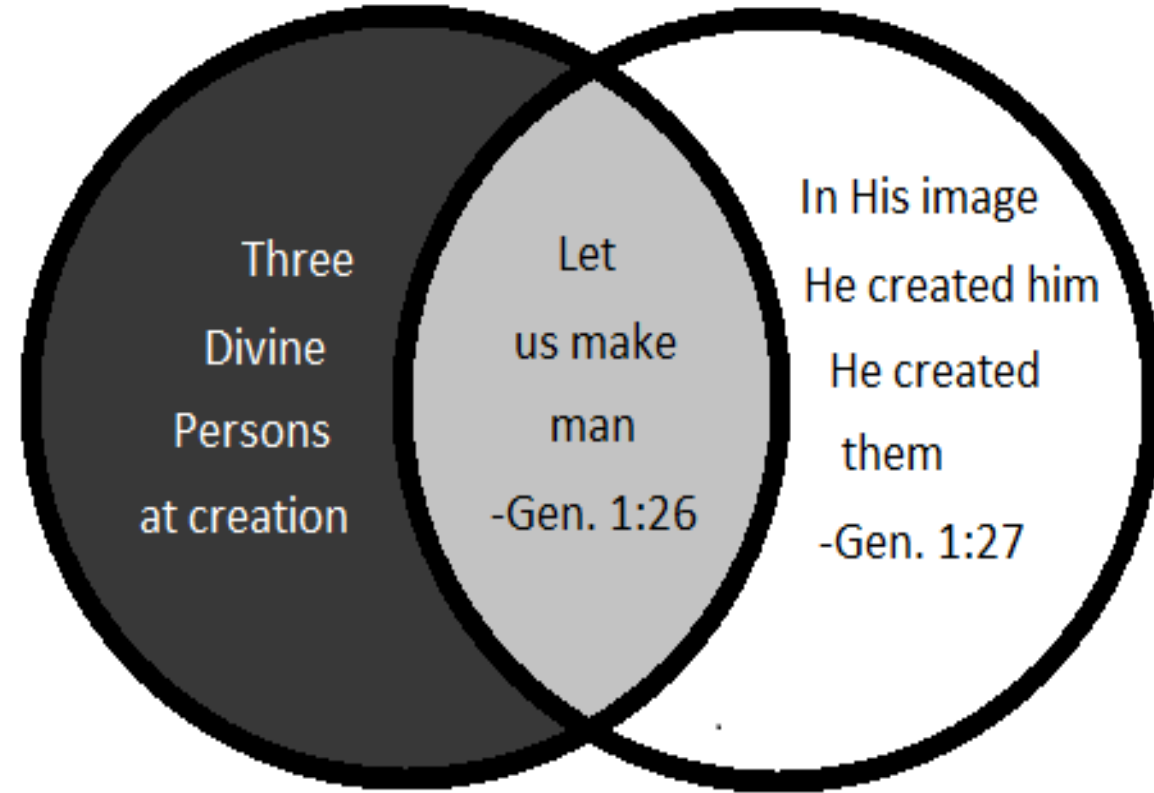
## Trinitarianism and the Circles of Discernment

Trinitarians clearly use the devil's method of interpretation: they jump to conclusions that are contrary to clear Scriptures!

In this example of a typical Trinitarian interpretation, "create" does not mean the same as "make." God was **alone at creation** and enlists our help in "making" man perfect.\*

"God said, 'Let us make man in our image'..."

**Make-**  
"asah: to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application"  
-Strong's



**Create-**  
"bara': to create, to shape, to form... (always with God as subject)"  
-Strong's

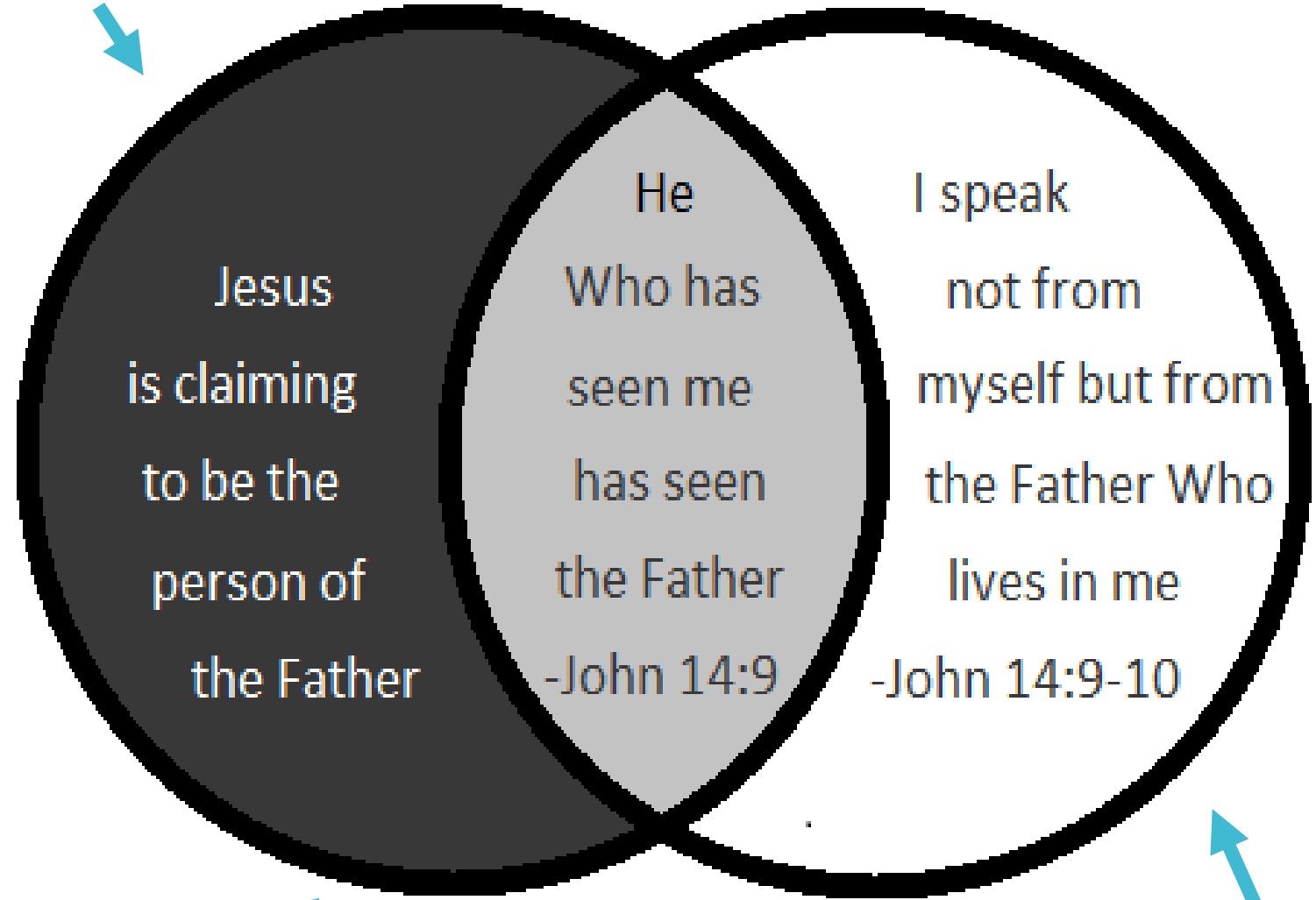
...So God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:26-27)

\*"For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's farming, God's building." (1 Cor. 3:9)



By seeing how Trinitarians reach their false conclusions, we can also see how Onenessians reach theirs...

What Onenessians  
conclude...



# Onenessianism and the Circles of Discernment

Although Onenessians reach different conclusions, they use the exact same method of interpretation as the devil and the Trinitarians!

...is simply not...



...what Jesus said of himself!



The problem is two-fold: the man-made interpretations of Trinitarians and Onenessians both negate what the scriptures say, and adopt what is found in pagan ideologies and philosophies!

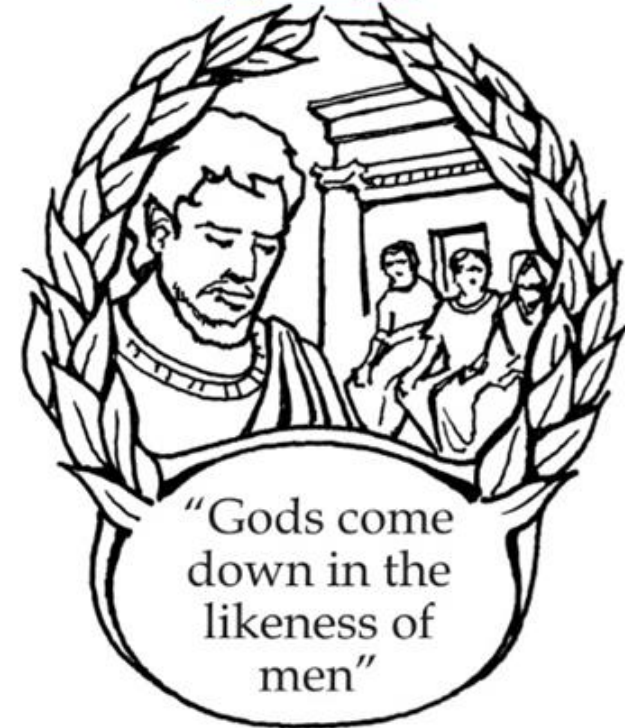
### The Schoolmaster That Brings us to Christ

Old Testament



- 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Pagan Mythologies



- Acts 14:11

## Whose School is Training You?

*"The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith..."*

(Galatians 3:24-25)

The idea that Christ is "God incarnated as man" is not taught in the Old Testament, it comes from paganism as we see in Acts 14:11!

"You worship what you do not know; We know what we worship for salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22)

Paganism does not hold the key to interpreting the Bible!

Trinitarians got their idea that God was three “persons” (both the word and concept) directly from pagan philosophy...and since then, it’s like they see the Bible through dark glasses!

## Gregory of Nyssa...

...admitted and revealed the source of the concept and word of “persons” in the Trinity myth. He said, “let...stand...of the Hellenistic\*, only the distinction as to persons...”

-Great Catechism (335–394AD)

\*Gregory was saying they got and kept the idea of “persons” from Greek/Hellenistic philosophy.

“...Don’t let anyone rob you through his **philosophy and vain deceit**, after the tradition of men..., and not after Christ.”  
(Colossians 2:8)

Prescription Shaded Lenses = Spoiled by Philosophy



Do you see how these “shades” change the word of God?

“When Justin\* mentions that Christians believe in **the Triad**...he refers directly to...his contemporary Middle Platonists...’

There is a complete correlation between the two systems, that of Justin and that of (the philosopher) Numenius...” (Marian Hillar)

\*Justin Martyr (100-165AD) was a teacher whom Trinitarians often claim, falsely, as an early witness of their doctrine. Actually, his agenda was merging philosophy with Christianity.

One of the concepts the Trinitarians adopted was a pagan god named “*logos*” from Plato’s realm of “*ideas*.”

## The Word Became Flesh

However, John  
1:14 Simply **does**  
**not say** that  
“God” became  
flesh!

Notice how they  
have to change it!

Non-Jews Know Not What They Worship!



Do you see how these “shades” change the word of God?  
God coming in the likeness of men is pagan! (Acts 14:11)

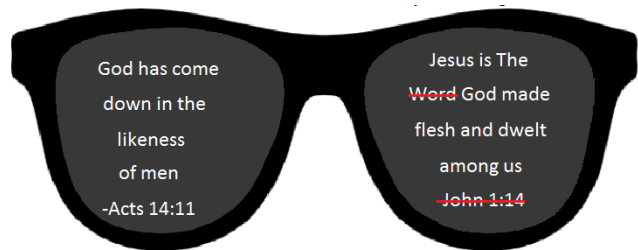
Did John really intend to adopt the pagan view of incarnated gods?  
The answer is no, John was not “spoiled by philosophy!”

“And yet we show you a more excellent way...” (1 Cor. 12:31)

(See the next two slides for John’s explanations...)

What would we see if we interpret John 1 the way Jesus did in Matthew 4:5-7?

What if we *let John interpret John* instead of paganism?



<sup>1</sup>"*In the beginning* was the word...

<sup>1</sup>"That which was *from the beginning*, that which we have heard... seen... touched...

...and *the word* was with God, and the word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God...

...concerning *the word of life* <sup>2</sup>...*was with the Father, and was revealed to us*)...

<sup>14</sup>And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-2, 14)

<sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we declare to you...the Father...with his Son, Jesus the Anointed. <sup>4</sup>And *we write these things to you*, that... <sup>5</sup>*This is the message* which we...announce to you...." (1 John 1:1-5)

John never developed the idea that "the word" was God "incarnate", rather...

If Jesus is “the word incarnate” then why weren’t the words he spoke his?

## When we choose to interpret John the way Jesus taught us we find that...

The words that Jesus spoke were not his words, they were the words that God gave and commanded Jesus to speak. These words were with God, and these words were God, and then the Son came and spoke and lived God’s words. Thus “the word” was made flesh.

“The words... ***I speak not from myself***; but the Father who lives in me.” (John 14:10)

“***The word*** which you hear ***isn’t mine, but the Father’s*** who sent me.” (John 14:24)

“He who sent me is true; and the things which ***I heard from him, these I say***...” John 8:26

“...I do nothing of myself; but ***as my Father taught me, I speak*** these things” (John 8:28).

