

The aim of this study - The False Doctrine of the Trinity - is that you will prayerfully study this subject for yourselves, as you do you will see the Bible open up in a new and beautiful light for you. This study, and the study The god's of Babylon is to show you where this doctrine originated and to see how it has permeated most modern day churches and the importance it has for your salvation. There is also a very good question and answer document that may answer some outstanding questions you have after the presentation, and of course you can always e-mail us your questions. There is always room to doubt but we must go by the weight of Bible evidence.

A wise man will stick to revelation from God which includes scripture. A foolish man will imagine all kinds of vain imaginations with his own mind from his own spirit and try to create God in an image that fits his limited understanding.

As we go into this study I want you to try and take all preconceived ideas from your mind, the purpose of this study is to read the word of God, we need to read what it says, not what we think it should say, or, might be saying, and not what tradition has handed down to us. This is God's book, His word, so we must take His word and not alter it in any way. In the final book of the Bible, Revelation, God gives us a serious warning His last words are:

Revelation 22:18-19 ¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹ And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

A solemn warning, and one not to be taken lightly. You see the human race is fickle, we are sinful we have faults and weaknesses, no matter who we are:

The Bible tells us in Jeremiah 17:9

Jeremiah 17:9 ⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

God knew that error would come to His people because this is Satan's plan, what he wants, he wants us to have a distorted picture of God and God's love for us, and what better way to do this than mix truth with error, this is the way Satan always works. It tells us this in John 8:44

⁴⁴ Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

You see there is a Great Controversy being played out, Satan determined that we will be lost and God wanting us saved and in His kingdom, offering each one of us a crown of gold and eternal life.

And this is why God gave us His book, the Bible, that we may know without a doubt who God is and how He would have us follow and worship Him, that we may attain Eternal Life. But we often think we know better, or we are too lazy to study for ourselves, we listen to men and preachers not delving into the word of God for ourselves, but this is what God would have us do. He wants to be our teacher. In 2 Timothy 2:15 it says...

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

So let's go back to the beginning, the very start of creation. We are told that God spoke our world into being; God said and it was so.

Genesis 1:1-2 ¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

So in the very first verse of the Bible in Genesis 1:1 we find God creating the earth, in verse two we find the <u>Spirit of God</u> moving upon the face of the waters. Note, this say's the Spirit of God-not God the Holy Spirit, we must read what it says.

Now creation has been attributed to the Holy Spirit as much as to the Father and the Son due to the above text. But what the readers sometimes fail to acknowledge is the possessive terminology used in the above verse. In this verse the possessive is used: "The Spirit of God". It does not say "God the Spirit". We read in

Psalms 33:6 ⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

The Hebrew word for "breath" is ruach which is the same word translated "spirit." When we look at the original, the meaning should be clear: the spirit of God *is* the breath of God. This is confirmed further by Jesus in the New Testament...

John $20:22^{22}$ And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Ruach in the Hebrew and Pneuma in the Greek actually mean wind, breath, air in motion. The very breath of God (this is why Jesus breaths the Spirit on the disciples in John 20). Imagine the breath of the almighty God. If God has the power to create the heavens and earth simply by speaking, the power of the Spirit being breathed into a room would have been overwhelming. It would have truly been like a "rush of a **violent** wind."

So we see that this is not someone else. It is this same spirit that is mentioned in Genesis 1:2, "It is the Spirit *of* God", which can also be translated "breath of God".

It also means "life." By resemblance to breath and air in motion, it means "spirit." That's where we get the translation, and the Hebrew word contains all those different meanings. If we just leave it with our English word "spirit," we are not getting the full attributes of what the Bible is trying to describe. It's trying to describe that there's a breath involved. So in Genesis 1:1-2 if we now use the Hebrew word for Spirit it would read...

Genesis 1:1-2 ¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Breath** of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Now if the Spirit of God, the breath of God was hovering over the face of the deep, and then God said, "Let there be light," when you speak, it's through your breath that the words take form. Just imagine that: God speaking, His breath comes out, and there was light."

Let's take this into the New Testament because we have almost the same thing where Jesus is talking about the Holy Spirit. In John He says...

John 3:6-8 ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. ⁸ The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Here Jesus is talking about the Holy Spirit, and He's saying that it's like the wind. Pneuma, which again means "a current of air," "breath," or a "breeze, " and again by analogy, "a spirit." So both the Hebrew Ruach, and the Greek Pneuma talks about breath, wind. Back in Creation, in Genesis, you have how God made us. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Some translations say living being. It's from the breath of God that we actually

get our life. And so now you can see the linkage of how we were created by the very breath

of God.

