

Jesus Christ is God

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I strive to agree with Jesus Christ in all things, because He loved me and suffered the punishment of my sins. It is possible that I have been mistaken in some matters. However I trust that He will correct me, if I have misunderstood something. I love His reprimand and His comfort because without them I cannot remain in truth. Thus, if there is something wrong in these writings it is the fault of Erkki Kuisma. Jesus deserves the credit for everything that is right.

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Light's jubilee

God's light is more miraculous than the light of sun. The light which is shining from His face can shine into your heart. To know God personally is the greatest gift that man can get. God became a man in Jesus Christ so that you could know Him.

The birthday of Jesus

Christmas is considered the birthday of Jesus. It is an odd birthday party, because then all other get presents except the hero of the day.

The Magi from the east celebrated the real Christmas, for they gave Jesus their presents. They wanted to ally themselves with the King who was just born. They showed with their presents that they accepted Jesus as their King. They wanted to be in alliance with Him, because they knew what will be the position of the Child.

What present do you give Jesus? Of course nothing, if you consider that He is dead. Jesus is God's present to us. Thanks to God for His gift! If you first receive His present then you can give your own present to Him.

When you receive Jesus as your own Saviour you will notice that He lives. After that you can give yourself to God. This changing of the presents is called becoming a believer. The day when you came to the faith is your real Christmas celebration. Then you were born of God.

Faith and Santa Claus

Has some faith helped you and have you got a gift from Santa Claus? If some faith has helped you, it is as if you got a gift from Santa Claus. In the same way than Santa Claus is not the original donator, a faith doesn't give anything to anybody.

It is just as stupid to believe in Santa Claus as to believe in one's Faith. A gift comes through Santa Claus and through faith also comes something, but from whom? What have you got through your faith? Did you get only some good emotional celebrations? Eternal life comes into you through the faith of Jesus Christ. Why then we hear so much about faith and so little about Jesus, who is the real thing?

When Santa Claus is used, it gives a possibility to hide a donator from a receiver of a gift. In the same way God is hidden from people, when

churches emphasize their faith and cults. They have a hard job to keep God and Jesus in hiding. Therefore they willingly emphasize their faith and sacraments that nobody could notice that Jesus exists.

In a sacramental baptism children are vaccinated against knowing God. The booster injection is given in a confirmation school. There they pretend to be true believers that antidotes against God's gospel could be created.

If Christmas is considered the birthday of Jesus, churches in close association with Santa Claus have done their best that the hero of the day is not the center of the jubilee. If they want to offer someone as an ideal image to people they rather bring forth Mary and the saints than Him, in whom *"all the fulness of the Deity lives in bodily form."* Col.2:9 *"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."* Rev.4:8

To know God personally is the greatest gift that man can get. It is a very expensive gift. Apostle Paul says: *"I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord..."* Phil.3:8 If someone knows Jesus even a little, it affects that he considers religious cults rubbish, because in the light of Jesus all things get their real value. Faith is not an end in itself but God is.

The gift is waiting for you! Receive it through the faith that comes from God's word. Don't believe in Santa Claus and in churches, but believe in Jesus. To know Him is more than to own all treasures of the world. I wish that you will get the heavenly infection to the God's call in spite of your immunization.

Let there be light

Light is a wonderful thing. In nature God has tuned life in the certain wave-lengths of the electromagnetic radiation. Light makes plants to grow and produce sugar. The earth teems creatures, which eat the energy of plants. There is no life without light. Therefore it can be said that life represents light. Also the Bible says, *"that life was the light of men."*

John.1:4

Sunlight doesn't create life but it only maintains it. Another light exists which is more than the electromagnetic radiation. In that light all functions of cells have been defined.

Nowadays data is transferred between computers in the light of the light cable. So is it any miracle, if God's light brings with it codes of life? Many honest askers are wondering that where has the seed of life drifted from to the earth.

The Bible announces that the information, which is stored in DNA codes, has come to the earth in the light. When God created the world He said: "Let there be light!" And during the days of that light all was created by God's Word. The Word of God doesn't create life in darkness. At Christmas night He said again: "Let there be light!" And Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem!

That light shined as a star in the sky of the Middle-East but it was not the light of a natural star. Apostle Paul went blind in that light on the road of Damascus. Jesus Christ is not only the Word, but He is also the Light, brighter than the light of the sun. *"Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world."* John.1:3,9

The words of God are like the codes of a computer-program. If that program is executed in the heart of a man, it will start a new process, which can live forever. The words of Jesus are spirit and they are life. They are the source codes of life. If they in your case stay only on the pages of the Bible, they are like a program disk whose images will never be loaded for the use of a processor. The processor of your spirit can only handle the data of spirit.

The Bible without the power of the Holy Spirit is like a computer program in a disk that is not running in a computer. It is needed a device, which reads the data of a disk to the electrical form so that it could be used by a processor. In the same way the Bible is useless to you, if the Holy Spirit doesn't get opportunity to give you its content in the spiritual form.