“For ***I spoke not from myself, but the Father...he gave me a commandment, what I should say***, and what I should speak... The things therefore which ***I speak, even as the Father has said*** to me, so I speak.” (John 12:49-50)

“Now...***the words which you have given me I have given to them***, and they received them...” (John 17:7-8)

“For he whom God has sent ***speaks the words of God***...” (John 3:34-35)

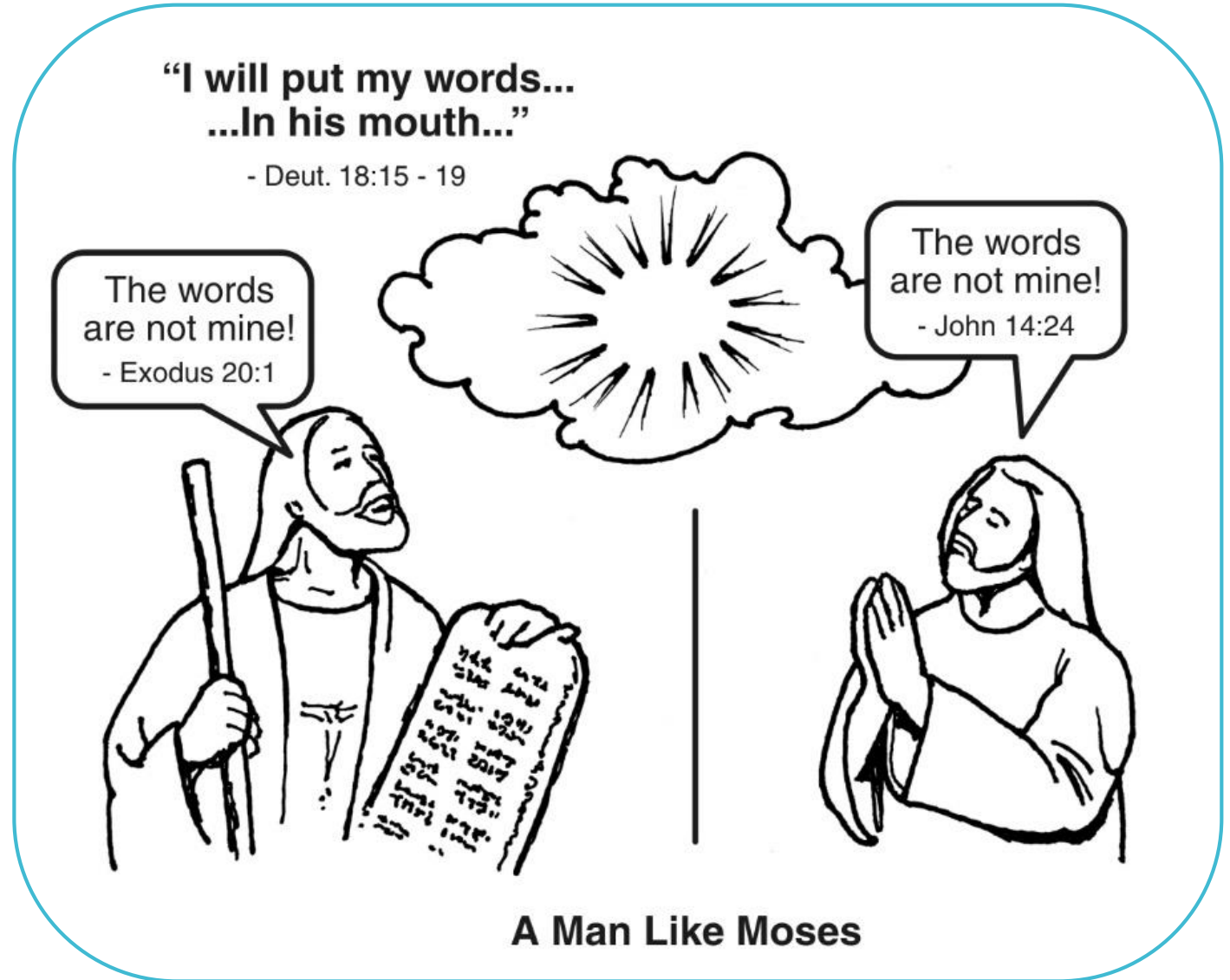
“For Moses indeed said to the fathers, ‘The Lord God will raise up a prophet for you from among your brothers, like me. You shall ***listen to him in all things whatever he says to you***. It will be, that ***every soul that will not listen to that prophet will be utterly destroyed*** from among the people.’” (Acts 3:22–23)

According to Jesus, God’s words were still God’s words, not Jesus himself! The scriptures do not anywhere describe God’s word as incarnate “as” Jesus; they explain Jesus’ life as being a complete and living expression of God’s word to us!

“YHWH said...I will raise them up a prophet from among their brothers, like you; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him...

The Biblical Jesus  
was a man like  
Moses who  
spoke God’s  
words...

Thus the Biblical Jesus  
is radically different  
than either Oneness or  
Trinitarians describe...



...whoever will not listen to my [God’s] words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.”  
(Deuteronomy 18:15–19)

Now we want to show you that...

## Actually two False Pillars of Paganism have snuck in: "Incarnation" and "Dual Natures"

Just as Acts 14:11 (slide 9) shows us that the idea of the incarnation comes from paganism, so John's epistles renounce the "Dual Nature" doctrine that came from the Anti-Christian Gnostics!

"Teach No Other Doctrine!"



"...*blasphemous systems...divide the Lord...saying that he was formed of two different substances. For this reason also he has thus *testified* to us in his Epistle: 'Little children, it is the last time; and as *ye have heard that Antichrist* doth come, now have many *antichrists* appeared...'" (Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, Book 3, Chapter 16, par. 5.)*

"...many antichrists have arisen...Who is *the liar* but he who denies that Jesus is the Anointed? This is the Antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son..." (1 John 2:18-23)

"Deceivers...don't confess that Jesus The Anointed came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the Antichrist." (2 John 7)

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 slides intended to show that...

It is  
ANTI-Christ  
to NOT believe  
that →

(1 John 2:18-23  
& 2 John 7)

Three things we are to  
believe in, that anti-  
Christians reject...

1. <sup>4</sup>"Nobody takes this honor on himself, but he is called by God, just like Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ didn't glorify himself to be made a high priest, but it was he who said to him, "You are my Son. Today I have become your father...." (Hebrews 5:4-5)

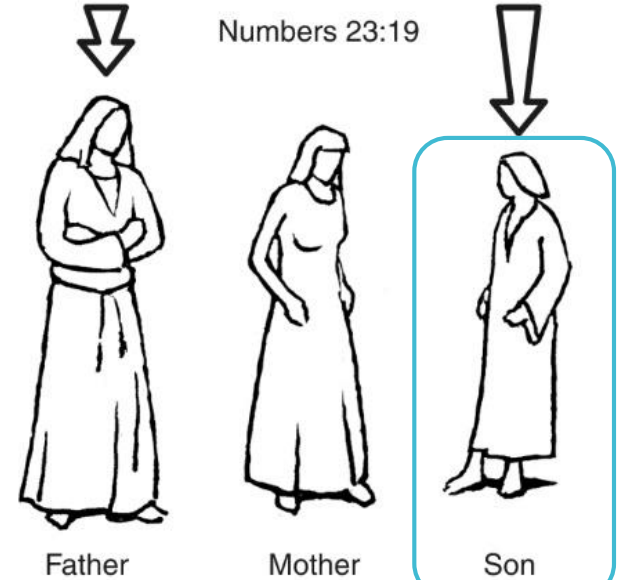
1. Jesus is the Anointed One

2. Jesus is the Son

3. Jesus came in flesh

God is NOT a man... ...nor the son of man

Numbers 23:19



A "son" is never a "father" to himself  
nor is a "father" ever a "son" to himself!

2. "...God sent forth his Son, made of a woman..." (Galatians 4:4)

3. "His Son Jesus Christ our Lord...was made of the offspring of David according to the flesh..." (Romans 1:3)



Onenessianism holds all 3 teachings that John called anti-Christian:

1. Onenessians **don't believe** Jesus was anointed **in the Biblical definition** of the word...

Being anointed is an "official" act of someone giving or bestowing some honor or power on someone else. It is absolutely NOT something one takes on himself.

The Oneness Jesus must have anointed himself **contrary to Scripture**

<sup>4</sup>"**Nobody** takes this honor on himself, but he is called by God, **just like Aaron was.** <sup>5</sup>**So also Christ didn't glorify himself** to be made a high priest, but **it was he who said to him,** "You are my Son. Today I have become your father."  
(Hebrews 5:4-5)

"Just like Aaron was..."

Just like...

Moses  
anointed  
Aaron.  
Ex. 28:41

Samuel  
Anointed  
David.  
1 Sam. 16:13

"So also Christ..."



"So Also Christ didn't glorify himself..."

This, the  
Oneness  
view, does  
not align  
with the  
truth!



Jesus said:  
"He (God) has anointed me" -Luke 4:18  
(not: "my deific nature has anointed  
my human nature")

The very title "Christ" proves that Jesus is not God (who is self-reliant)!  
The title "Christ" (Anointed) means **all power was given** to Jesus (Mat. 28:18)!  
***People who believe Jesus is God incarnate should stop calling him "Christ"!***

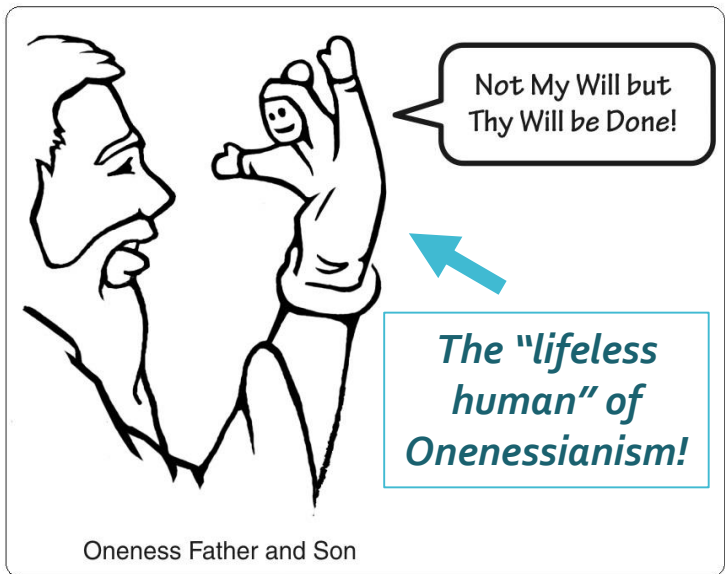
## 2. Onenessians don't believe Jesus was truly a "son" in the actual meaning of the word...

According to Onenessians, Jesus' personality was entirely the Father's personality. This is not what the Bible teaches!

Remember: a "son" is *never* a "father" to himself *nor* is a "father" *ever* a "son" to himself! **Onenessians redefine both of those words to make their doctrine believable. They do not have the authority to do so!**

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"Without the Spirit of God there would have been only a lifeless human, not the living Christ. Only in these terms can we describe and distinguish the humanity and deity in Jesus..." -David K. Bernard, Symposium on Oneness Pentecostalism 1986, Page 130



**The Oneness doctrine makes a sham and a complete charade out of Jesus' overcoming life!**

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**Jesus is this Son of God:**

God told David:  
"I will set up your seed after you, who shall proceed out of your bowels... I will be his father, and he shall be my son"

-2 Samuel 7:12-14

According to the Bible, Jesus was-

- \* Made of a woman –Gal. 4:4
  - \* Made like us in all things –Heb.2:16-17
  - \* Tempted just like we are –Heb. 4:15
  - \* Perfected through suffering –Heb. 2:10
  - \* Not of the same will as our Father –Luke 22:42
  - \* Could do nothing of himself –John 5:19&30
  - \* Not the same self as our Father –John 8:17-18
  - \* The offspring (descendant) of David –Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8, etc.
  - \* And did truly die on the cross –1 Cor. 15:1-4
- And many, many more!

“Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?...”

### 3. Onenessians don't really believe Jesus came in flesh...

B. They embrace the anti-Christian “Dual-Natures” doctrine.

C. They deny that Jesus is an anointed man (which is what the term “anti-Christ” actually means: “against-the-anointed”!) In other words, they want only God instead of the anointed man that Jesus is!

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“God had **sworn with an oath to [David] that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh,** he would raise up the Christ...” (Acts 2:29-30)

“All flesh is not the same flesh, **but there is one flesh of men...**” (1 Cor. 15:39)

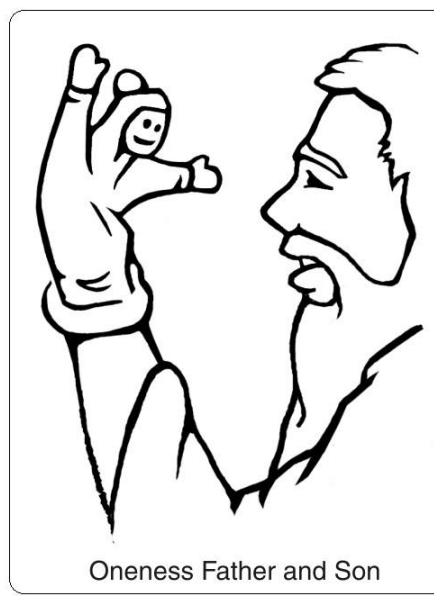


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“...Many deceivers...don't confess that Jesus Christ came in **the flesh.** This is the deceiver and the Antichrist.” (2 John 7)

“**blasphemous systems... divide the Lord...saying that he was... two different substances.**” -Irenaeus



“It is necessary to distinguish...the deity and the humanity of Christ...Jesus was both God and man at the same time...(David Bernard, Symposium... 1986, page 126.)

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“The Son can do nothing of himself...” (John 5:19)  
“I can of myself do nothing” (John 5:30)  
“All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth...” (Matthew 28:18-19)



“Jesus was fully God, not merely an anointed man...” (David Bernard, Symposium...1986, page 126.

“Who is the liar”? All three of these Oneness comments are lies!