The meaning is clear, the spirit of God is the breath of God. This is confirmed further by Jesus in

John 20:22 ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Jesus breathed His own Spirit, not someone else. It is this same spirit that is mentioned in Genesis 1 verse 2, "the Spirit of God", which is the "breath of God". Psalm 33 confirms this...

Psalms 33:6 ⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

And in Job we read...

Job 33:4 ⁴ The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

The Spirit of God is equated with His breath. That is what the word means. We have seen this in both the Old and New Testament.

So a more accurate reading of Genesis would be the Breath of God moved upon the face of the waters. This ties in with Job 33:4 Psalms and Matthew and John.

God spoke and it was so. And once you have the original wording it opens up a whole new dimension, it shows us the Sprit of God **not** God the Holy Spirit, which is never mentioned in the Bible. Now let's move on to the book of John...

In John 1:1 we find that..... the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And here is where some confusion might start to come in, why, because from this verse some people say this makes God and Jesus the same person. But what does the Bible say? We have to take the word of the Bible alone to interpret itself, no preconceived ideas no listening to man just listening to God as He speaks and guides us through His word, because Isaiah tells us...

And this is what we have been dong, comparing scripture with scripture.

Now in Genesis 1 verse 26 it says...

Genesis 1:26 ²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

Genesis 2:7 ⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:18, 21-24 ¹⁸ And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him......²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²² And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh

Mark 10:6,9 ⁶ But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. ⁶ But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. ⁹ What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. (Separate).

So now we have two Adam and Eve formed after God's image (us). Also note that God is telling us here both in Genesis and in Mark – so we are comparing scripture with scripture that these two will be one. That is why marriage is so important, it's what God ordained for us and these two shall become one.

Now we know that there are still two people, but they are to become one in support to each other, in caring for each other, wanting the same things, love, harmony, togetherness, they are joined together with the same goals and purposes.

This will come out more in our study so it's important to remember this. So far we have seen that God had a companion when He created the world because God said let Us. Now we have Adam and Eve, two individuals but of one purpose sharing all things.

So in the beginning, when the world was created we have seen that there was God and the Word, we know the Word to be Jesus, but let's just clarify this. In Genesis 1:26 it says...

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John 1:1-5 ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God**, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ **All things were made by him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

In Colossians 1:12-16,19 it tells us... ¹² Giving thanks unto the **Father**, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³ Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of **his dear Son**: ¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: ¹⁵ Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶ **For by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:.......... ¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

Colossians 2:9 ⁹ For in him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

So here we see the Father and His Son. God has begun to show us what He is like, what the Godhead is like, two, but one in purpose sharing the same goals the same love. Jesus was as God because God had bestowed on Him all the fullness of Himself. It was given to Jesus as His by inheritance as God's Son.

So let's just clarify what we have found out; so far, in creation we have found that......

- 1. In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth 2. The Word Jesus was with God.
- 3. That all things were made through Jesus. 4. That man was made in their image. 5. We saw that the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 6. Then God made Eve so Adam would not be alone, and said that they should become as one flesh. Two individual persons, but working together as one.

Two but as one. What did Jesus tell us in John 10:3.

John 10:3 I and my Father are one.

Right from creation God is showing the relationship between Him and His Son the closeness and love they share, but just the two of them, there is no third person.

This is what made Satan jealous, he thought he should be involved in all the plans, and decisions. He will take worship wherever, and in whatever way he can which is why he would have us think there is a third person of the Godhead, but he is the one masquerading as the third person, he is the one that is masquerading as God the Holy Spirit. We will look at this a little later, but Timothy also confirms the Godhead and the family of Heaven...

1Timothy 5:21 ²¹ I charge thee before **God**, and **the Lord Jesus Christ**, and the elect **angels**, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

Matthew 11:27 ²⁷ All things are delivered unto me of my **Father**: and no man knoweth the **Son**, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

God the Father His beloved Son and the angels, if there was God the Holy Spirit why is He not mentioned? Nowhere in the Bible will you find God the Holy Spirit, you will find God's Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, but no third being.

Now let's just clarify the definition of soul....The Biblical definition of a **soul** is simply a breathing body.

Genesis 2:7 ⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, **and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul**.