If your spirit hears His enlightening voice and you open your heart for those words, which He offers you from the Bible, the light of God's Word starts being loaded into your spirit. *"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."* 2Cor.4:6

Jesus says: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John.8:12 A lamp will be ignited in the heart, when man becomes a believer of Jesus. In this light God will create new things in the heart of the man. It is not only a new outlook on life, but a new creation.

Where there is not the light of God's Word there is a spiritual darkness. In that darkness there live only boring religious traditions. The Spirit of God maintains the Kingdom of Light in the hearts of believers. It is a herald of the new nature. *"Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves."* Col.1:12-13

Jesus Christ is the King of Light. His kingdom is near you. Do not be afraid to step into His light. Although you will be exposed to the shame of your dirtiness, He will wash you clean with the power of His blood! You will be a child of light, white as snow.

Christmas is a sensational piece of news

For 2000 years great news has been announced about what happened in the beginning of our calendar. God became a man in Jesus Christ. How it was done? If God would explain it, you wouldn't understand even basic concepts. So is anything impossible to God? Yes! *"He cannot disown himself."* 2Tim.2:13 He acts always according to His character. He is not a fanciful destiny, but *"He is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Heb.13:8

If you want at first to know how miracles are done and how they are possible, you try to reach too difficult things. If you want to know why miracles happen, you seek a better knowledge.

Why God became a man? He did it for our sinfulness. God had said: "Who commit a sin, will surely die". All have sinned and are under the judgement of God. He loves us and wants to forgive, but after our sins He cannot only say that "you will not die, so be it, I forgive you." He cannot take back his word, because He is God. His Word is God. Therefore a perfect and sinless sacrificial Lamb was needed. When Jesus died for us, the judgement of sinners was executed in Him. Therefore God can now take back your death-sentence, if you appeal to the sacrifice of Jesus.

You cannot find favour with God, if you take a wanton attitude to sin. Jesus has experienced the judgement of God for your sins and is it you who still continues your sin life and think that it is no matter how I live, Jesus has paid all? A mocker of grace cannot have peace with God!

Your part is to repent your wickedness and let God change your thoughts according to his mind. Great is a peace that Jesus gives to his owns! God's judgement is out of my life. I have peace with Him.

Let it come soon the Kingdom of God's Lamb onto earth! Although you cannot go to the manger to worship Jesus, you can do it there where you are now. He is God on the throne. He sees you and hears your voice when you confess your subjection. Let you have Jesus-jubilee for ever!

The Bible version used in references is NIV

God's name

What is the name of God? He can be called by many names which describe His qualities. What is the name that He wants us to call Him, when we seek the contact with Him? He has exalted one name above all other names. "Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

I AM

When God appeared to Moses in flames of fire from within a bush, Moses asked God to tell His name: "When the Israelites ask me, 'What is His name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses: "I AM WHO I AM." And He also said: *"This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."* Exod.3:13-14

The Israelites honoured this name of God so much that they never said "I am", so that they would not say His name in vain. They didn't use commonly this name, but instead they said about Him, Adonai, in other words Lord. This was an alias name of the true name Jahveh or I AM.

Sometimes in the Bible it is written "Lord Lord", which is in the Hebrew Bible "Adonai Jahveh". So both words are translated with the word Lord. Some believe that Lord's name must be pronounced Jehovah. There are these two ways to pronounce this name because the name Jahveh or Jehovah was originally written without vowels, Jhvh.

Why has God the name I AM?

God has not a share in any creation and He has always existed. Therefore this name best describes His being. In fact only He can say about Himself, "I AM", because everything exists only through Him. When we as human beings say, "I am", we actually mean, "I have been created".

Everything we add after the pair of words "I am", describes what kind of creatures we are. By saying "I am" we build our identities. If we say about ourselves too much we adopt an identity of an idol and so we try to be something great.

When God Himself says His name, "I AM", it is a powerful event. Moses had this experience. He had to go the shelter of a rock that he wouldn't die when God came near him and proclaimed His own name. God said to Moses: *"I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence."* ^{2Moos.33:19} The word LORD of this text is in the Hebrew Bible "Jahveh" or "I AM".

Jesus Christ is I AM

Jesus said: *"You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."* ^{John 8:23-24} Jesus proved that He has the name of God. He is the Son of Jahveh and the Son of LORD. Most people see Jesus only as a man. He really is the Son of Man, but the resurrection of Jesus proves that He is also the Son of God.

Jesus says: *"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, the one I claimed to be, and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me."* ^{John 8:28}

Jesus proclaims goodness of His name

"I am the gate whoever enters through me will be saved." ^{John.10:9} Jesus is the Gate to the Kingdom of God. He must accept you as His own, in order that you would get in. He says about this same thing: *"I am the good shepherd."* ^{John 10:11} He is searching lost sheep and lets them go through the gate into the grace of God and thus gives them the assurance of salvation.