...This is the Antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.” (1 John 2:22)

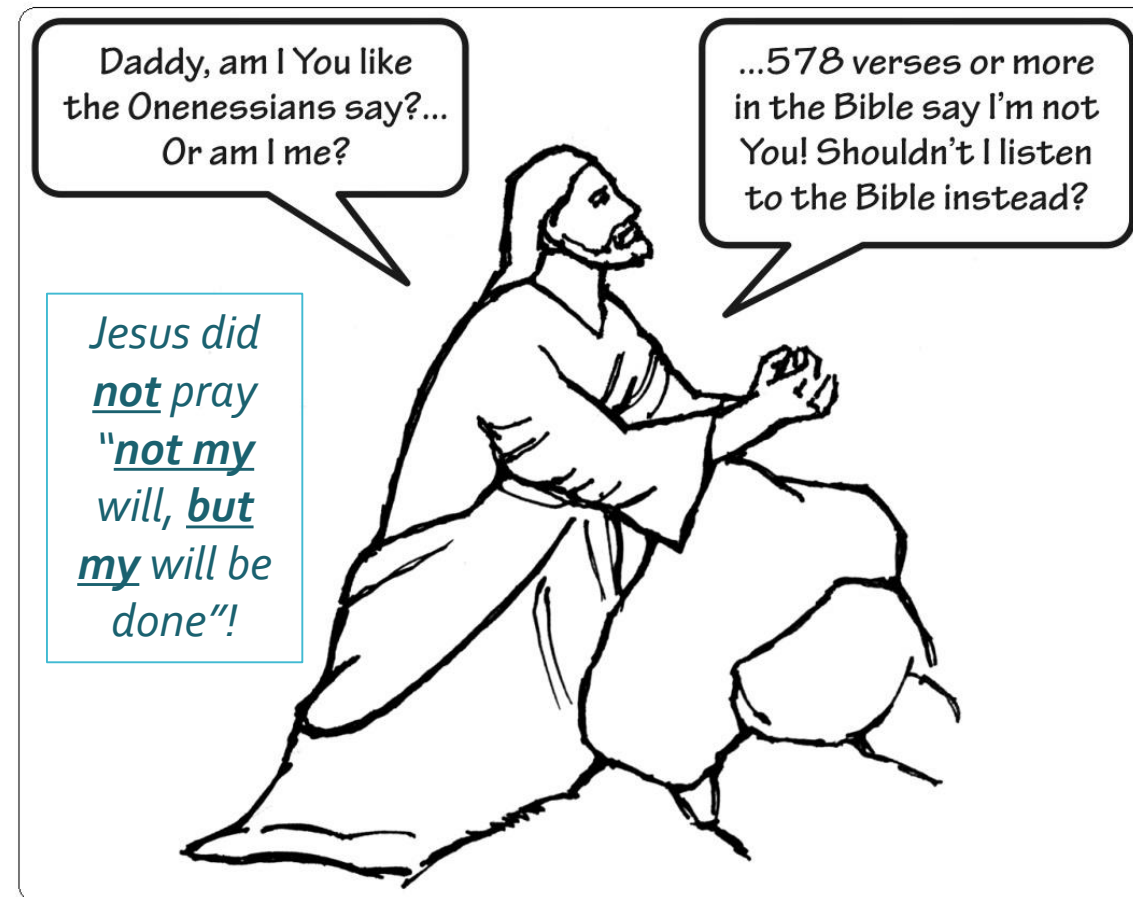
“...You heard...Antichrist is coming, even now many against-the-anointed have arisen” (1 John 2:18)

# Onenessianism makes Jesus' overcoming life into a sham!

*In what way could Jesus be conscious of his "deity" (as Oneness believe) and honestly still earnestly pray against his own will?*

*"Natures" don't pray, people do!*

"Father...remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, *not my will, but yours*, be done.' Being in agony he prayed more earnestly. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground." (Luke 22:42-44)



"In the days of His flesh...**He**... offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears **to Him who** was able **to save Him** from death..." (Hebrews 5:7)

**Biblically, Jesus and the Father are two "whos" not two "natures"**

Only by adopting the unbiblical, "blasphemous" anti-Christian "Dual-Nature" doctrine can Oneness make Jesus' sincere prayer *appear* to "fit" their position. But "natures" don't really pray to "natures"; so the "fit" is also a lie.

Two conclusions from the same method:  
Adding words and concepts that aren't found in the Bible!

- **If the Trinity is true**, why did it take the words and concepts (i.e. *"three persons"*, *"homoousios"*, Acts 14:11's: *"gods in form of man"*, etc.) from pagan philosophy to explain and describe it?

On the same token...

- **If Onenessianism is true**, why did it take anti-Christian Gnosticism to provide the words and concepts (i.e. *"dual-natures,"* *"not just an anointed man,"* etc.) to explain and describe it?
- **Answer:** Because neither the Trinity nor the Oneness is what the Bible declares, teaches or anywhere actually explains about God and His Son!

The Oneness view is equally as wrong about who Jesus Christ the Son of God is as the Trinity view!

## In what way was Jesus God's Son?

Incarnationists want you to believe that Jesus was the Son of God by some form of Aristotelian metaphysics; but that isn't what the Bible describes at all. We just need to let the Scriptures explain what God means

**The Prophecy was that David's offspring was to be God's son:** "... *Your offspring...who shall proceed out of your bowels...I will be his father, and he shall be my son...*" (2 Samuel 7:12–16)

**They who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God:** "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God." (Romans 8:15)

**God is a Spirit (John 4:24) who doesn't have "metaphysical substance":** "...A spirit doesn't have flesh and bones, as you see that I have." (Luke 24:39)

**Jesus emulated God's character traits, not God's material substance:** "The Spirit of YHWH will rest on him: *The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and might, The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YHWH..*" (Isaiah 11:1-5)

**Jesus was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead:** "...His Son...*born of the offspring of David...was declared to be the Son of God...by the resurrection...*" (Romans 1:3–5)

**Jesus claimed he was the same organism as we humans, not that of God:** "*I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer... You are the branches...*" (John 15:1–5); and: "*I, Jesus...testify...to you...I am the root and the offspring of David...*" (Revelation 22:16)

See the next slides that show what Jesus meant in John 15:1-5 and Rev. 22:16...

## The Biblical Significance (and importance) of Jesus' "Parents"

The **gospel** truth of **Jesus' exaltation by his death, burial and resurrection** is that **Jesus' Sonship truly began at his resurrection!**

### The Genesis of Jesus (Mt. 1:1)

-Made of a woman-

"...**Israelites...are the fathers**, and from whom is Christ **as concerning the flesh**"

-Romans 9:4-5

"...born of **the seed (offspring) of David** according to the flesh..." -Romans 1:3

(Also Luke 1:32, Acts 2:30-31, 2 Timothy 2:8, etc.)



Father

### The Resurrection of Jesus (1 Pet. 3:21)

-Sown in corruption...raised in incorruption-

"**I will be his father**, and he shall be my son."

-2 Samuel 7:8-14

"...So also is **the resurrection**... It **is sown in corruption**; it is raised in incorruption...It is **sown a natural body**; it is **raised a spiritual body**." 1 Corinthians 15:37, 43-44

"...God sent forth his Son, **made of a woman**..."

-Galatians 4:4 (w/ Luke 1:35).

Jesus was "made out of" Mary (just as Adam was "made of" earth) by a miracle from God. Not by "intercourse", not out of "divine substance"



Mother

"They all forsook him, and fled." -Mark 14:50  
Just as a baby is expelled from its mother's body at birth, so also Christ was forcibly "expelled" from the "body" of Israel. This "imagery" is expressed by "typology" in Rev. 12, and explained in Matt. 21:42, Luke 23:18-24 and John 1:11. There would not have been a resurrection otherwise!

"...He was **obligated in all things to be made like his brothers**..." -Hebrews 2:17

He "...has been **in all points tempted like we are**..." -Hebrews 4:15

He is "...the root and the offspring of David..." -Revelation 22:16



Son

\* Made "**perfect through sufferings**." -Hebrews 2:10  
\* "He humbled himself, becoming **obedient to...the death of the cross**..."  
\* **Therefore** God also highly **exalted** him."  
-Philippians 2:8-9 & Isaiah 53:12

"...**Declared** to be the Son of God...**by the resurrection** from the dead..." -Romans 1:4

"We bring you **good news** of **the promise** made to the fathers, that **God has fulfilled...in that he raised up Jesus**. As it is also written in the second psalm, '**You are my Son. Today I have become** your father.'" Acts 13:32-33

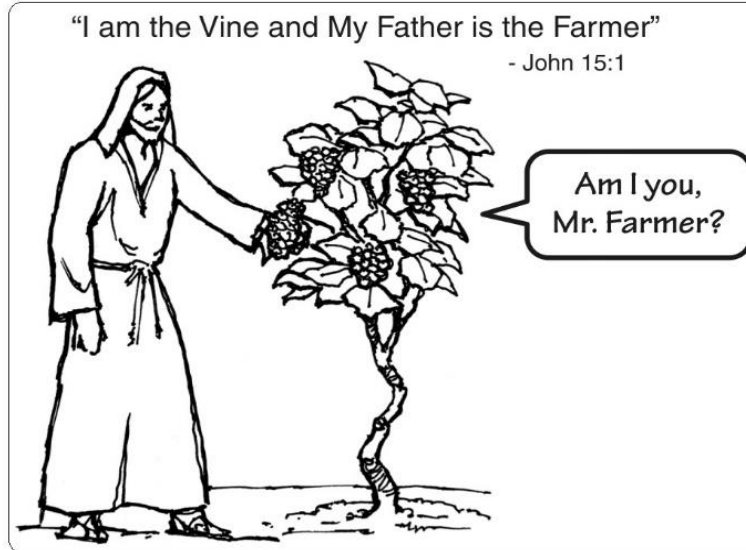
**Jesus' Sonship didn't dissolve at the Resurrection or after, it was just getting started!**

Jesus testifies to us that he is the same substance and organism as we are...

No Christian would ever confuse a vine as being an incarnation of the farmer!

In all of the occurrences of the word "root" in the Bible, it never refers to God in any way!

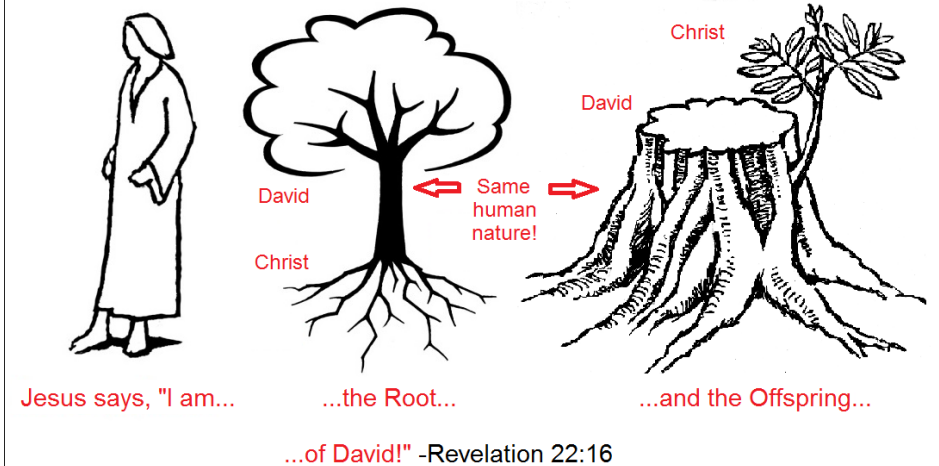
Jesus declared himself to be made of the same humanity as us and indeed is the same organism as us!



*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer... I am the vine. You are the branches..." (John 15:1-5)*

*"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify these things to you for the assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David..." (Revelation 22:16)*

I testify to you, I am the Root and the offspring of David

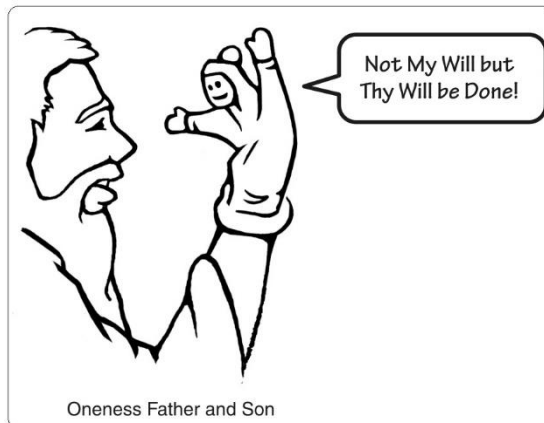


Jesus did not testify to personally being the Father and the Son: quite the opposite!



We have said that the Oneness doctrine makes a sham and a complete charade out of Jesus' overcoming life!

Let's take a look at just how unbiblical the Oneness view of Christ is...



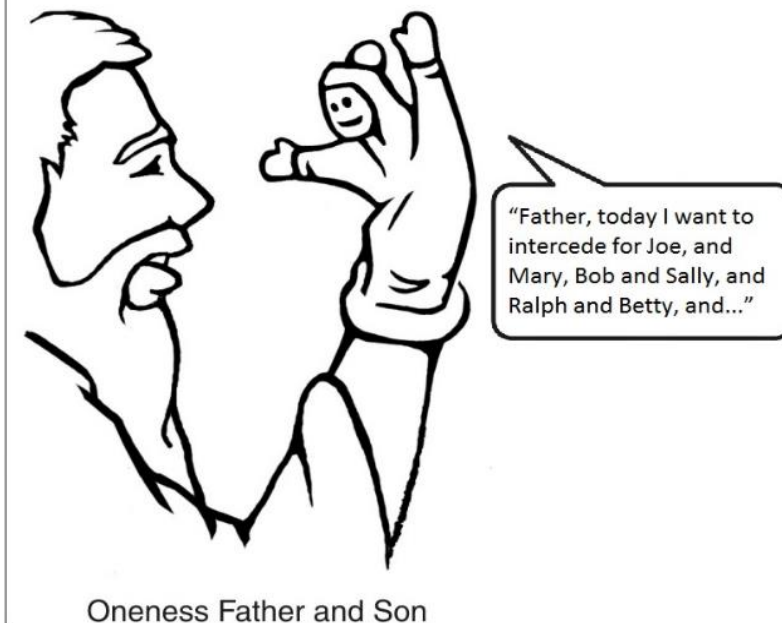
<sup>41</sup>“He...knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>saying, ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, *not my will, but yours, be done*’” (Luke 22:41-42).