Notice that the text does not say that man was given a soul, but rather he became a soul, when God breathed His breath of life into the clay model formed in His image it became a living soul. And when we have this we become soul's or people we have life. We see that Souls have blood - Jeremiah 2:34 ³⁴ Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. Not only are people souls, but so are fish and animals - Revelation 16:3 ³ And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

So the soul is the life of the body without the soul we return to dust, we die we no longer have a character we are no longer a person. There are lots of Bible text that confirm this. Our soul is who we are, our character. And our Spirit is the breath of God that gives us life.

Here in Job 33:4 it explains it clearly....... ⁴ The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

So here Job parallels the very words of God what we have read in Genesis 1:2 ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

Now we have identified that that Soul, the Spirit is not a separate person it is our character, the breath of life from God. We are but a lump of clay, God breaths into us His Sprit and we become a person, a living soul. So putting all these things together we can see that at creation we have... God and His Son creating the world and the creatures in it.

The two of them not a third person moving over the waters, but the Spirit of God, the breath of God, the person of God Himself working through His Son to create.

The stories of the Bible are there for us to learn by, they are examples, God showing us how to live by His word and showing us the great plan of salvation, the great sacrifice that God and His Son made on our behalf. God wants us to know Him and to know His dear Son.

We will first look at an example from the Old Testament and for this we are going to look at Abraham and Isaac.

Abraham started his life in Ur of the Chaldees, his is father Terah worshiped idols, many different gods, but for some reason Terah moved himself and his family from the Chaldees into a place called Haran, and it is from there that God called Abraham and told him; I will make of thee a great nation.

We see here that although his father worshiped idols and had many god's, Abraham knew and worshiped the one true God, and when God called him he did not ask questions or hesitate, but packed up and left. What great faith.

This is what God calls us to do, to leave the so called riches of the world behind and follow Him, if we still cling and long for the pleasures of this world then we are not fully focused on God, not truly following his plan for us. Abraham was a very wealthy man, it was probably hard for him to leave his big house and luxury for the life of a no mad, but he left believing God's promise of something better.

The story of Abraham is a fascinating one, eventually the son of promise is born to Abraham. This is a son that he and his wife thought they would never have; as at this time Abraham was 100 years old and his wife Sarah was 80, but they had this little boy, this promise of God, who must have been very precious to them. God had provided this miracle for them and He told Abraham what to call this little boy.

Genesis17:19 ¹⁹ And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

As this little boy grows he must have been the delight of their lives. But one day God calls Abraham and says...

Genesis 22:2-3 ² And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. ³ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

What a journey this must have been for Abraham, the closer they came to their destination the more his heart must have been breaking and his faith tried.

For three days, Abraham considered his son as dead - but believing God would have to raise Isaac up to fulfil all His promises - and in that too we see a type of Christ, the coming Messiah and Saviour of the world.

Hebrews $11:19^{-19}$ Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Genesis 22:7-8 ⁷ And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? ⁸ And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Notice the faith of Abraham - he looked forward to the cross, where the Messiah, the Lamb of God, would die in our place.

The theme of Christ's sacrifice is pictured all through the Bible. In the Old Testament, in the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, we see Jesus referred to as "a Lamb as it had been slain," bearing the scars of His crucifixion for eternity.

When they reach the desired spot and set up the alter Abraham alone with His son would have to tell him who the sacrifice was.

Genesis 22:7-10 ⁷ And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? ⁸ And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. ⁹ And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

Abraham got everything in order, prepared the altar - and **his son willingly laid down his life!** We must remember that Isaac is a strong youn man - somewhere between the age of 25-35; no one forced him to give up his life - Isaac willingly let his father bind him upon the altar, he willingly laid down his life.

Hebrews 11:17-18 ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

This was a picture of how our Saviour would came down from Heaven, and willingly lay down His life to save us.

Luke $22:42^{42}$ Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done..

What tremendous trust and love both Abraham and Isaac have for God.

Genesis 22:9-12 ⁹ And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. ¹² And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

What an amazing test of faith, I doubt any of us have ever been called for such a test, if we were would we like Abraham and Isaac be so obedient to God? Here we see a type of the relationship of the Father and Son.

God spared Abraham the pain of losing his beloved son but showed Abraham that there would be no one to spare His Son and that He would be the ultimate sacrifice for mankind, the only one who could fully pay the price for man's sins.

Have you trusted in His free gift of salvation? God preached the Gospel to Abraham through prophecies and types, and here we see this type opened up before our eyes. Let's just recap on the similarities:

The details that make this incident on Mount Moriah such a vivid portrait of the incident nearly two millennia later on Mt. Calvary are staggering. One interesting point is that the region of Mount Moriah is mentioned as the location where Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem:

2 Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father.....