However Jesus is not only one experience to us, but He comes into our life to be with us in everything we do. *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."* ^{John 14:6} We follow the example of Jesus. We obey the Truth and get from Him the power to live godly life.

Jesus is the Way. If we go on that way we have the reliable hope to reach heaven. Jesus is the Truth. If we obey Him we get the faith of God into our life. He says about this same thing: *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."* ^{John 6:35}

Jesus is Life. If we drink Him we will be refreshed by God's love. He says about this same thing: *"I am the resurrection and life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."* John 11:25 *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John 8:12 The example of Jesus cannot be followed by imitating Him.

He can be followed only so that He Himself lives in us. Therefore the life together with Jesus is as deep and fixed as is the contact of a branch to the tree trunk. *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ... Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."* John 15:1-4 God would like to graft every person in Jesus. In this way we can get a share of all that goodness, which He Is.

Jesus Christ is Lord

Jesus said that He came in the name of His Father. *"I have come in my Father's name,..."* John 5:43 After He had atoned our sins through His death, His Father exalted Him to very high. *"Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, ..., and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Phil.2:9-11

This word, Lord, doesn't mean only Adonai, but Jahveh or Jehovah or I AM. People who are called Jehovah's Witnesses are the wrong witnesses to Jehovah, because they don't bear the witness that Jesus Christ is Jehovah. Instead of this they say that Jesus is the archangel Michael.

Confession of mouth saves

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom.10:9

Because God has exalted the name of Jesus, you also should do the same in your own life.

If you are not now able to confess that Jesus is your Lord, you can however call on this Name. *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Rom.10:13 This Lord mentioned in the New Testament means Jesus, but this text is a quotation from the Old Testament, Joel 2:32. There that word Lord is Jahveh.

If you call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and you believe that He is the one that He claims to be, God will answer you.

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The Israel of God

Hear, the true Israel, your King will come with clouds and all nations will surrender under the power of the Kingdom of God.

True children of Abraham

The Jews said to Jesus: *"Abraham is our father."* Joh.8:39 In reply to this Jesus said: *"If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham."* Joh.8:39 Thus Jesus proved to us that He didn't consider them true Israelis, though they were descendants of Abraham.

Jesus considered the children of Abraham those who had the similar relationship with God as Abraham had. *"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad."* Joh.8:56 With this statement Jesus refers to that event when He came to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre (Genesis 18) and promised that Isaac will be born after a year. Although Jesus had taken the shape of man, Abraham treated Him as the Lord God and received His words as the words of God. He, who respects Jesus as God, is a true Israeli.

Because the Word of God came to prepare His coming in the flesh, He came to Abraham in a heavenly body which had the shape of man. Jesus was born into our sinful family from the virgin Mary who was a descendant of Isaac. Those Jews, who didn't see God in Jesus, didn't do the works of Abraham.

On the one hand Jesus admits that Abraham is their father by saying "your father Abraham" and on the other hand He denies Abraham being their father by saying "if you were Abraham's children". In this way Jesus reveals that there are two Israels: the natural and spiritual ones.

Peace to the Israel of God!

Paul blesses the Israel of God by saying as follows: *"In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God!"* Ga.6:15-16

All, who are new creations in Christ Jesus, belong to the Israel of God. They are children of Abraham. They have received Jesus of Nazareth as

the Messiah, who is Jhvh (Yhwh). Jeshua (Yeshua) Messiah is Jahveh (Yahweh)!

Paul had been a patriotic fanatic. After coming to the faith he still loved the natural Israel, but he was able to separate it from the Israel of God, because he loved God more than his family. Therefore he said: *"They are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham."* Ro.9:6-7

So it is clear that the Israel of God is the nation, which is formed by the people who have had the spiritual birth. *"Us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles."* Ro.9:24

The Church of God consists of children of Abraham who are both Jews and Gentiles. There are not two nations of God: the Church and Israel. *"There is neither Jew nor Greek,..., for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

Ga.3:28

Paul says that the Gentiles who have come to the faith have received the citizenship of Israel. He is speaking about the citizenship of the Israel of God and not of the state of Israel. *"At that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world."*

Eph.2:12-13

Paul says that the Jews were near the citizenship of the true Israel and the Gentiles far from it. Both the natural Israel and the Gentiles have no peace with God, but Jesus proclaims peace to the both. *"He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father."*

Eph.2:17-18

Because the Church of God is one body in Jesus Messiah, the believers of Jesus of all nations belong to the one and the same true Israel. The Jews who believe in Jesus Messiah are a part of the Church of God in the same way as the believers of the other nations.

The state of Israel and the true Israel

The citizens of the state of Israel are not consisted only of the natural descendants of Abraham but also of those who only practise the Jewish religion. They have been converted to Jews outwardly but they are

neither the natural nor spiritual descendants of Abraham. Thus the citizenship of the state of Israel doesn't represent any biblical citizenship of Israel.