What a mockery the Oneness idea makes of Jesus' prayer “not my will” if he is the person of the Father!

“...It is Christ who died, yes rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.” (Romans 8:34)

**According to Onenessianism, Jesus' humanity was just a shell of flesh, or “a robe of flesh”. Is it just a shell, or “robe” of flesh that is interceding for us before the Father? What a sham that is!**

“Christ who died... who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.” (Romans 8:34)



# Which character represents true Biblical Oneness?

Jesus said, "The glory which you have given me, I have given to them; **that they may be one, even as we are one...**"  
(John 17:22)

We are going to be one with the Father in the same way that Jesus was one with the Father!

Imagine what this looks like in the Oneness view: we would need to be lobotomized or de-personalized!

## Biblical Truth



...that they may **be one even as we are one**

- John 17:22

## The Oneness view: Is it true to the Scriptures?



...that they may **be one even as we are one**

- John 17:22

*Are we going to be lifeless puppets controlled by God like the Oneness Jesus was?  
No! But, "We shall be like him; for we shall see him just as he is" -1 John 3:2*

It is written: "when he shall appear, we shall be like him" (1 John 3:2). Whose interpretation do you believe?

**True Biblical Oneness**  
***must also apply to***  
***Jesus' disciples.***

Jesus prayed four times to the Father: "that ***they may be one even as we are***":

"That they may be one, even as we are...

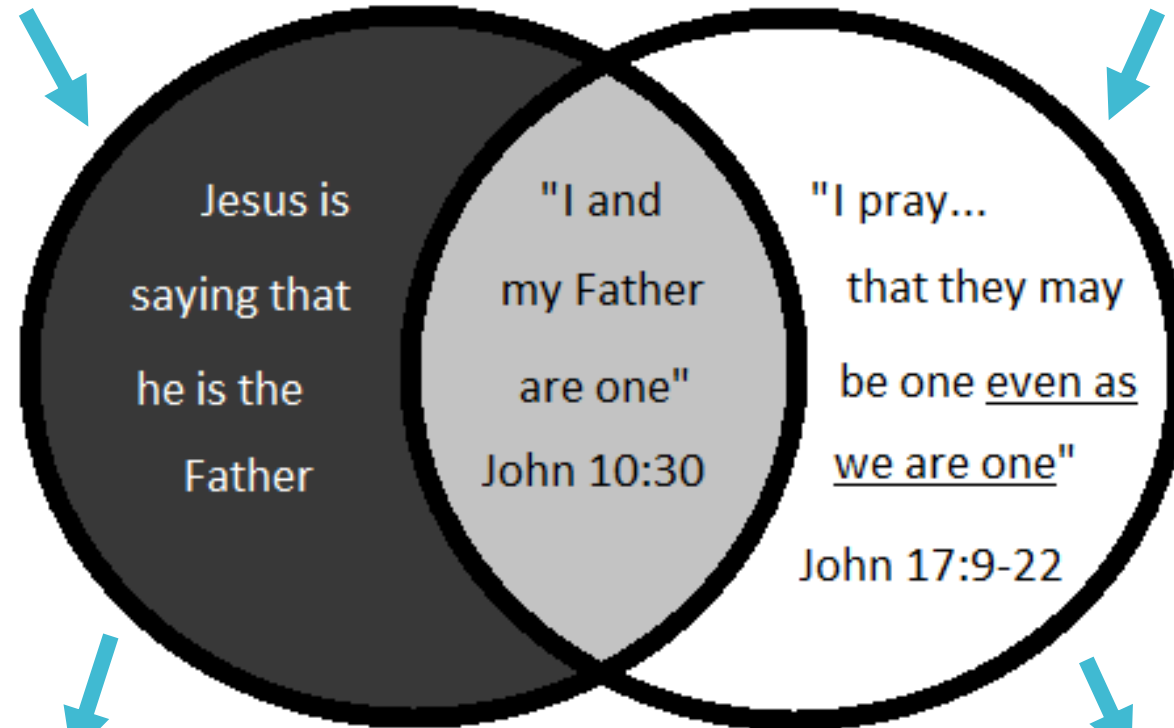
"That they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you...

"That they also may be one in us...

"The glory which you have given me, I have given to them; that ***they may be one, even as we are one.***" (John 17:11, 20-22)

When you interpret the Bible like the devil does...

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...You end up with the devil's doctrine:

"For God does know that...you shall be as gods" (Genesis 3:5)

When you interpret the Bible like Jesus does...

Living by every word of God ←

...You end up with the true doctrine:

"...The image of his Son...the ***firstborn among many*** brothers."  
(Romans 8:29)

“...God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (Acts 2:36)

## Which view of Jesus is true: an empty shell, or a real human being?

- God made him Lord and Christ
- We have a counselor with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous
- (Our) Eternal life is in him
- God the Father gave life to him

### In the Oneness View

"only a lifeless human"?

"We have a Counselor with the Father..."



...Jesus Christ, the righteous." (1 John 2:1)

"...that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9)

"eternal life... is in [t]his Son." (1 John 5:10-11)

"He gave to the Son also to have life in himself" (John 5:26)

### In the Son of God View

"Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved by God to you by mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him..." (Acts 2:22-23)



Anyone who is honest with what these scriptures say has to conclude that they point to and describe a human son who has a distinct and separate personality from the Father!

What man has  
the *anointing* or  
the *authority* to  
*change the*  
*Word* of God?

*Who titles a Bible*  
*Study* by the name of  
*a doctrine* invented  
*by anti-Christian*  
*Gnostics?*

- “*We believe in...manifestations of God the Father in the Son...both of them are one. Father is Spirit, Son is flesh...We acknowledge the Father and the Son but we believe they are in Jesus Christ...*” – *Anthony Mangun, The Dual Natures of Christ*; a Six-Part DVD Series; Disc 4, 37:00-41:00.
- In **1,718** occurrences of the word *father* and **3,597** occurrences of the word *son* in the Bible *not once was any of them a father to themselves or a son to themselves!*
- *No man is a father until he has a child; nor can anyone be a son without a father.* A father without a child is simply a man, and no son has ever been born who didn't have a father. Therefore, it is written:
- “...He who confesses the Son has the Father also...” (1 John 2:23)
- “...This is the *Antichrist*, he who *denies the Father and the Son.*” (1 John 2:22)

If you have to redefine the words then you simply don't believe what they actually mean! This is why Onenessians must redefine “father” and “son.”

Is “**Son**” a code word for the impersonal “**flesh**” of Jesus?

Let’s see if John himself holds that position...

*Does this interpretation make sense?...*

<sup>9</sup>“...God has sent his one and only [*impersonal flesh*] into the world that we might live through [*the impersonal flesh*]. <sup>10</sup>...God...loved us, and sent his [*impersonal flesh*] as the atoning sacrifice for our sins... <sup>12</sup>No one has seen God at any time... <sup>14</sup>We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the [*impersonal flesh*] as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the [*impersonal flesh*] of God, God remains in him, and he in God.” (1 John 4:9-15)

Do we *live* through God’s *impersonal flesh*?

Was God’s *impersonal flesh* the *atoning sacrifice* for us, or Jesus’ conscious obedience? “...As a man he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death...Therefore God also highly exalted him...” (Phil. 2:8-9)

*Who* in the Bible *ever confessed* “God’s impersonal flesh” is how we remain in God and God in us?

**Any dictionary proves the word “flesh” does not equal the word “son”.**

***"Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:5)***

***Here then is a real issue.*** Overcoming the world ***is to believe that Jesus is the Son of God.*** It does not say overcoming is to believe that "son" means "the impersonal human flesh" of a dual-natured individual.

<sup>10</sup>"He who ***believes in the Son of God*** has the testimony in himself. ***He who doesn't believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.*** <sup>11</sup>The testimony is this, that God gave to us ***eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*** <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has the life. ***He who doesn't have God's Son doesn't have the life.***" (1 John 5:10-12)

Were you able to read this without reading Oneness into it? If you read it as a Onenessian, you would think it means that "God gave to us eternal life, and this life is in his impersonal flesh". But that simply is not what John said! And to believe that is what John meant in saying "flesh", when he didn't say that at all, ***is to not believe what John did say,*** and that is ***to make God out to be a liar!***

"The Lord Jesus Christ, ***the Son of the Father, in truth*** and love." (2 John 3)

***Let God be true!***

"I am not alone" (John 8:16 & 16:32)



"The Father is with me"  
-John 8:29, 16:32  
"The Father is in me"  
-John 10:38, 14:10



Does  
Not  
Equal



"He had a dual nature"



Oneness Father and Son

The Oneness view is in error  
about who Jesus Christ the Son of God is!

"No lie is of the truth" (1 John 2:21)

"Teach no other doctrine" (1 Timothy 1:3).

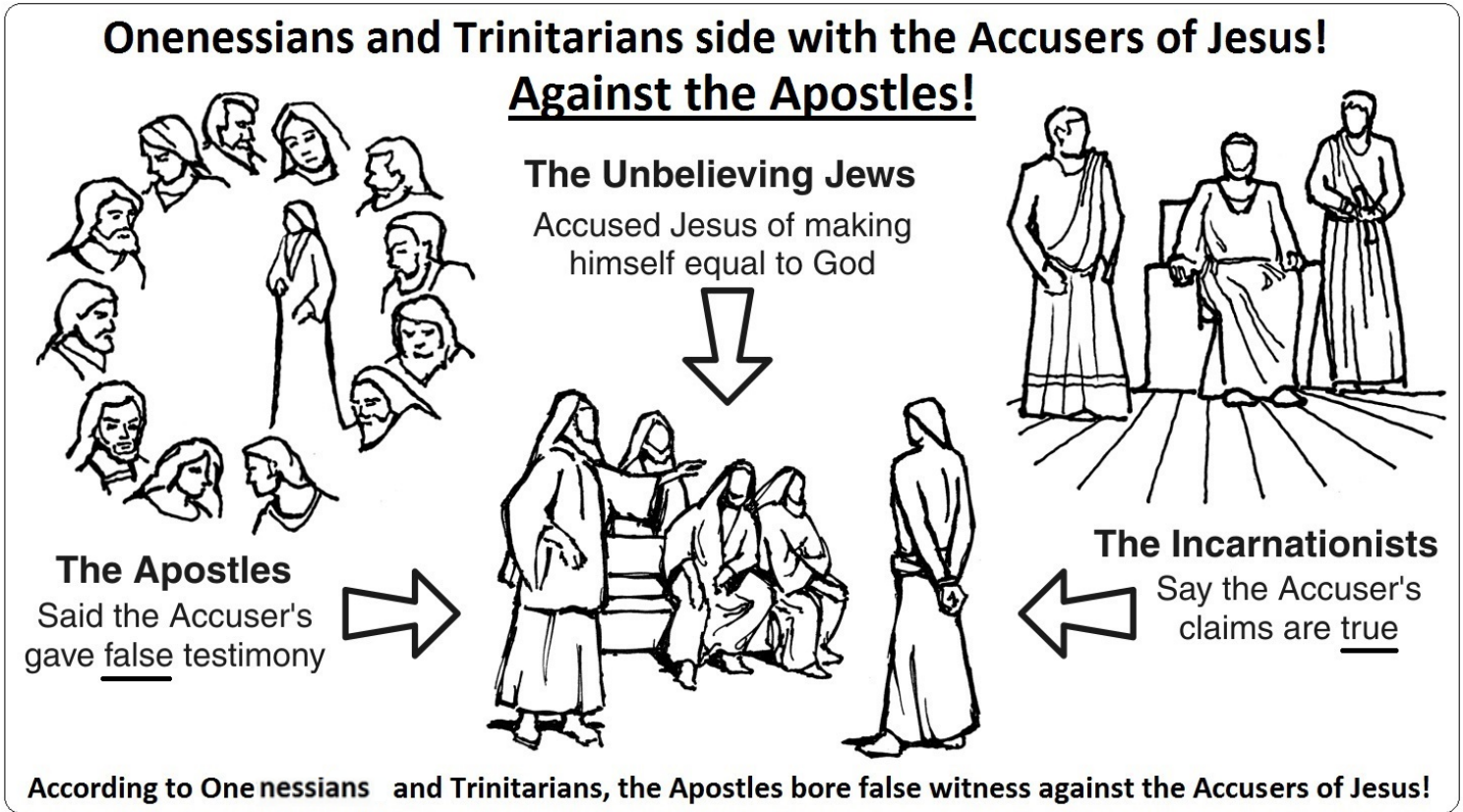
"Don't you add to his words, Lest he reprove you, and **you be found a liar.**" (Proverbs 30:6)



# Question:

Why do *Onenessians* call themselves "Apostolic" when *they reject the Apostles' testimony* and side instead with Jesus' accusers?