And it was outside the city walls that Jesus was crucified. Many Bible scholars agree that "Mount Moriah" was the actual mount upon which two thousand years later Jesus was suspended on the cross as a sacrifice for all people.

When we read the text's below, both involve a father and a beloved, only begotten son whom the father does not withhold.

Genesis 22:2 ² And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

John 3:16 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Both offered on a hill/mountain.

Genesis 22:2 ² And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Mark 15:22 ²² And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

(Golgotha, (Aramaic: "Skull",) also called Calvary, (from Latin calva: "bald head," or "skull"), skull-shaped hill in Jerusalem, the site of Jesus' Crucifixion. It is referred to in all four Gospels).

Two men went with them, Abraham's two servants, and the two thieves on the cross

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Luke 23:33 ³³ And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Both bore upon their own shoulders the "wood" upon which they would offer up their lives

Genesis. 22:6 ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

John 19:17 ¹⁷ And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

God would provide Himself the sacrifice

Ram in the thicket - Jesus wore crown of thorns

Both had promise of the everlasting covenant

And both went willingly to the place of execution, esteeming their own lives not so precious as fulfilling the will of the Father.

Both sons are delivered unto death, as it were, and returned again to their fathers alive on the third day.

Genesis 22:4 ⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

1 Corinthians 15:4 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Only two were involved, Father and Son.

We have looked at an Old Testament example of the Father and Son relationship and we will now look at a New Testament parable of Jesus. Remember, these examples and parables were put in the Bible to teach us lessons, to show us the love that God has for us and the relationship between Him and His Son, there are many such examples in the Bible that show this clearly, but now let's look at Mark 12:1-12...

Mark 12:1-12 ¹ And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. ² And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. ⁴ And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. ⁵ And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some. ⁶ Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son. ⁷ But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.' 8 And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. 9 What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. 10 And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: 11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? ¹² And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.

Here we see the plan of salvation, in the end the owner sends His own dear Son...Again there are only two major players in this story God the Father who sends His own dear Son. Two. Now let's just look at some Bible verses that further confirm the Father and Son principle and the Holy Spirit being their Spirit and not a third person.

When we add a third person, this destroys the wonderful sacrifice the true sacrifice of Father and Son. The three in one, one in three principle is nonsical it's confusing, ask five different people to explain the trinity and you will likely get five different answers. So let's see what the Bible says, not what we think it should say according to others or to traditions, but what it actually says and if you twist it or disagree with these statements then you have serious issues with the author of the book:

1 Corinthians 14:33 ³³ For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

So the truths of the Bible should be easy and straightforward to understand, not confusing. Let's continue.

Deuteronomy 13:1-4 ¹ If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, ² And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; ³ Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear <u>him</u>, and keep <u>his</u> commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. Now what does the very first commandment say....

Exodus 20:1-3 1 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 **I** am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before **me**.

I, Me, this is singular, and talks of one person.

Deuteronomy 8:19 ¹⁹ And it shall be, if thou do at all forget <u>the LORD thy God</u>, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, \underline{I} (God) testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

If we are not worshiping God as the one and only God, God tells us we will perish. This applies to us today, God does not change, it is we that change, and we will perish if we are not following and worshiping the One True God. We read in Malachi...

Malachi 2:10 ¹⁰ Have we not all <u>one father</u>? hath not <u>one God</u> created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

The dictionary say's that to profane is to have blasphemous behaviour; it's the act of depriving something of its sacred character;

How had they profaned the covenant of their fathers? Verse 11 tells us...

Malachi 2:11 ¹¹ Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

You see the Israelites had started to worship a strange god not the One God that their Fathers worshiped but a strange god. The patriarchs of old knew that there was only One God...

Deuteronomy 6:4 ⁴ Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God is one LORD**:

The prophet Isaiah was adamant there was only one God...

Isaiah 37:16 ¹⁶ O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, **thou art the God, even thou alone**, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

Isaiah 43:10-11 ¹⁰ Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. ¹¹ I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

Isaiah 45:5" ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is none else, **there is no God beside me**....

Isaiah 44:6 6 I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Isaiah $45:18^{18}$ I am the LORD; and there is none else.

How much clearer can God be, how dare we put our own interpretation on this and say well God doesn't really mean that, this is what He really means. When we do this we make God a liar and we have sealed our fate.