A spiritual descendant of Abraham is a true Jew and has also experienced the circumcision of heart. *"For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter."* Ro.2:28-29

The heart of Abraham was circumcised when he offered his son Isaac on the altar. Now those who belong to Jesus experience the same, when they in the Holy Spirit crucify their sinful nature by the cross of Jesus. All who belong to Jesus are true Jews, no matter what is their nation.

Jesus predicted the destruction of the natural Israel of His time: *"They will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."* Lu.21:24

The natural Israel was fatally wounded by the sword, when it was dispersed into all nations. When it is brought back to its own country, its fatal wound will be healed. *"Thus says the LORD: 'The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness - Israel, when I went to give him rest'."* Jer.31:2

Peace with God is possible only through the Sacrifice of God, in the blood of Jesus Messiah. Paul told us that Israel, who is brought back to his country, will one day be saved from the hardening of his heart. *"Blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved."* Ro.11:25-26 Till that day the state of Israel is a part of the godless world, which is under the control of the devil. When the full number of the Jews and Gentiles have come in to the true Israel, Jesus, the King of Israel will come and then the whole world will be under the control of the Good One.

Jesus predicted that the Jews will receive the Antichrist as their Messiah: *"I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive."* Joh.5:43 Only those, who have received Jesus as their Messiah, are of God. They bear this witness of the world: *"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies*

under the sway of the wicked one." 1Jo.5:19 The whole world - also the state of Israel - is under the control of the evil one. The Kingdom of God will come on the earth, not until Jesus comes back to the earth.

God doesn't bless those who bless the current state of Israel. The promise given to Abraham applies to the Israel of God, which means Jesus and His. *"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* Ge.12:3

Blessed is Jeshua Messiah who came in the name of Jahveh! Blessed is everyone who is His. Hear, you who are of the true Israel, your King will come with clouds and all the nations will surrender under His power. It will be everlasting kingdom that will never be destroyed!

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God is one

Jesus lived only for the will of His Father. God the Father has given all the power to His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit brings forward only Jesus Christ. Thus "the LORD our God, the LORD is one."

Trinity

In the Bible there is not a word "trinity". From this we can conclude that this concept is not needed for knowing God. Instead the New Testament speaks about God as God the Father and as the Son and as the Holy Spirit. The concept of the triune God has been made from this fact for another purpose than for knowing God. The unity of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is described better with the word triunity than with the word trinity because their unity is so great.

Many ask: If God is one, how could He have a Son? In order to remove this offense the concept of trinity is being used. In practice we see that this concept doesn't satisfy most people because they ask ahead: How could one be equal with three? God's Spirit doesn't declare the trinity, because it doesn't give us the knowledge of God. Instead He tells us about the relationship between God the Father and Jesus.

Men have brought into use the concept trinity because they do not want to be obedient to Jesus. So that nobody could see the truth they want to hide the fact that God the Father has exalted Jesus above everything and everyone. Jesus has been exalted because of His humility. *"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Php.2:9,11

Jesus must be honored as the true God after His resurrection through the will of God the Father. Many Christian leaders have wanted to be lords among believers. Therefore they have tried to invalidate the exalting of Jesus to the Lord by declaring the holy trinity. Here the word Lord means God or Jahveh (= LORD) of the Old Testament. The confession of the early congregation was: "Jesus Christ is LORD." *"Thomas answered and said to Him: 'My Lord and my God!'"* Joh.20:28

God is always only one, though He reveals Himself in different ways in different times. Before Jesus was born to be man He was the Word

of God. At His birth from Mary He undressed His godhead and became man. When He was raised from the dead He returned to His glory.

God's Word

Before Jesus became man He was the Word of God. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... The Word became 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."*

Joh.1:1,14

From the mouth of God came out the Word through which He has created everything. Once this Word will return back to God. *"Then comes the end, when He (= Jesus) delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ... Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."* 1Co.15:24,28

Now someone may ask why a word that came out from God's mouth is God? If you cannot honor Jesus as the true God it tells us that you have not got that understanding from God. *"We know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."* 1Jo.5:20

If you repent your evilness and seek God's grace, He will give you the understanding to know who Jesus is. See Jesus as the perfect man and the Son of God who died for you on the cross so that you could experience God's love and become His own. After that you will see that now He is the true God although He once was the Lamb of God on the cross.

We now live in a period when Jesus Christ reigns to put all His enemies under His feet. God the Father has given Him all authority. Therefore Jesus must be put forth and in Him also the Father and the Holy Spirit come forth. Jesus, exalted by His Father, manifests love and humbleness between the Father and the Son. Jesus, exalted by the Holy Spirit, proclaims God's love and truth to us so that we could be saved.