"Now the chief priests, the elders, and the whole council *sought false testimony* against Jesus, *that they might put him to death; ...at last two false witnesses came forward*, and said, '*This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'*" (Matthew 26:59-65 & Mark 14:55-62)



*Here's how the Onenessians side with Jesus' accusers:*

"The Jews Understood that Jesus Claimed to Be God

"The Jews...did understand His [Jesus'] claim to be God...The Jews...recognized that He claimed to be...Jehovah...because He being a man made Himself God the Father..." (David Bernard, The Oneness of God, Pages 75-76)

“The Jews sought...to kill him [Jesus], [for] making himself equal with God.” (John 5:18)

*In no way did Jesus explain that he was “equal” to God...*

**Why were  
Jesus’ accusers  
false  
witnesses?**

Simply because,  
**they refused to  
hear Jesus’  
explanations!**

Just like Onenessians and  
Trinitarians refuse to hear him  
today!

- He had no power that wasn’t given to him: “the Son can do *nothing of himself*...” (John 5:19,30).
- He had no authority that wasn’t given to him: “All authority has been given to me ...” (Matthew 28:18)
- He had no judgement that wasn’t given to him: “*The Father...has given all judgement to the Son*...” (John 5:22)
- He clearly stated that he had to be given the authority to raise the dead *by commandment*: “As the Father has life in himself, even so *he gave to the Son* also to have life in himself.” (John 5:26 & 10:18)
- He had to overcome sin just like you and I do: “He who overcomes...*as I also overcame*” (Revelation 3:21)
- He had God dwelling in him, like us, but in greater measure: “I am not alone, but *I am with the Father who* sent me.” (John 8:16; 16:32 & 10:34–38)
- *Even his doctrine wasn’t his*: “My doctrine is *not mine*...” (John 7:16)

“Moses...said...‘God will raise up a prophet...from among your brothers, like me...listen to him...every soul that will not listen to that prophet will be utterly destroyed...” (Acts 3:13–26)

“But *I fear*, lest by any means... if he that comes preaches *another Jesus, whom we have not preached*...you might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

The Apostles only  
“*preached*” Christ  
as a man (never  
Oneness)!

Not once did the  
Apostles ever preach  
Jesus as being God  
incarnate.

Either Paul lied or was  
mistaken in 2 Cor.11, or a  
*lot of Oneness people  
are preaching the  
opposite of what the  
Apostles preached!*

- Acts 2:22: “*a man approved by God* to you by mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him”
- Acts 3:22-23: “*a prophet...like unto [Moses]...*”
- Acts 4:10 “Jesus...whom God raised from the dead...”
- Acts 5:29-30 “God...raised up Jesus...him has God exalted...”
- Acts 7:37 “*a prophet...like unto [Moses]...*”
- Acts 8:37 “...Jesus Christ is *the Son of God*...”
- Acts 10:38-40 “...*God anointed Jesus*...Him God raised up...”
- Acts 13:38 “...*Through this man [Jesus] is preached...forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified*...”
- Acts 17:31 “[God]...will judge the world...*by that man whom he has ordained*...in that he raised him from the dead”
- Acts 26:8,23 “...That God should raise the dead...That Christ should suffer and be the first that should rise from the dead...”

“Some...want to pervert the Good News of Christ. But even though we, or an angel..., should preach to you any “good news” other than that which we preached to you, *let him be cursed.*” (Galatians 1:6-9)

Why do Christians tend to make heroes out of those who preach “other doctrines” when the Bible says “***let him be cursed***”? (Galatians 1:6-9, 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 1 Timothy 1:3)

\* We know who first invented the Trinity: The anti-Christian Gnostics (early 2<sup>nd</sup> century)...

“*Gnostic terminologies...were partly reproduced among the Catholic theologians of the third century; most important is it that the Gnostics have already made use of the concept 'homoousios'; see Iren., l. 5. 1,... l.5.4,... l.5.5... [and] trias [trinity] in Excerpt. ex. Theodotus § 80, perhaps the earliest passage.*” (Adolf von Harnack, *History of Dogma*, I, 259... § 3, footnote 357.)

\* We know who developed the Gnostic Trinity to have the son not separate from the Father: Tertullian (c. 155 – c. 240)...

“I should not hesitate, indeed, to call the tree the son or offspring of the root, and the river of the fountain, and the ray of the sun; because every original source is a parent, and everything which issues from the origin is an offspring.” (Tertullian, *Against Praxeas*, Chap 8)

\* We know who first invented the doctrine of an “eternally begotten” Son: Origen (184–253) ...

“Origen, one of the very first to speak of the generation of the Son, regarded it as an act dependent on the Father's will...” ([bible-researcher.com/eternal-generation.html](http://bible-researcher.com/eternal-generation.html))

\* We know who first developed the Trinitarian terminology of “one *ousia* (substance) in three *hypostasis* (persons): the Cappadocian Fathers (ca. 335–ca. 395)...

“These three active bishops are credited with establishing a consistent terminology for the Trinity, namely using *hypostasis* or *prosopon* for what God is three of, and *ousia* (along with *physis*) for what God is one of.” ([plato.stanford.edu/entries/trinity/trinity-history.html](http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/trinity/trinity-history.html))

\* We also know who first put forth the doctrine of Oneness (Modalistic Monarchianism): Noetus (about AD 230)...

“From the start, Noetus’s position was clear: ‘If therefore I acknowledge Christ to be God, He is the Father Himself, if He is indeed God; and Christ suffered, being Himself God; and consequently the Father suffered, for He was the Father Himself’” (Hippolytus, *Against Noetus* 1, in Roberts and Donaldson, 1994: vol. 5:223).

“***My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me... He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory***, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.” (John 7:16, 18)

Furthermore...

"There is one body...one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism." (Ephesians 4:4-5)

## There is only one biblical confession of faith!

God said it, Peter said it,  
and Jesus himself said it  
and made it the very  
foundation of his body of  
saints!

On the other hand, no  
one ever preached or  
confessed the Oneness  
incarnation myth!

- **God** said it- "*This is my beloved Son.*" (Matthew 3:16-17, Mark 1:11 and Luke 3:22)
- **Peter** said it- "...But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are *the Anointed, the Son of* the living God.' Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for *flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father* who is in heaven.'" (Matthew 16:16-17)
- **Jesus**- "...believe in *the Son of God*" (John 9:35-37).
- **The angel Gabriel**- "He will be...called *the Son of the Most High.*" (Luke 1:32-35)
- **The devil**- "...you are *the Son of God...*" (Matthew 4:3).
- **The demons**- "...Jesus, *Son of God...*" (Matthew 8:29, also Luke 4:41).
- **The Jews including the High Priest**- "They all said, 'Are you then *the Son of God?*..." (Matthew 26:63-65; Mark 14:61 & Luke 22:70-71 also: John 19:7).
- **The Centurion**- "...Truly this man was *the Son of God!*" (Mark 15:39)
- **John the Baptist**- "I have...testified that this is *the Son of God*" (John 1:34).
- **Nathanael**- "...You are *the Son of God!*..." (John 1:49).
- **The Disciples**- "...You are truly *the Son of God!*" (Matthew 14:33).
- **Mark**- "The...Good News of Jesus Christ, *the Son of God*" (Mark 1:1).
- **John the Beloved**- "...Believe that Jesus is the Christ, *the Son of God*" (John 20:31)
- **The Ethiopian**- "I believe that Jesus Christ is *the Son of God.*" (Acts 8:37 NKJV).
- **The Apostle Paul**- "...Christ...he is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20).

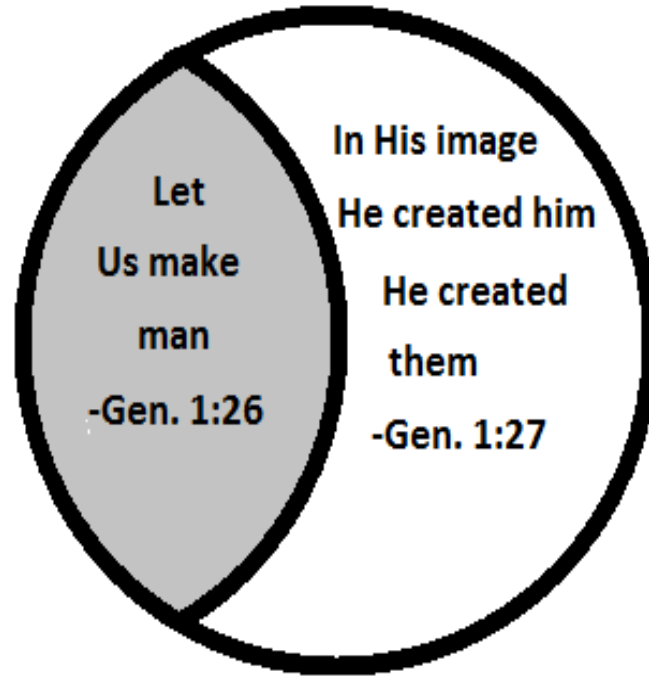
Onenessians claim the Oneness is a “revelation”  
just as Trinitarians claim the Trinity is a “revelation”!

But notice that what they each call their respective “revelations” are really nothing more than man-made “interpretations” that are outside the circles of Biblical Truth!

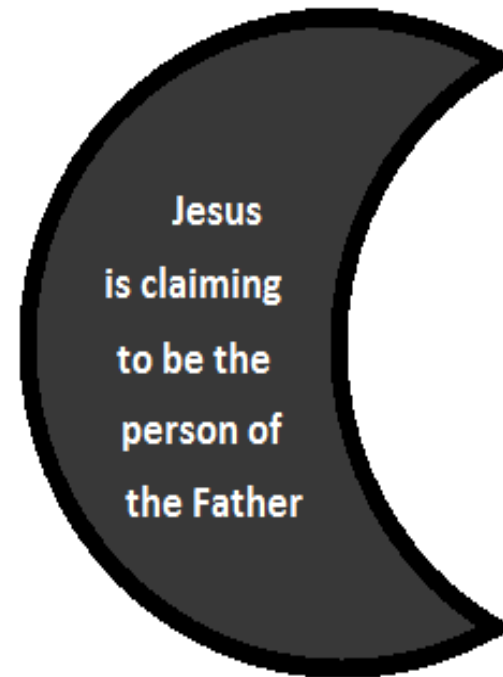
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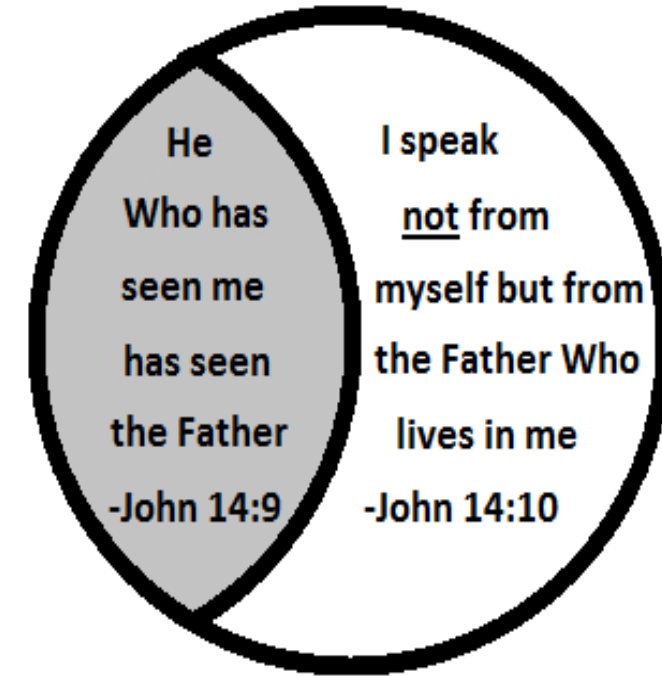
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The Onenessian  
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The Biblical  
“Revelation”



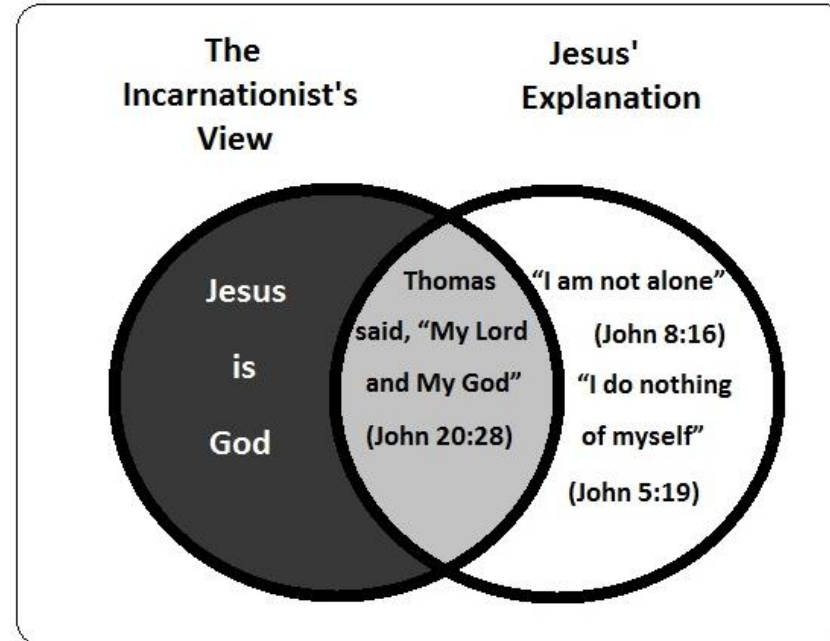
What is the God-given revelation? Simon Peter answered, ‘You are *the Anointed, the Son of the living God.*’ Jesus answered him...*flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father* who is in heaven.’” (Matthew 16:16-17)

<sup>19</sup>“*We have the more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed...<sup>20</sup>knowing...that no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation...” (2 Peter 1:19-21)*

Incarnationists say that Thomas confessed Jesus to be God in John 20:28\*, but that is to ignore the many times Jesus had been telling them he was not alone, that he did nothing of or even by himself, and that the Father was always working in him, with him and through him.