There are many, many more instances in the Old Testament that clearly show us that God is one God- and only **Him** should we worship.

This was one of the reasons that Jesus came to this earth. As we move into the New Testament we see Jesus has come to show us what the Father is like, does Jesus teach us of a different God, a three in one, one in three god, does He say that we should be giving equal worship to three...

Mark 12:28-29 ²⁸ And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? ²⁹ And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; **The Lord our God is one Lord**:

Here we see Jesus using the exact words from Deuteronomy 6:4. So the teaching of One God carries on from the Old Testament into the New Testament v32...

Mark 12:32 ³² And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is **one God**; and there is **none other but he**:

So here this scribe agrees with Jesus and said you have

Mark 12:34 ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Here Jesus commends this scribe and tells him that because he knows that God is one and there is none other he is not far from the Kingdom of God, because he has a right conception of who God is and how to worship only Him. This would have been an ideal opportunity for Jesus to have explained this three in one, one in three godhead if it were true, but He does no such thing, He commends the man for his understanding of God.

Even when Jesus was being tempted, what does he say to Satan...

Matthew 4:10 ¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, **Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God**, and **him** only shalt thou serve.

And in James 9 we read...

James 2:19 ¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

The devils know there is one God and one Son because they were in Heaven praising both the Father and Son before they fell in sin...We read in Matthew about the two demon possessed men who met Jesus...

Matthew 8:29 ²⁹ And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou **Son of God**? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

Here are a few other New Testament verses that are very plain...

Matthew 19:17 ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but **one, that is, God**: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Romans 3:29-30 ²⁹ Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: ³⁰ Seeing it is **one God**, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

1 Corinthians 8:4 ⁴ As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is **none other God but one**.

Galatians 3:20 ²⁰ Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but **God is one**.

1 Timothy 2:5 5 For there is one **God**, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Because of time we are just looking at a few examples there are many, over and over again the word of God shows clearly that there is one God and one Son of God.

Matthew 3:16-17 ¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: ¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Now many people get hung up on this verse they disregard all the other verses in the Bible that clearly state that God is One and that Jesus is His son and they say here is God the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. But let's read again what is says not what we think it should say to fit in with our perspective of the Trinity.

Matthew 3:16-17 ¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God.....**

So, who's Spirit, God's Spirit, if this was the third person of the Godhead it should read God the Holy Spirit, but it says God's Spirit, big difference. And when we look at the translation for this word in the Greek it's (pneuma) it literally means breath, we saw this at the beginning of the study that when Gods Spirit hovered over the water at creation the original translation was Ruach in Hebrew, meaning breath wind. So here was the Spirit of God, His Father descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is **my** (singular) beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

So simple, the Father confirming that this is His beloved Son. Two. You will never find God the Son in the Bible or God the Holy Spirit because there is one God one Son and the Holy Spirit proceeds from God, His breath, His being, His character, it's part of God it's who He is. We will look at this shortly.

But let's continue to look at the Son of God. Here Jesus is talking to the man that he had just healed that had been blind...

John 9:35-37 ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; (of the synagogue) and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the **Son of God**? ³⁶ He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? ³⁷ And Jesus said unto him, **Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee**.

Here Jesus confirms Himself as God's Son. Let's now move to the Transfiguration...

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

Again we have God speaking and again declaring His Son.

John 3:16-17 ¹⁶ For **God** so loved the world, that **he** gave **his** only **begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For **God** sent not **his** Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 12:28 ²⁸ **Father**, glorify **thy** name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, **I** have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

Only three times do we find the Father speaking in the New Testament - at His Sons Baptisium, at the Transfiguration and in the garden of Gethsemane, each time to His Son, just the two of them. Notice all of the verses speak of I, Me, My, Your. There is no plurality here because God is One. One God, one Son.

Let's just look at a few more...

1 Corinthians 11:3 ³ But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of **Christ is God**. **Two**.

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

Two, Jesus is going back to heaven to His Father no one else is in the Godhead just Him and His Father. God has given all to His son...

Colossians 1:19 ¹⁹ For it pleased **the Father** that in **him** should all fulness dwell;

John 14:10 ¹⁰ Believest thou not that **I am in the Father**, **and the Father in me**? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

How does the Father dwell in Christ – through his Spirit. And this Spirit dwells in us...

Romans 8:11 ¹¹ But if the **Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you**, **he** that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by **his Spirit that dwelleth in you**.