Some people disown the Father and claim that only Jesus is God. Proclaiming this doctrine has the same effect as proclaiming the trinity,

because they both hide God's humbleness and make Jesus' obedience to the Father seem mere playacting. The exalting of Jesus would be impossible if God the Father didn't exist or if Jesus was not also a true man. Thus pride has created two doctrines which have the same consequences although they formally are opposites.

The Son of God and the Son of Man

Jesus called Himself the Son of Man by which He manifested that He was born from sinful Mary. He also called Himself the Son of God by which He revealed that He was the Word of God which became man. As the Son of Man He was in all points tempted as we are. As the Son of God He overcame all the temptations and never did any injustice.

Some people have such a doctrine of the trinity which denies the true human nature of Jesus. They think that Jesus could not truly die on the cross because He was God. They make the life and the atonement work of Jesus a drama without real temptations and without hellish death on the cross. Some of them have even exalted Mary to be God so that they could be sure that people are not able to see the real human nature of Jesus and thus are unable to compare themselves with His goodness and would not repent and would not be saved.

The godhead of Jesus manifested itself in His life without sin and with perfect accordance to the will of God. He didn't use and show His divine authority although He was often tempted to do it. He would have been able to change stones into bread and to fly as a super man and to ask legions of angels to help Him, but He remained man so that He could atone for our sins. *"Jesus Christ being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."* Php.2:6-7

Many say that Jesus is not God because He said: *"My Father is greater than I."* Joh.14:28 Because they don't understand the humbleness of God, they do not understand this. Of course God the Father was greater because Jesus had made Himself nothing and had become man. However now - at this moment - He is exalted on the throne of God. Therefore I confess: "Jesus Christ is my God."

Only the Holy Spirit can prove to you that Jesus is LORD. He is everywhere in the world testifying of the name of Jesus. People, who have not acknowledged His testimony, cannot understand who Jesus is.

God's Spirit

When coming to the faith man receives the Holy Spirit, which is manifested by understanding who Jesus is. *"No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."* 1Co.12:3

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to His own. He also promised that He Himself will come to His own, thus revealing being with His own through the Holy Spirit. This we have also experienced in practice when we have experienced the presence of Jesus in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said about God's Spirit as follows: *"He will glorify me, for He will take of what is mine and declare it to you."* Joh.16:14

In the Spirit of Jesus we can call God our Father. The Holy Spirit in our spirit prays like Jesus and the Father hears us because of His Son. Jesus is represented in the world by us who belong to Him in the same way as the Father was represented by Jesus. In the same way as the world saw the Father in Jesus it sees Jesus in Christians.

In the days of His flesh Jesus said that He represented the Father: *"He who has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?"* Joh.14:9-10

Jesus represented the Father for us and the Holy Spirit represents Jesus for us. Thus the Holy Spirit represents for us also the Father through the Son. This proves that only one God exists, because They completely stick together.

Because Jesus lived only for the will of His Father and God the Father has given Jesus all authority and the Holy Spirit brings forth only Jesus, we have only one God.

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The Father and the Son

God has revealed Himself as the Father and the Son so that we could learn to love Him. If you love God you have got the most precious treasure of all the treasures!

The commandment of love

The ability to love God is the greatest happiness and property. When giving us His ten commandments He wanted to prove us that we don't love Him. If we loved there would be no need to tell us to love. Loving God is obeying His commands and they are not burdensome for us, if we love Him.

The commandment, "love", has inspired many to trying to live according to the Commandments of God. Self-confidently they have thought that "yes, I can". That enthusiasm and effort is a good thing, but it is a bad thing if they don't admit they failed to fulfil the commandments. Do you suffer from your inability to love God?

Love between two persons can teach to others what is love. God had to become man so that we could learn to love. God has the Son so that the love between God the Father and His only Son would teach us to love God.

God is One

Many don't accept that Jesus Christ is the only Son of God. They give mathematic reasons for their opinion. They say that one cannot be equal to two or three. How wise they are! When they don't accept Jesus as the Son of God they refuse to learn to love God.

The Bible tells about the phases of God and His Word as follows. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* Joh.1:1 Jesus is the Word of God. The whole universe has been created through Him. The Word that came out from the mouth of God was like "Big Bang". This Word became man in Jesus.

"The Word became 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."

Joh.1:14

When Jesus was a human being He had made Himself of no reputation of divine glory. He was born from a sinful woman, Mary, which made Him into a true man. Therefore He said that the Father is greater than I. However this doesn't prevent us from confessing Jesus Christ to be God, if we understand who He is. If you confess Him to be God, it is the same if you believe that He rose from the dead.

Jesus died and rose up and returned to His original position as the Word of God. Additionally He still is the Son of Man in His glorified resurrection body. When He has finished His ruling work, He will return to His original position in God. *"Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."* 1 Co.15:24,28

God is One, but for your sake He has appeared as the Father and the Son. If you refuse to see God as the Father and the Son, He will stay a hidden God to you.