Onenessians interpret God's word the way the devil does!

In the following slides we are going to show that the *Oneness* myth *is built on false interpretations* of select scriptures.



God Speaking	Jesus Speaking
"I am YHWH...alone" Isaiah 44:24	"I am <u>not</u> alone" John 8:16, 16:32
Trinitarians don't believe Him!	Onenessians don't believe him!
<p><i>Same type of disbelief</i> in different manifestations. <b>Both deny</b> the plain meaning <b>and add</b> an unbiblical meaning...</p> <p>Trinity: 3 persons in 1 substance (no Bible). Oneness: 1 person in 2 substances (no Bible).</p>	

In fact, Thomas was merely confessing belief in what 150 verses (in John alone) teach: a clear, personal distinction between Jesus and God the Father.

John 1:14, 18, 29, 36, 49, 51, 2:16, 3:2, 16, 17, 34, 35, 4:34, 5:17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26-27, 30, 31-32, 36, 37, 38, 43, 45, 6:27, 29, 32, 37, 39, 40, 44, 46, 57, 65, 69, 7:16, 17, 18, 28, 29, 33, 8:16, 18, 19, 8:26-27, 28, 29, 38, 40, 42, 49, 50, 54, 55, 9:4, 10:15, 17, 18, 25, 29, 30 (w/17:22), 32, 35-36, 37, 38, 11:22, 27, 41, 42, 50-52, 12:13, 27, 30, 44, 49, 50, 13:1, 3-4, 20, 31, 32, 14:1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31, 15:1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 23, 24, 26, 16:3, 5, 10, 15, 16, 17, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 17:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 18:11, 20:17, 21, 31, 21:19.

\*John 20:28 is used against the Son of God like Matthew 28:19 is against baptism in Jesus' name: one verse taken out of context and ignoring all the other scriptures!



Some people assume that because Jesus was worshipped, he must be God...




In Revelation, John felt to worship a messenger, who told him not to... "See you don't do it! ***I am a fellow bondservant with you*** and your brothers..."

This is not how it is with Jesus; Jesus was anointed ***King over all the rest of us-***

"Your God, has anointed you... ***above your fellows***" –Heb. 1:9

"But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had **given such authority to men**...While he told these things to them, behold, ***a ruler came and worshiped him...***" (Matthew 9:8, 18)

<p><b>Jacob was worshipped</b></p>  <p>Was Jacob God? No! (Gen. 27:29)</p>	<p><b>Joseph was worshipped</b></p>  <p>Was Joseph God? No! (Gen. 37:7,42:6)</p>
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<p><b>King Saul was worshipped</b></p>  <p>King Saul was not worshipped as God (1 Sam. 24:8)</p>	<p><b>King David was worshipped</b></p>  <p>King David was not worshipped as God (1 Sam. 25:23, 41)</p>	<p><b>King Jesus was worshipped just like the other Kings</b></p>  <p>King Jesus was not worshipped as God (Matt. 9:8, 18; 15:22-28; Mark 5:21-23 with 35-36)</p>
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## Incarnationists simply ignore the context!

Note how God's concern was to not go after other gods.

Then note that God said to Joshua, he would be "**feared**" like Moses was- **same word** in Deuteronomy and Joshua.

It is in this very same context, that of Moses and Joshua, that Jesus was **feared** and/or **worshipped**: because God was with him and God himself magnified him!

"You shall **fear** Yahweh your God; and him shall you serve, and shall swear by his name. **You shall not go after other gods...**" (Deuteronomy 6:13-14)

"YHWH said to Joshua, This day **will I begin to magnify you** in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, **as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.**" (Joshua 3:7)

"On that day YHWH magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; **and they feared him [Joshua], as they feared Moses...**" (Joshua 4:14)

<sup>7</sup>"Your divine throne is everlasting; your royal scepter is a scepter of equity. <sup>8</sup>You love righteousness and hate wickedness; rightly has God, your God, chosen you **to anoint you with the oil of gladness over all your peers**" (Psalms 45:7-8, Tanakh).

"For the Father judges no one, but **he has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.** He who doesn't honor the Son doesn't honor the Father who sent him. 'Most assuredly I tell you, he who hears my word, and believes him who sent me, has eternal life...'" (John 5:22-24)

If all those prophets and kings in the Old Testament were feared and worshipped because God had anointed them, how much more so King Jesus?

Did Jesus claim to be the Great "I am that I am"?

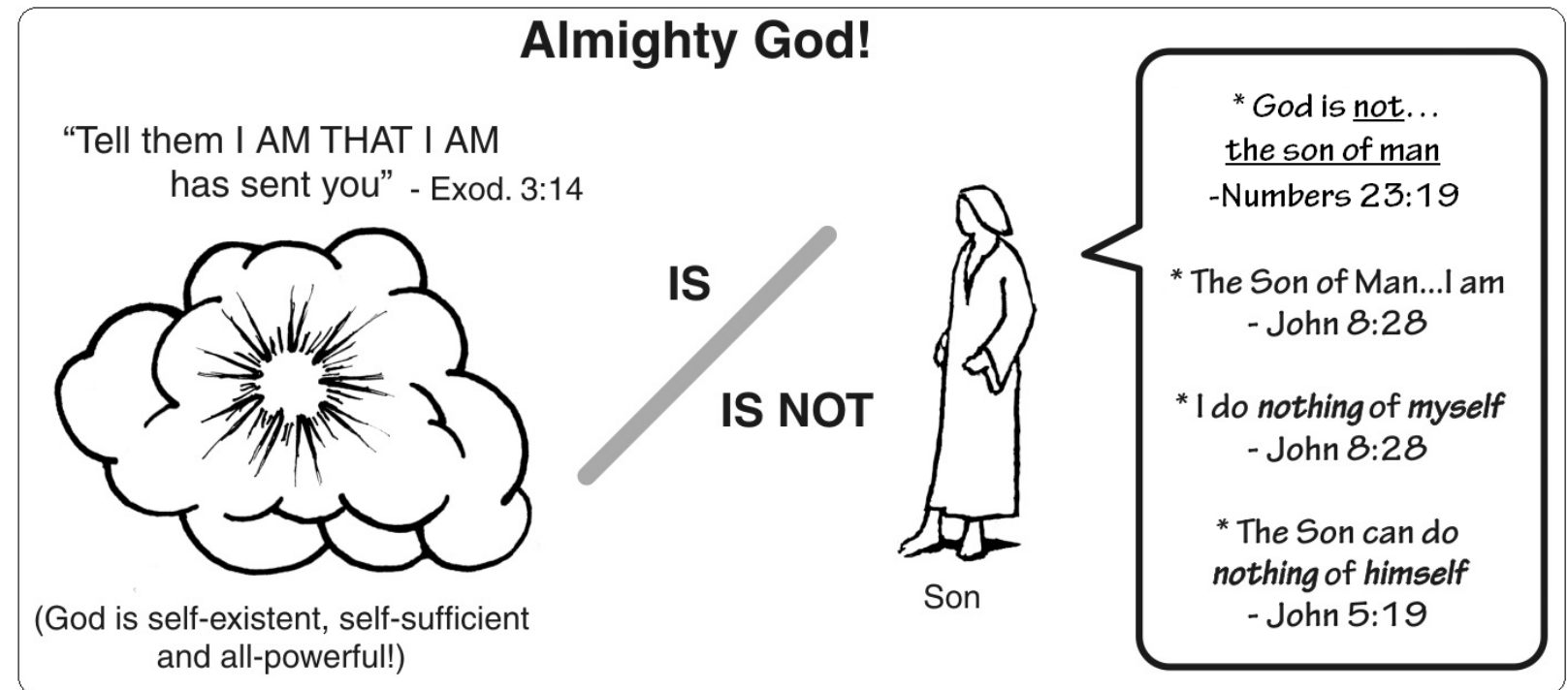
The meaning of "I am that I am" is that God is "self-existent" and "self-reliant"

Jesus often described himself as **anything but self-existent or independent**

**Jesus himself did not explain himself as being the Great "I am that I am".**

What he did tell us is that: **"I am the Son of God"** (Mark 14:61-62, John 8:28, etc.)

**"With God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37 and Matthew 19:26)  
Then again, "God...cannot lie" (Titus 1:2 & Hebrews 6:18)**



**If Jesus was really God, it would have been impossible for him to say he could do nothing of himself, because that would be a lie!  
By saying "I can do nothing of myself," Jesus explicitly renounced the false notion that he was claiming to be "I am that I am"!**

**Jesus** actually *clearly explained* that *he was not* "I am that I am" (not self-existent) in many ways and in many places!

*"The Son can do nothing of himself" (John 5:19)*

*"The Father...gave to the Son also to have life" (John 5:26)*

*"[The Father] also gave him authority" (John 5:27)*

*"I can of myself do nothing." (John 5:30)*

*"I do nothing of myself." (John 8:28)*

*"I haven't come of myself, but [the Father] sent me" (John 8:42)*

**Even the Great Commission is based on the truth that Jesus was not the "I am that I am" but was authorized and sent by Him!**

*"All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18)*

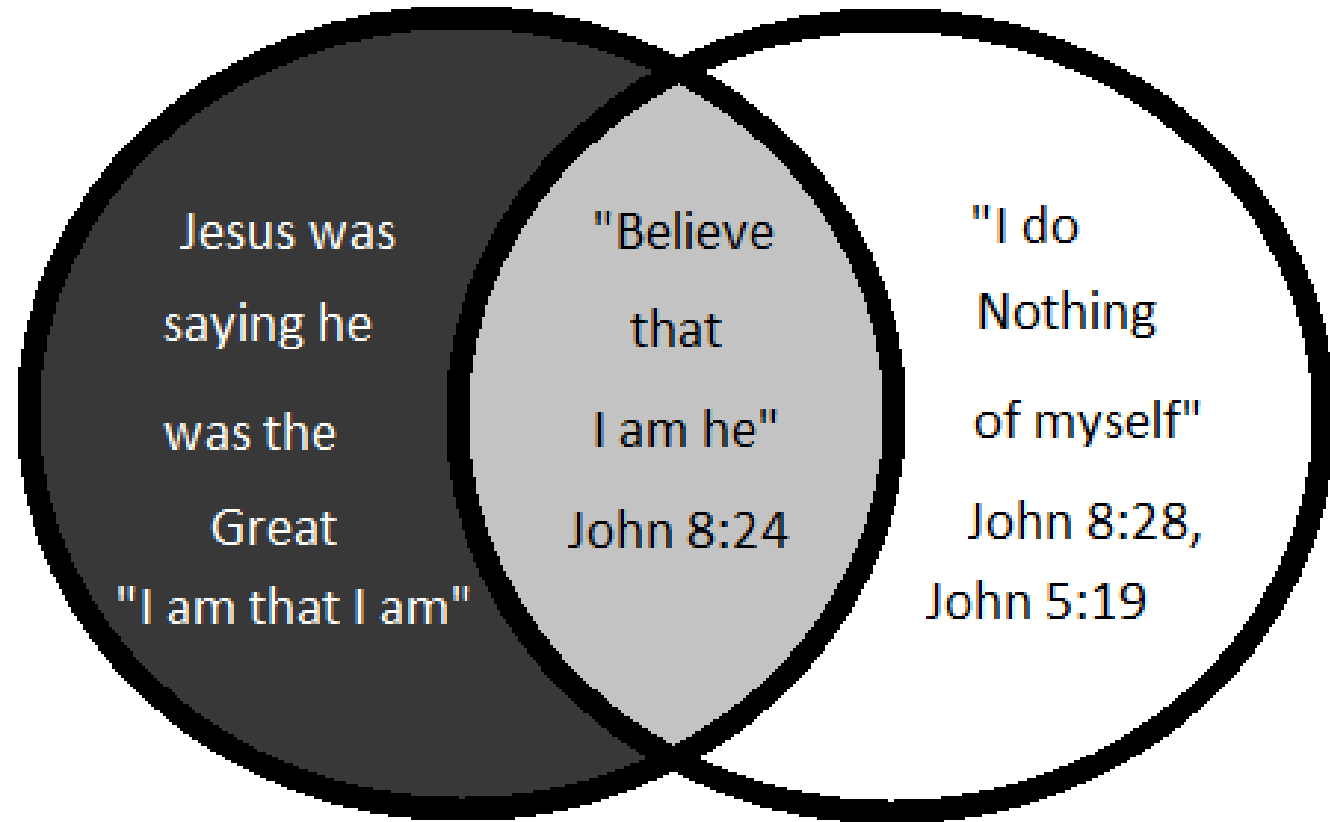
*"The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand." (John 3:35)*

Onenessians interpret the Bible the way the devil does!

They take their liberty with a "grey area" verse and **negate other clear verses** by their man-made interpretations!

The Devils' method of Interpretation used by Onenessians

Jesus' method of Interpretation that teaches the "Son of God"



"Why don't you understand my speech? Because you can't hear my word." (John 8:43)

Does Isaiah 9:6 say that Jesus would be the Everlasting Father?

A) *No Jew ever interpreted Is. 9:6 to mean the child would be God incarnate!*

B) *No writer in the NT ascribed Is. 9:6 to Jesus!*

C) *God's names were bestowed on people and things to commemorate God's traits, not to claim they are God!*

"For a child has been born to us, a son has been given to us. And authority has settled on his shoulders. He has been named '*The mighty God is planning grace; The Eternal Father, a peaceable ruler*'"  
(Tanakh; Isaiah 9:6 Christian Bibles, 9:5 Hebrew Bibles).

### Why was God's name bestowed on people, places and things in the Old Testament?

An Altar Named YHWH is peace  
- Judges 6:24



Are YOU my God?

A City Named YHWH is There  
- Ezekiel 48:35



Are YOU my God?