Here we see plainly that it is God's Spirit that dwells in us. Gods Spirit flows from Him to His Son to Us, wonderful. This is not a third party the Bible is so clear, and it saddens me that people twist it and change it to try and line it up with the Trinity teaching that is clearly not in the Bible. The word Trinity does not appear, the word God the Son or God the Holy Spirit does not appear, the three of us does not appear, throughout the Old or New Testament. There are two God the Father and His beloved Son Jesus. Here are a few more verses that are so clear and there are many more that time will not allow us to look at but you can do your own study on this...In 1 Corinthians we read...

- 1 Corinthians 3:16 ¹⁶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the **Spirit of God dwelleth in you**?
- 2 Corinthians 6:16 ¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them**, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Colossians 1:27 ²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory:

Galatians 2:20 ²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 4:6 ⁶ And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son into your hearts**, crying, Abba, Father.

Ephesians 3:16-17 ¹⁶ That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by **his Spirit in the inner man**; ¹⁷ **That Christ may dwell in your hearts** by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

1 Peter 1:11 ¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ which was in them** did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1 John 4:12-15 ¹² No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, **God dwelleth in us**, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ **Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God**.

Revelation 3:20 ²⁰ Behold, **I** (Jesus) stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I** will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with **me**.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the <u>only true God</u>, <u>and</u> Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Two, the Father and the Son. And to know them is to have eternal life. If there was a third person of the Godhead then surly God would have made that clear if our eternal salvation depended on it. You see how wonderfully clear Gods word is when we just read what He says when we take the weight of evidence in His word.

So while the word Trinity is not found in the Bible, is the concept of the Trinity taught clearly in it?

The *Encyclopedia of Religion Vol. 15 1987* admits: 'Theologians today are in agreement that the Hebrew Bible does not contain a doctrine of the Trinity.'

The *New Catholic Encyclopedia*: 'The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not taught in the Old Testament.'

The *Encyclopedia of Religion* says: 'Theologians agree that the New Testament also does not contain an explicit doctrine of the Trinity.'

The *Encyclopedia Britannica 1976* observes: Neither the word Trinity nor the explicit doctrine appears in the New Testament.'

Protestant theologian Karl Barth (as quoted in *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology* 1976) similarly states: 'The New Testament does not contain the developed doctrine of the Trinity. The Bible lacks the express declaration the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are of equal essence.'

Very clear there is no Trinity revealed to us in Gods word. Now some people have problems with John 14 which speaks about another comforter, but let's look at this and see just what it says...

John 14 16 ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Now we have just looked at all the verses which show us that it is the Sprit of God that dwells in us through His Son. Now Jesus is about to die and go back to His Father, He personally will not be there to comfort His disciples but through His Spirit He would be, and we know it is God's Spirit flowing through Him as all things flow from God to his Son to us as we have read. Also remember that many times Jesus refers to Himself like as a third entity rather than saying I or Me etc. Here are a couple of examples... Here is Jesus talking to Nicodemus, notice what He says...

John 3:13-14 ¹³ And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the **Son of man** which is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the **Son of man** be lifted up:

Now why did Jesus not just say when I be lifted up? Here is Jesus speaking of Himself again..

Luke 18:8 ⁸I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the **Son of man** cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Again why did Jesus not just say when I come? And here again...

John 17:3 ³ And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and **Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent.

So it was not unusual for Jesus to speak this way about something concerning Himself....But let's read on.

John 14:17 ¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **but ye know him; for he dwelleth** with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

I love this verse because it clears up any misconceptions of verse 16. Here Jesus clearly says that it is the Spirit of truth who the world cannot receive, why because the world, the unbelievers do not know Jesus and unless He is invited into your heart He will not force Himself remember in Revelation He says I stand and knock, He's waiting to come in. But Jesus goes on to say, but you know him – here He is talking to His disciples giving them comfort before His death and the sorrow they would feel. He tells them that they would receive the spirit of truth ...now who is this Spirit of Truth that they would receive. Let's just turn back to verse 6

John 14:6 ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**.

So here we let the Bible explain the Bible, and when we read this verse Jesus is saying that the Spirit of Truth, talking of Himself dwells with them so they know Him and He will be in them He will not leave them comfortless He will come to them. So here we plainly see that when Jesus say's I will send you another comforter He is talking of the Holy Spirit which we saw come from God through the Son to us the Holy Spirit that is the Spirit of God and His Son dwelling in us, and Jesus would send His Spirit when He ascended back to Heaven and was no longer with them.

And verse 20 confirms this.