Childlike people can learn to love

God has hidden Himself from the wise, because they don't receive a revelation, but they themselves want to explore and to find the truth. Instead God has revealed Himself to childlike minded people, who believe the testimony of a reliable person without further reasoning.

"In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in your sight. All things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."" Lu.10:21-22

God the Father bears witness of Jesus to you and He bears witness of His Father to you. Do you hear? How could you hear, if you are so wise you think that it is impossible that God could have a son. Many times a voice came out from the heaven and said about Jesus: *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"* Mt.17:5 Also today you can hear this same testimony with the ears of your spirit - if you are not wise and prudent.

If you understood that God the Father loves Jesus, you can also notice how Jesus loved His Father. Out of love for His Father Jesus was obedient to Him in everything. His love was tested many times, but He overcame all the trials. When Jesus took our guilt on Himself in Gethsemane, it was a difficult moment. Then He prayed: *"O my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."* Mt.26:39

When Jesus died, the sun was darkened, the earth quaked and the rocks were split. What did God the Father feel at that moment? "My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" He gave His beloved Son to be the sacrifice for our sins. In that way He loved us, but now don't think about it, but think about His love toward Jesus. The Son was obedient to His Father to the point of death.

The heart of God the Father was moved because of the love of Jesus so much that He gave Jesus all power in heaven and on earth. Also you will do the same as God the Father and give Jesus all power in your life, if you truly understand what He did for you.

God sacrificed His Son

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. But gave, for what? Did He give His Son to be mocked by bad people and to their violence? Yes, but it is not enough. God the Father told us by Abraham what He was to do. He said to Abraham: *"Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."* Ge.22:2

Isaac was especially beloved, because Abraham and Sarah had got him after a long time of childlessness. He was very unique, because he had been born according to God's promise from the ninety years old Sarah. However God asked him to take his knife and to slain his dear son.

Golgotha is in the land of Moriah, where God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. God asked Abraham to do what He did Himself. He sacrificed on Golgotha His only Son, whom He loved. God slew His Son so that you could be saved. God left His Son exposed to His own wrath. That is enough to atone our sin! Therefore in the heaven this praise is

shouted: *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"* Re.5:12

When Jesus had taken our guilt upon Himself on Gethsemane, He felt how He lost the connection to His Father. On the cross He experienced how God hated Him due to our sins. The wrath of God darkened Golgotha in the middle of the day. On the cross Jesus experienced how God's wrath penetrated His pure soul and He cried out: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* Mt.27:46

God the Father looked down from the heaven at His beloved Son, who was hanging on the cross having the guilt of our sins on Him. There were set one upon another, what God most loved and hated, Jesus and our sins. Although the Father saw His dear Son under our sins, He didn't close His eyes to our judgment, but He allowed His Son to be met with His wrath. He had no mercy on sin - not even because of His most beloved.

While experiencing God's wrath Jesus didn't lose His love to His Father, but before dying He cried out: *"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."* Lu.23:46

When Jesus died the veil of the temple of God was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked and the rocks were split, because the heart of God the Father was broken for His Son. Behold! The Lamb of God who took away your sin!

Do you know God's fire, glow of His love that bursted into flames on Golgotha? Do you see impetuosity of His face when He raised His dear Son up from Hades?

Do you see the radiant face of God the Father, when Jesus returns to Him after His resurrection? What a wonderful triumph when the Father exalted His Son to His Throne and made all things in the universe subject to Him. *"Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Fil.2:11

All in their turn have to confess that Jesus Christ is true God. However only confessing the facts saves nobody, but obedience to the Truth working through love. Therefore enemies of your salvation do their best so that you would not experience the love between God the Father and

Jesus. If you don't experience that love, you don't get strength to obey God.

God the Father didn't spare His Son from His judgment, when your sins were upon Him. So much He hates your evilness. Look at God's love and His anger at the same time and you will be changed. After that also you won't spare your bad ego, but you deny yourself and take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Many believe that Jesus experienced on the cross only the hate of the devil, bad people and demons. They refuse to see the fact that He was struck by God there. They don't want to talk about God's wrath related to the atonement work, but only about God's love. In this way they take away the power of the greatest event ever happened in the universe.

To be in Jesus Christ

Death and Hades couldn't keep Jesus under their power, because He was pure and innocent. God can save you from death, because Jesus took your judgment on Himself and paid God your sin debts. God the Father shows to you His love toward Jesus because He wants to draw you into the sphere of Their love. You are allowed to experience that God the Father loves you as He loves His Son, Jesus and only for His sake.

However maybe you would like to experience that He would love you for the sake of you yourself and not only for the sake of Jesus. You can experience it if you confess to be an enemy of God. The high price was not paid for you because you were so worthy but because God is so good that He loves also His enemies. Don't allow the high ransom lead you to believe that God would love you as a proud, greedy and selfish person.