A Man Named YHWH - Saves  
-Numbers 13:16,  
Acts 7:45 & Hebrews 4:8



Are YOU my God?

Was it because whatever God's name was bestowed upon was God Himself?  
No, it was to commemorate God's characteristics!

*Joshua had the exact same name as Jesus; was he God? No! The name was simply commemorative of godly traits that Joshua was graced with!*

## Isaiah didn't see the Son as God-

Isaiah himself  
never, ever went  
on to speak of  
the son as God!

YHWH'S Righteous Servant  
- Isaiah 53:11



- \* 7:14-16 Messiah would be born of a virgin and have to learn how to refuse evil and choose the good (with Luke 1:26-31 & Hebrews 5:8-9).
- \* 8:18 Messiah would be given children from YHWH (with Hebrews 2:3 & John 10:28-29).
- \* 11:1-1-5 Messiah would spring from David's father Jesse and have the Spirit of God rest on him, including the spirits of "knowledge and fear of YHWH".
- \* 50:6-7 Speaking in Messiah's place Isaiah says, "I gave my back to the strikers...for YHWH will help me" showing that Messiah would trust in YHWH.
- \* 52:13-14 Messiah is called the servant of YHWH and will be exalted but he will also be marred.
- \* 53:2 Messiah grew up before YHWH ("he grew up before him").
- \* 53:6 YHWH laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- \* 53:10 It pleased YHWH to bruise him.
- \* 53:11 Called YHWH's righteous servant.
- \* 53:12 YHWH will "divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong".

***It would appear that Incarnationists arrogantly believe they understand what Isaiah wrote even better than Isaiah, or any other Jew for that matter!***

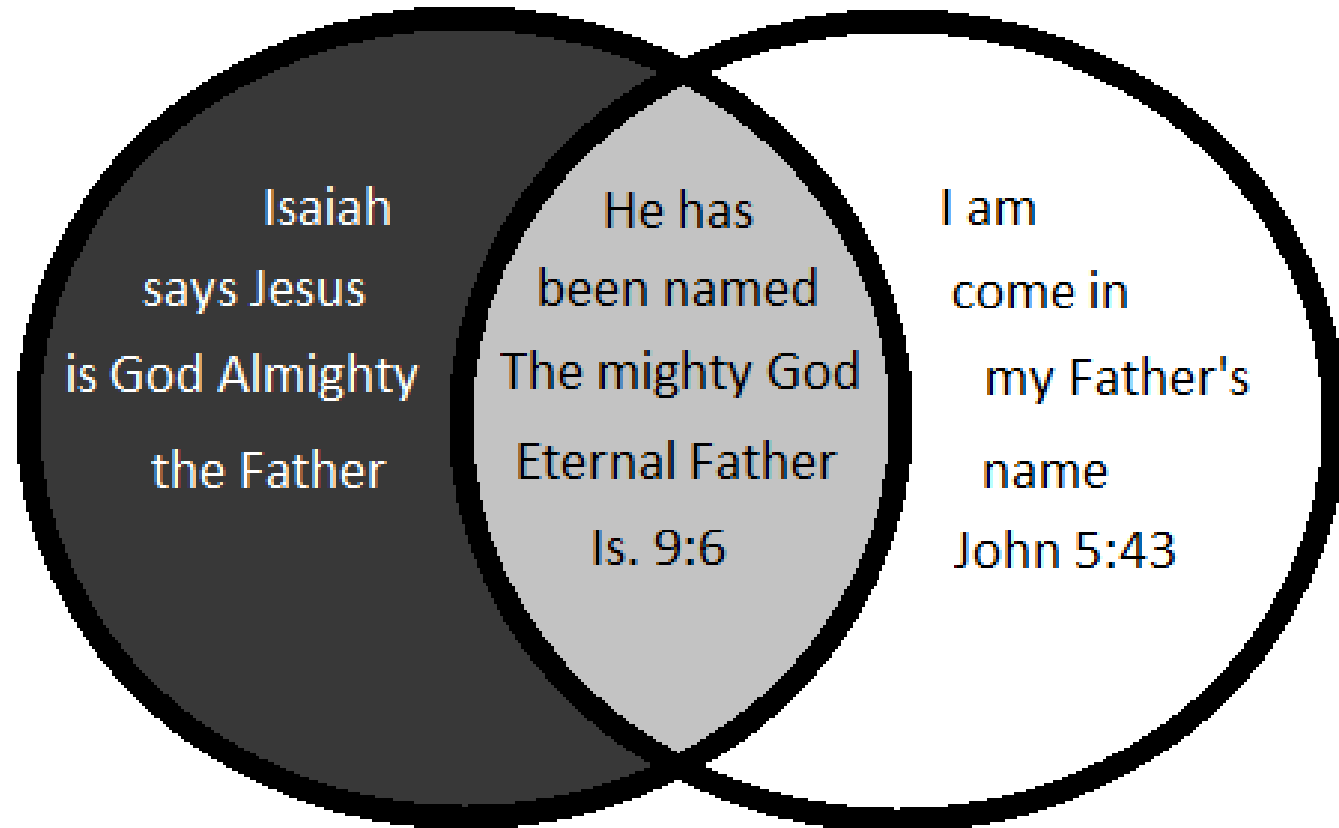
We're still talking about Isaiah 9:6...

Onenessians *can only* interpret the Bible the way the devil does!

The Bible commandment is clear: "teach no other doctrine" (1 Timothy 1:3).

If Isaiah was so clear, why didn't anyone in the Bible see it that way?

Jesus is never clearly and unambiguously called the Father, and the Father is never ever called Jesus anywhere in the Bible, but particularly in the NT.



To teach the Oneness doctrine is to sinfully "teach another doctrine" since no one in the Bible ever clearly and openly defined or expressed the Oneness doctrine or its interpretations the way they do.

Let's talk about John 8:58...

## The Oneness doctrine, like the Trinity, depends on mistranslations!

We know that Matthew 28:19 originally said, "in my name" not "Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

Similarly, Jn. 8:58 and 1 Tim. 3:16 are often mistranslated.

These mistranslations are actually clearly refuted through other verses.

"Jesus said to them, 'Verily, verily, I say to you, **Before Abraham's coming** — I am.'" (John 8:58, Young's Literal Translation)

"...It is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living soul.' *The last Adam became a life-giving spirit...**that which is spiritual isn't first**, but that which is natural, then that which is spiritual.*" (1 Cor. 15: 35-47)

"Jesus said..., '**I am the bread which came down out of heaven...Your fathers ate the manna** in the wilderness... **I am the living bread which came down out of heaven...**" (John 6:35-51)

Jesus explains that *he came down from heaven in the same way the manna did*: the manna no more actually preexisted in heaven than Jesus did!

God said: "**God is not a man... Neither the son of man**" (Numbers 23:19).

Now look what Jesus said:

"No one has ascended into heaven, but he who ***descended out of heaven***, the **Son of Man, who is in heaven.**" (John 3:13)

"...I have come down from heaven, **not to do my own will, but the will of Him** who sent me" (John 6:38).

***How could Jesus be "God in heaven" if he had a different will from God in heaven, and if God in heaven said He was not a man or the son of man? So who descended out of heaven?***

***Answer: Jesus was speaking of God's foreknowledge of him.***

***"God calls the things that are not as, though they were" (Romans 4:17).***

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We're still talking about John 8:58...

Jesus, the Son of God,  
only actually  
"preexisted" in the  
mind and plan of God:  
**His foreknowledge!**

"God calls the things that  
***are not as though they  
were***" (Romans 4:17)

Before Jesus was born, God  
said he was not the Son of  
man; now *Jesus explains  
that he was "the **Son of  
man**"* who came down from  
heaven!

This graphic simply illustrates this truth (and shows how the Bible interprets itself):  
"In the beginning was the plan (*logos*), and the plan was with God, and the plan was God...The plan became flesh, and lived among us." (John 1:1, 14)

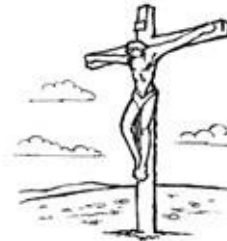
***God's Foreknowledge = "God calls things that are not as though they were"***

"The Lamb slain from the  
foundation of the world."  
(Revelation 13:8)



"The Son of Man, who is  
in heaven." (John 3:13).

"He offered one sacrifice  
for sins forever"  
(Hebrews 10:5–20)



"Came down from heaven,  
not to do his own will"  
(John 6:38)

"The verb ginomai 'was' (to have been born) is in the Greek aorist (infinitive) tense, not the indicative... **The meaning is, "Before Abraham comes to be born" not "Before Abraham was** (or 'existed')." ([assemblyoftrueisrael.com/Documents/I\\_AM.htm](http://assemblyoftrueisrael.com/Documents/I_AM.htm))

To interpret John 8:58 as Jesus preexisting his human birth is to falsify the grammar of the passage! It is interpreting by imposing a bias; not by dealing honestly with what Jesus was saying! And, it ignores the verses that explain God's foreknowledge!

We're still talking about John 8:58...

## There is *only one truth* that the Bible *explains* about Jesus!

Doctrines like Trinity and Oneness must embellish on the Scriptures to make it appear the Bible supports their position.

Only the Son of God doctrine stands on the numerous Scriptures that actually say and explain what we are to believe!

*When we let the Bible explain itself, rather than jump to conclusions, we find that it declares that Christ had his actual beginning in Bethlehem...*

- “The book of the *generation [genesis=beginning]* of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham...” (Matthew 1:1)
- “So also it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living soul.’ *The last Adam became a life-giving spirit*. However *that which is spiritual isn’t first*, but *that which is natural, then that which is spiritual*. The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second man is the Lord from heaven.” (1 Corinthians 15:45–47)
- “For to which of the angels did He say at any time, ‘You are my Son, *Today have I become your father?*’ and again, ‘I will be to him a Father, And he will be to me a Son?’” (Hebrews 1:5)
- “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)

We're still talking about John 8:58...

And yet again  
Onenessianism  
depends on anti-  
Christian  
Gnosticism!  
The idea that  
Jesus "preexisted"  
and was  
"incarnated" was  
first put forth by  
the anti-  
Christians!

Speaking against the anti-Christian idea of one god producing another god, Irenaeus wrote the following:

"If, again, they affirm that that (*logos*) was not sent forth beyond the Father, but within the Father Himself, then, in the first place, **it becomes superfluous to say that it was sent forth at all.** For how could it have been sent forth if it continued within the Father? For **an emission is the manifestation of that which is emitted, beyond him who emits it.** In the next place, this (*logos*) being sent forth, *both that Logos* who springs from Him will still be within the Father, as will also be the future emissions proceeding from *Logos...*" -Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book 2, Chapter 13, par. 6.

Here Irenaeus is talking about **the Gnostic idea** of God-Persons who were "emitted" (begotten) from the Father and yet remained within the Godhead. Irenaeus points out how superfluous that would be.

The Onenessians took this anti-Christian idea of preexisting persons (Father, Son and Spirit), and simply changed it to being only Jesus who preexisted as the person of the Father.

**The Bible explains something else which is called God's "foreknowledge."**

**The "incarnation" view is a pagan and Gnostic inspired view!**

One of Jesus' key principles was ***the resurrection***

Jesus Christ is the ***firstborn among many*** siblings: this necessarily includes Abraham!

- "Since death came by man, the resurrection...also came by man." (1 Cor. 15:21)
- "He is...***the beginning, the firstborn*** from the dead." (Col. 1:18)
- "These ***all died in faith [including Abraham]***, not having received the promises, but ***having seen them and embraced them from afar...***" (Hebrews 11:13)
- "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [Jesus] might be the ***firstborn among many siblings [including Abraham]***." (Romans 8:29)
- "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was ***made of the seed of David according to the flesh***; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, ***by the resurrection from the dead.***" (Romans 1:3-4)

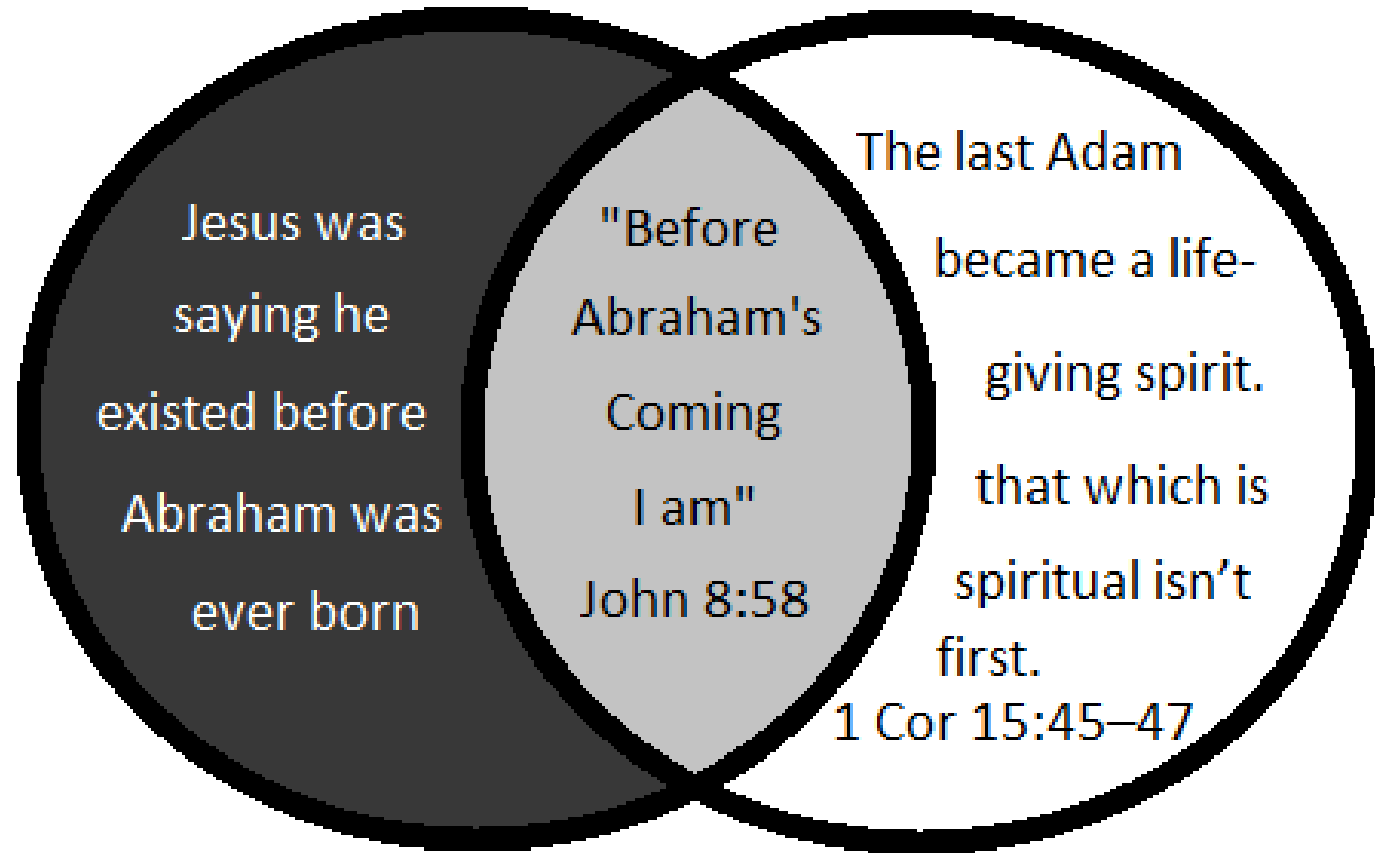
***When Jesus said "before Abraham's coming, I am" he was referring to the resurrection: that even Abraham died not having yet seen.***

Our last slide on John 8:58...