John 20:22 ²² And when he had said this, **he breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**:

Just like in the very beginning, Jesus breathed into Adam's nostrils and he became a living soul, we looked at this earlier.

Also interesting is what happened at Pentecost On the day of Pentecost after the Messiah's resurrection there was an amazing fulfilment of the promise of the 'Comforter', the power of God working among faithful men. We read in Acts 2...

Acts 2:2, 4 ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost......

Remember earlier in our study we saw that when we went back to the Hebrew and Greek translation we saw the Spirit – Ruach in the Hebrew and Pneuma in the Greek actually meaning, wind, breath, air in motion.

Now here again we see the Holy Spirit represented as wind.

The Holy Spirit is never depicted with human qualities but as wind, oil, fire, a dove.

The Spirit is never seen with the Father and Son, not even in the throne room of Heaven.

There are at least 66 verses in the Bible that refer to the "Throne of God" (23 in the Old Testament and 43 in the New Testament – 24 references to the "Throne" are found in the Book of Revelation alone!). Only *two persons* are *ever* named in connection with God's Throne – the Father and the Son. *Never* have I come across a reference in the Bible where *three persons* are associated with the Throne of God, OR where the Holy Spirit is specifically

identified as a *person* in connection with it. If someone can find a reference to a *third person* residing on God's Throne I would welcome the opportunity to see it!

So our comforter is God working through His Son, who breaths into His disciples.

The Holy Spirit, that emanates from God to His Son to us, how wonderful. So both the Father and Son through their Holy Spirit comforts us.

John16:7-8 ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Christ took human nature. He became flesh even as we are . . . While in this world, Christ lived a life of complete humanity in order that He might stand as a representative of the human family, He was tempted as we are.

Hebrews 4:15 ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Only one that has gone through the same experience with us can truly understand and empathise with how we are feeling and struggling with the temptations of this life.

When I see little children who are dying of starvation my heart aches for them I am saddened by this but I can't truly empathise with them. Because by God's grace I have never been deprived of food and water. Yet if I see someone grieving for the loss of a family member I can truly relate and empathise with that person because I too have also experienced this.

Do you see how we make Christ a liar? He says I will come to you, He says I stand at the door of your heart knocking, He says I will never leave you, He says I will be your comforter because I know what you are going though. And we say... that's what you say, but I think You send someone else.

But if that is so then Christ has lied and we do not really have a comforter because no one else but Christ has experienced all the sufferings in your life and mine, not even God the Father knows what it is to be tempted to sin, He knows of it He knows the effect but only Christ has experienced this.

You see whilst Jesus was on earth he was restricted with humanity He could only be in once place at a time but when He ascended back to Heaven then He could take up His divinity and send His Spirit as He said to be with us Always, even to the end of the World.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ³ Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the **God of all comfort**; ⁴ Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are **comforted of God**.

How did the disciples understand "another Comforter"? Did they understand that Christ was talking about someone else? Let them answer:

John 14:22 ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, **how** is it that **You** will manifest **Yourself** to us, and not to the world?" (NKJV)

Very plain! Judas clearly understood that it was Christ who will come to them, not someone else. Notice His question is not "*Who*?" but it is "*How*?" Judas was not wondering *who* will come to them as another Comforter, but he did wonder *how* Christ was coming back to them. Notice he also says "you" and "yourself" regarding Christ, not someone else.

That is clear enough. It is not a strange thing for our Lord to come in another form. He demonstrated that on the way to Emmaus:

Mark 16:12 ¹² After that, He appeared in **another form** to two of them as they walked and went into the country.

When Jesus appeared in "another form" it was still Him. When Jesus talks about "another Comforter" why should it be strange that it also could be Him?

John 14:18 ¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Matthew $28:20^{-20}$and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.[[]

Praise the Lord! It is so clear and simple. Jesus is withdrawn from the eye of sense but His personal presence (His own Spirit) is with us still.

Earlier in our study we spoke about Satan becoming jealous of the relationship between God and His Son, he felt he should have been involved in all the plans and decisions. Lucifer was next to Jesus he was a covering cherub in the very presence of God, and we saw earlier –

1Timothy 5:21 ²¹ I charge thee before **God**, and **the Lord Jesus Christ**, and the elect **angels**, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

So we clearly see that in Heaven we have God, His Son and then the angels, and Lucifer was the highest of the Angels. But Lucifer decided that he should also have the worship due only for the Father and His Son, He was jealous of their relationship, and he will take worship in whatever way he can.