God loved you as His enemy, when He sent Jesus to atone your sins. It is God's love towards you yourself. Are you able to receive the love shown toward an enemy or do you demand God to love you for the sake of your own goodness? If you demand that, you don't accept the gospel of God.

In the Bible there is used the phrase "to be in Jesus Christ." For instance: *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."* Ro.8:1 What does it mean to be "in Him"? This kind of phrase doesn't belong to daily talking. How could one person be in another person? It is not possible otherwise than in divine love. God the Father

loves you for the sake of Jesus Christ. He sees His Son in you, if Jesus lives in you.

Those who belong to Jesus have got the access into the sphere of love between God the Father and Jesus. *"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."* Joh.17:22-23

As long as we remain in God's love we stay in this wonderful unity of love. Just for this staying in love Jesus prays for His own: "Sanctify them by Your truth." Remaining in God's truth separates us from God's love. Love and truth have become one thing in Jesus Christ. So then, they are no longer two but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

Many believe they have got forgiveness of their sins by the atonement work of Jesus, but they refuse to live according to the teachings of Jesus. In this way they try to separate God's love and His truth from each other. How can they at the same time despise His teachings and love Him? Could there be any other reason than that they have not received God's love in Jesus Christ or they have lost the love they received?

More than anything else guard your heart to remain in the love of God. Many confess Jesus with their mouth, but by their actions they deny Him, because their heart doesn't love God. *"Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father."* 1Jo.2:23-24

No man can give you love towards God, but the Holy Spirit gives it into your heart when looking at the love between the Father and the Son. Therefore now pray to God that you would be allowed to be set on fire by His love.

The Bible version used in references is NKJV

The Scriptures on my heartboard

The Bible leads godless people to the salvation and gives teachings to believers. The men of God have written the Bible, but God writes His words with His own hand on the boards of our hearts.

To whom has the Bible been written?

The teachings of the Bible have been written to the believers and its testimonies to all the people. The four gospels prove to everybody that Jesus Messiah is the Son of God. The apostle John says about his gospel: *"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."* John 20:31

Paul says that the Bible is for the man of God in other words for a believer: *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* 2Tim.3:16-17

Who has written the Bible?

God has commanded some of His servants to write down what they got from God. The genuineness of their writings has always been attacked.

God told Moses to write the law. He asked the prophets to write the prophecies they received. The apostles of Jesus were commanded to write about the life, the deeds and the teachings of Jesus.

Common to all the writers of the Bible is the fact that they are eye-witnesses and pieces of evidence of the events they write about. When you read the Bible you can learn something about their personality. When they repeat to you the words they heard from the mouth of God, you can learn something about the personality of God. In this way God speaks to us from the middle of human imperfection.

He could have commanded an angel to write the Bible or He could have written it Himself. However He didn't do so, because He was pleased to have a human being witnessing of Him. Jesus Himself didn't write a letter to be a part of the Bible, because He followed His Father also in this matter.

Why is some book in the Bible?

In the Bible there are only writings of the prophets and the apostles authorized by God. In the world there have been many false prophets and false apostles. Also they have their own books. A book shares the same spirit as the writer of the book. Therefore you must recognize spirits, what is from God and what is not. You can recognize that the books of the Bible share the same Spirit.

Is it so that only the writings of the Bible are God-breathed? In the Bible it is nowhere said that only this book is inspired by the Spirit of God. On the contrary it emphasizes that the whole world would have not enough room for the books that are possible to write about the Word of God.

How do you know what a book has got its birth from the Spirit of God? Only the persons who themselves have got their births from the Spirit of God are able to recognize it. One who has been born of the Spirit of God recognizes another one who is born of the same Spirit. The New Testament is an exclusive selection of books that believers of the early congregation accepted as the writings of the apostles of Jesus.

The Church Council that decided on the books of the New Testament had not a spiritual ability to recognize the right books. It didn't do the selection but only accepted the books that were in use. The discarded books were not like-minded with the books that believers used.

In any case the Bible doesn't tell everything that could have been written. The apostle John says: *"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book."*

John 20:30 The Bible is only a part of what would be possible to write about the Word of God. *"Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."* John 21:25

In the New Testament the apostles bear their own witness of Jesus. They saw how Jesus lived, died, rose from dead and stepped up to heaven. Therefore the Bible is more than the other writings that have got their birth from the Spirit of God. Every day new writings are being born from the Spirit of God and they are useful for people. However they are not equivalent to the New Testament because none of their writers is one of the twelve.

Reliability of the Bible

The Bible is trustworthy because it speaks about matters that work in practice just as written. God is good and the world is under the control of the evil one and who believes in Jesus experiences a salvation. The Bible only confirms the matters that people in any case know in their consciences. The deeds of God are on view for all.