Onenessians have no alternative than to interpret the Bible the way the devil does!

Only by ignoring a multitude of Scriptures that actually explain *Jesus's true beginning on earth* and *God's foreknowledge of him before that*, can Incarnationists jump to the conclusion that Jesus somehow actually preexisted his own "genesis" (Matt.1:1)!

*"The last Adam became a life-giving spirit...that which is spiritual isn't first, but that which is natural, then that which is spiritual." (1 Cor. 15:45-47)*



*When you have to negate a clear scripture by "interpreting" an unclear scripture, you can be sure you are interpreting the way the devil does!*

Now let's talk about 1 Tim. 3:16...

## 1 Timothy 3:16 is another often mistranslated verse

This verse does *not* teach, nor did it originally say, that "**God** was made flesh"

In *truth*, and in *context* it says and teaches, "...**godliness: who was made known** (manifested)..." to us.

This is an irrefutable fact- the "Received" textual family used by the KJV *was altered!*

*In any "version", the "context" does not say God was "made" flesh, or even that "Jesus was God incarnate." It teaches something else...*

- "I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you...so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God...By common confession, *great is the mystery of godliness: he who was revealed (manifested)* in the flesh, was vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory." (1 Timothy 3:14-16, NASB)
- <sup>10</sup>...that the life of Jesus may also be revealed (manifested) in our body.  
<sup>11</sup>For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of *Jesus may be revealed (manifested) in our mortal flesh.*" (2 Corinthians 4:5-11)

Are we "Jesus made into us" when we "manifest" Christ? Obviously not. The point is simply that when we make the life of Jesus Christ *manifest*, we make him *known* or we could say, "*clearly understood*" and that is exactly what Jesus did in making godliness known to us!

It wasn't even the purpose of 1 Tim. 3:16 to talk about "the godhead"!  
Rather, that Jesus made godliness known to us and for that he was glorified and received up into glory! Why do men have to press their thoughts into the Scripture in order to claim it teaches what it never actually says?

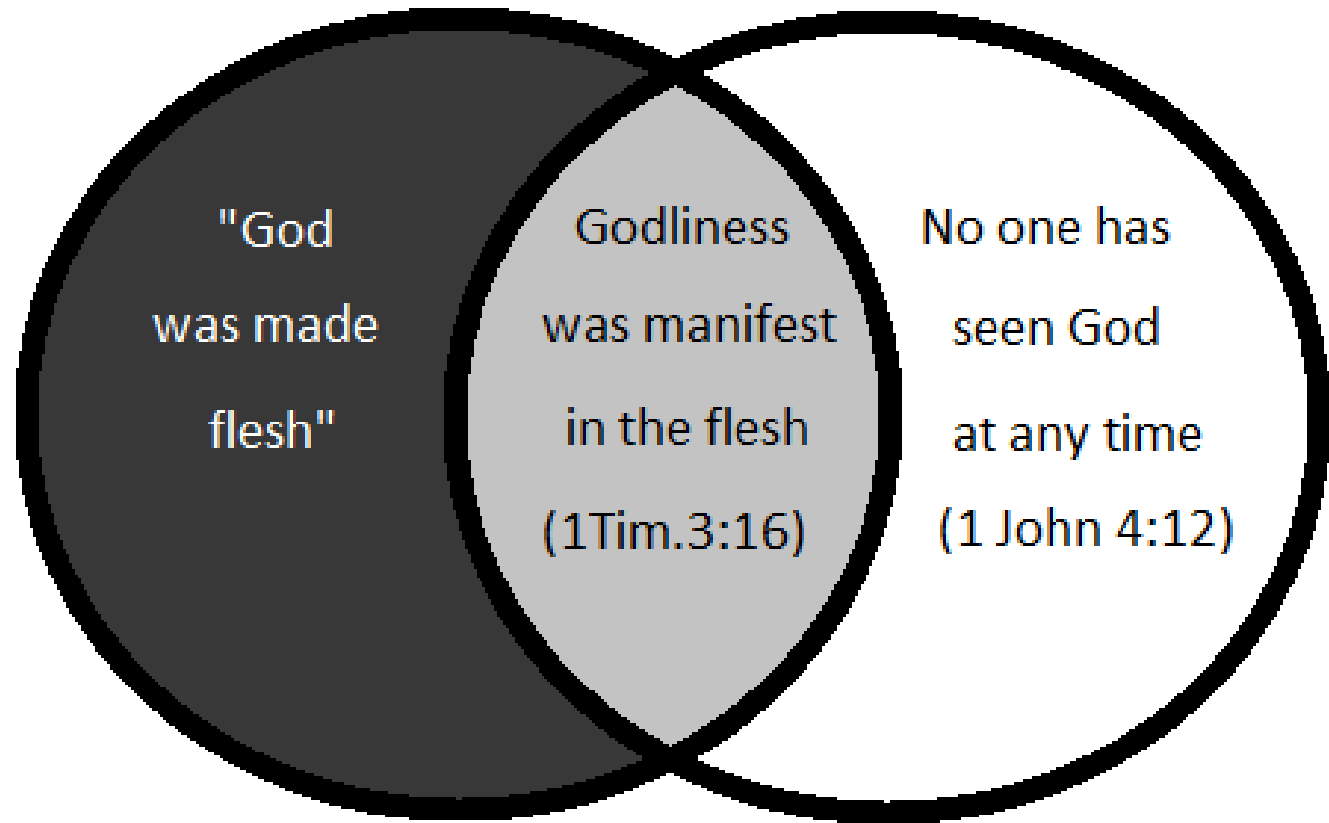
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What 1 Tim. 3:16  
tells us is  
reiterated in  
many ways in  
other verses of  
the Bible

- “***No one has seen God at any time.*** The one and only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, ***he has declared him.***” (John 1:18)
- <sup>1</sup>“That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we saw, and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life <sup>2</sup>(and ***the life was revealed***, and *we have seen, and testify, and declare to you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was revealed to us*); <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard ***we declare to you***, that you also may have fellowship with us. Yes, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:1-3)
- <sup>1</sup>“God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup>*has at the end of these days* ***spoken to us by his Son***, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds.” (Hebrews 1:1-2)

Onenessians and Trinitarians seem to forget that Christ is what we are to be. In particular **Christ was made in all things like his brothers; that is, us** (Hebrews 2:17)! He can never honestly be said to be made like us if he is actually God made into a man!

“The Father *himself*, who sent me, has testified about me. You *have neither heard his voice* at any time, *nor seen his form*.” (John 5:37)



So if the voice they were hearing and the shape they were seeing wasn't the person of the Father, whose was it? It was Jesus', but not God's!

Onenessians *consistently* interpret the Bible *the way the devil does!*

Jesus taught us *not to ignore or belittle the scriptures that speak more clearly* to us than others.



# In Conclusion

(This is what we learn either in these slides or in the book)

When preaching the saving truth, the apostles *never once strayed from preaching Christ as a man* who was foreknown and anointed by God. In fact, this same Son of God doctrine, that Jesus is a man, born of the offspring of David, foreknown and anointed by God is the only view of Christ that can make *all* these claims:

- \* It is the **only** view of Christ that the apostles invariably *preached (openly declared) for salvation and justification*.
- \* It is the **only** view of Christ that was *clearly and invariably confessed* without any ambiguity whatsoever.
- \* It is the **only** view of Christ that you can find *clearly and thoroughly taught* (expressed, explained and expounded on) throughout the Bible.
- \* It is the **only** view of Christ that *doesn't require any extra-biblical words* and phrases to adequately express.
- \* It is the **only** view that is *clearly prophesied* of throughout the Old Testament.
- \* It is the **only** view that is *clearly* expressed in *the first mention (Gen. 3:15) and the last mention of Christ (Rev. 22:16)* in the Bible (in addition to every other *clear* passage in between)!
  
- \* All other Christologies are based on pagan categories of incarnations (ie Acts 14:11)
- \* All other Christologies owe some of their main words and concepts to the anti-Christian Gnostics (ie "preexistence", "dual natures", etc.).
- \* All other Christologies resort to interpreting the Bible the way the devil does!

*Neither Trinitarians nor Onenessians can even come close to making any of these claims, let alone every one of them!* At best, both of those doctrines are shrouded in mystery as if the Bible was ashamed to come out and simply express the claims of these two opinions!

"For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16)

## Here then is the simple truth of the Son of God Doctrine:

“Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, *the Son of the Father, in truth* and love.” (2 John 3)

“Jesus [said], ‘Most assuredly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father doing. For whatever things he does, these the Son also does...” (John 5:19)

“Even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for *I am not alone*, but I am with the Father who sent me.” (John 8:16)

“You will leave me alone. Yet *I am not alone (monos)*, because the Father is with me.” (John 16:32)

**Won't you hear Jesus who says:**

**“I can do nothing of myself” and “I am not *monos* [Oneness]”!**

## Back Cover Text

From God's Declaration:

"This is **My** beloved **Son**" (Matthew 3:16-17)

To Peter's Confession:

"You are **the Christ, the Son of** the living **God**" (Matthew 16:16)

To the Ethiopian Eunuch:

"I believe that **Jesus Christ is the Son** of God" (Acts 8:37)

To the Apostle Paul, who:

"proclaimed the Christ, that **he is the Son** of God" (Acts 9:20)

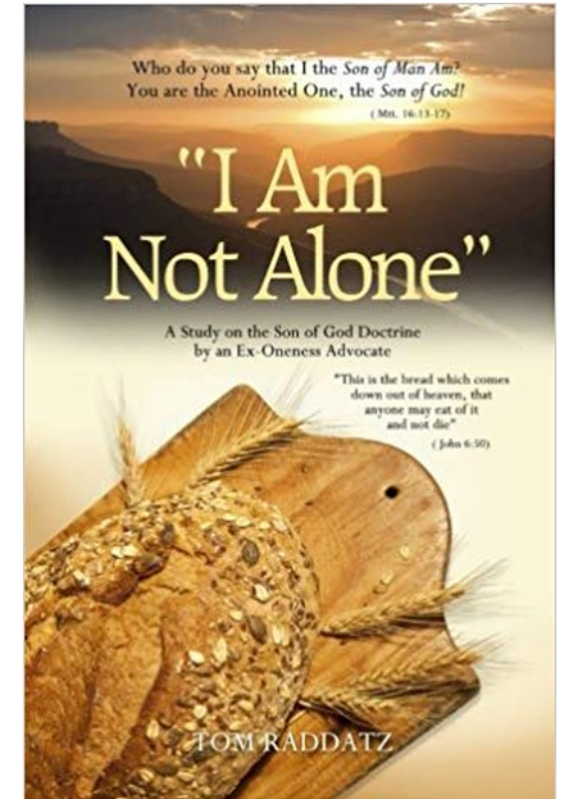
To John the Beloved:

"Lord Jesus Christ, **the Son of the Father, in truth**" (2 John 3)

This is the confession of belief that the apostles sought as the proper response to the Good News they preached.

**So what does "Son of the Father in truth" mean?** It's so simple and obvious that it's a wonder it has been so convoluted. When a child is **truly born**, a new individual is born; from the moment their own heart beats, and especially when their umbilical cord is severed and the child breathes on its own, **a new personality has emerged with a life of its own**. A "son" is not an emanation of the same exact essence of the Father (as in Trinitarianism); for one, it denies his mother. A "son" is never, ever defined as an incarnation of the person of the Father (as in Onenessianism), thus not a "son in truth". Oh no, such redefinitions are not models of a "son of the Father in truth." **Only a true Son will fit the description of the biblical "Son of the Father in truth"!**

In this book, the author presents biblical truth, precept upon precept, clearing the fog of centuries of false, man-made interpretations, to bring the reader back to the same confession that Christ called the "rock" upon which he would build his body of called-out saints: Jesus Christ, he is the Son of God.



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