Isaiah 14:12-14 ¹² How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High

Notice five times Satan says I will, He wanted God's place, He wanted all of Heaven and earth, he wanted ultimate power and control, and he will do whatever it takes to give people a wrong impression of God, John tells us

John 8:44 ⁴⁴ Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

So right from the beginning he has set out to destroy God's name and His character. He wants the worship due to God and by having people think there is a third deity in Heaven he can then claim their worship.

To understand just how Satan bought this about you need to watch the God's of Babylon presentation (in the video section) which will explain where the Trinity doctrine originated, and how today though Satan and Tradition most churches worship the Trinity in some form. However, we see when we look at what the Bible has to say, that there is no Trinity in Heaven.

Why would Satan challenge the Son of God if son only meant his humanity or being a child of God in the general sense like you or I. Satan's challenge was an assault on His true person, who He was before he came to earth. For one to claim specifically to be God's Son was to claim a unique relationship with God that no one else has.

In John.5:18, the Jews wanted to kill Jesus because He said *God was his Father*, making himself *equal* with God (in nature.) This meant a special relationship Father and Son no one is able to have that except the true Son.

John 5:18 ¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

In John.10:30 Jesus claimed "I and my Father are one." In verse 33 the Jews pick up stones because they understood this as blasphemy - ³³ The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. in verse.36 Jesus interprets what He meant by saying, "because I have said, I am the Son of God."

We need to be careful who we give our worship to because God gives a very solemn warning in the very last chapter of the Bible.

Revelation 22:18-19 ¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add unto these things**, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹ And if any man shall **take away from the words of the book** of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Over and over again we see the Father and His Son. Nowhere in God's word do we find the **Trinity** mentioned. Nowhere in His word do we find **God the Holy Spirit**, No where in God's word do we find **God the Son**.

What we do find is God the Father His beloved Son whom He gave His full power and authority to, and we find Their Spirit dwelling in man.

You can search from Genesis to Revelation- in fact in the very last book of the Bible the Revelation of Jesus where it takes us into Heaven into the very throne room of God, into His

Heavenly Sanctuary, there again you will only find two, Jesus and the Father surrounded by the angels, and the 24 elders.

1 Corinthians 11:3 ³ But I would have you know, that **the head of every man is Christ**; and the head of the woman is the man; **and the head of Christ is God**.

Just two, the Father and His Son.

Jesus constantly refers to His Father, they have this inseparable bond, this amazing love for you and me. We see two in this divine relationship not three. When the Bible speaks of the Holy Spirit it is always spoken of as the Spirit of God or as the Spirit of Christ, nowhere does it speak of God the Holy Spirit. People read this into it when they have their Trinitarian glasses on.

We saw at the beginning that we were made in their image, in the image of the Father and Son and that the Holy Spirit was the breath of life that they breathed into us, this life giving force.

Two the Father and His beloved Son. We need to make sure we are worshiping God as depicted in His word, we have to be true to God and not to man, you see man cannot save us, Jesus tells us in Matthew 4:4.

Matthew 4:4 ⁴, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the **mouth of God**.

And we have seen in this study what comes out of the mouth of God.....We have also seen what comes out of the mouth of Satan,

Babylon, deception, and so much of the tradition that we now cling to as if it were from the pages of scripture, but we have seen very definitely that it is not, this is man changing the word of God. Peter one of Christ's apostles tells us plainly in Acts 5:29...We ought to obey God rather than men. This is why it is so important to study God's word for ourselves.

We will have no excuse on the day of judgement, what will you say, well Lord if only I'd known, Pastor so and so didn't tell me, brother or sister so and so didn't tell me.

O that men and women today would search the Scriptures to see if the preaching of pastors and televangelists is true! They are mortal like you and me, they make mistakes, have their own view like you and me.

We must not only read the Bible daily, we must be like the Bereans: "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" Talking about the Bereans the Bible says...

Acts 17:11 ¹¹ These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

The Bereans did not blindly accept religious teaching. The Bereans were praised because they *searched* the Scriptures daily to see if what they were told was Biblical Truth.

In Matthew Henry's bible commentary he wrote... It is the duty of all Christians diligently to search the Scriptures...

When a person is blinded from the TRUTH, as plain as it may be, they cannot perceive it.

So if you want to follow God, and have Him and His Son abide in your heart then take the time to get to know them, if you are truly searching they will guide you into all truth.

John $14:16^{-16}$ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

May God Bless you as you continue to study His word.

Matthew $28:20^{\ 20}$ and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

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