In some cases archaeology or other sources support the reliability of the Bible. These impersonal evidences are as though objective proofs. However they determine nothing. Man's heart must in any case decide whether to accept the content of the message or not. If it says no to the matter, then there is no evidence that would be enough.

Jesus of the Bible is so convincing a person that he who rejected Him would also resist Jesus if he met Him on a street.

A book is just as reliable as its writer. The effect of the Spirit of God can be noticed in the writers of the Bible. Indeed it is confidence in a person that is needed and not a scientific analysis. God has a good reason why He has not written the Bible with His own hand. Yes, God's finger wrote the Ten Commandments on stone and Moses copied them to his book. If God's finger had written the whole Bible, we hardly would trust in the Bible more. Instead God has promised to write with His own hand a better writing than a book, but not on paper or on stone.

Errors of the Bible

When man doesn't accept the rebuke of the Bible and his conscience, he tries to defend himself by searching errors in the Bible. Just the same happens to a person who rebukes his neighbour who doesn't accept the rebuke. "Are you saying to me that you are better than me? Also you are guilty..." A proud one tries to turn a negative attention away from oneself.

The Bible is totally inspired by the Spirit of God. However it doesn't mean that the text would be completely without errors. In the Bible there are some errors, as there are also in the best believer. However those errors are not remarkable from the point of the message.

For instance these two Bible passages contain different numbers: 1 Chron.18:4 says that charioteers were 7000. 2Samuel 8:4 says about

the same event that charioteers were 1700. What is the meaning of this error? Maybe it is a copying error, because another version of the text gives the same number in the book of Samuel as in the Chronicles. In the Bible there are also other same kinds of errors, but you are mindless if you discard its message because of them.

In addition there are some little translation errors. For instance in the previous Bible text the word "charioteer" is translated "horseman" in the Finnish Bible (1933 translation). I suppose that a horseman is incorrect, because it is mostly translated as a charioteer.

Many claim to find conflicts also in the message of the Bible. Usually it is caused by the fact that they share a different spirit from the writers of the Bible. If they understood the thoughts of God they would notice that there are no conflicts.

God has allowed some errors in the Bible so that nobody would give the Bible the glory that belongs to God. Do not search a perfect book, but be fascinated with the perfect God.

Worship of the Bible

The opponents of Jesus respected the Bible too much and therefore they didn't recognize Him. *"You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."* John 5:39-40

The Bible guides us to God. If we don't put the word of the Bible into practice in our life, a Bible study doesn't benefit us at all.

They who worship the Bible cannot accept that there could be any error in the Bible. They consider the Bible a supernatural fetish that radiates mystic light. They repeat Bible passages like spells. They believe that the Word has an effect although it doesn't go to their hearts. They have excluded God away from their hearts and put Biblicism on them.

Worshippers of the Bible claim that there is no God's word outside the Bible. They don't say that the Bible is a part of God's word but they say that the Bible is the Word of God. In this way they make the Bible into Jesus. Only He is the Word of God.

All the fulness of the Deity lives in Jesus, not in the Bible. The Bible is only a drop of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the perfect storage of the

words of God, not the Bible. He distributes to us from the property of Jesus, and the whole world would not have room for the books that were possible to write about His fullness.

Scriptures on your heart

Although God has not written us a book with His own hand, He has promised to do more. He wants to write His words to the board of our hearts. *"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time', declares the LORD. 'I will put my law in their minds and WRITE it ON THEIR HEARTS. I will be their God, and they will be my people.'"* Jer.31:33

We know that this writing doesn't concern only the Jews but everybody who believes in Jesus. The previous text resides also in the New Testament: *"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will WRITE them ON THEIR MINDS.' Then He adds: 'Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.'"* Heb.10:16-17

This is a great experience! God Himself writes on my heart. When Paul speaks to the Corinthian he refers to this writing work. *"You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."* 2Cor.3:3 Notice that the Scriptures of your heart is more valuable for you than the Bible as a book, because its writer is God Himself. *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."* 2Cor.4:7

Jesus said to those Jews who believed in the Bible as a Word of God: *"Nor does His word dwell in you."* John 5:38 If God has succeeded in writing His word on your heart, then His word dwells in you.

Why is there not in the Bible the book called: "The Letter of Christ"? Therefore because God wants to write it to Your heart.

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God's light is more miraculous than the light of sun. The light which is shining from His face can shine into your heart. To know God personally is the greatest gift that man can get. God became a man in Jesus Christ so that you could know Him.

What is the name of God? He can be called by many names which describe His qualities. What is the name that He wants us to call Him, when we seek the contact with Him? He has exalted one name above all other names. "Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Hear, the true Israel, your King will come with clouds and all nations will surrender under the power of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus lived only for the will of His Father. God the Father has given all the power to His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit brings forward only Jesus Christ. Thus "the LORD our God, the LORD is one."

God has revealed Himself as the Father and the Son so that we could learn to love Him. If you love God you have got the most precious treasure of all the treasures!

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