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One

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Today's society is greatly concerned about the thoughts and actions of the masses. They are often concerned with doing what everyone else is doing, dressing how the multitudes dress, keeping up with the "Jones", and thinking and living the way that is most popular.

God, however is not. His Word has quite a lot to say about "one". Since He is the only God, He only needs Himself to accomplish what He wants done. Man cannot grasp that, because his abilities are finite, and he cannot function or think like God.

God quite often, despite how the world hates His dogmatism in certain areas, is more interested in individuals and His one way, rather than the multiple world's philosophies, which are constantly changing. Man's philosophy that more and many are better, often does not line up with God's desires. This brief study on "one" shows us more about God, and how He is:

- There is one God, not multiple gods such as Hinduism and other religions teach. Many religions, even “Christian” cults, may only have one god, but it is not the one that is described in the Word of God.
“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” Ex. 20:3
- There is only One that should be prayed to, and that is Jesus; not the dead or saints.
“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;” I Tim. 2:5
Also: Mat. 23:9.
- God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are One!
“I and my Father are one.” John 10:30
- Mankind was started from one man that God created: Adam. Mankind did not evolve; he was made by God.
“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” Gen. 1:27 Also: Gen. 2:21.
- Sin came from one man’s sin, and was passed down to all of us!
“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” Rom. 5:12
- We are all sinners! Not one of us is even close to perfect!
“They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” Psalm 14:3 Also: Rom. 3:10, 12.
- There is only one Saviour, Jesus. He died for all our sins!

“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;”
Heb. 10:12 Also: John 11:50.

- There is only one way to heaven! There are not “many roads” to get there.
“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6
- Each one is important to God.
“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”
Luke 15:10
- Each one has to give an account of himself before God.
“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” Rom. 14:12
- None can straddle God’s way and the ungodly way at the same time. He only has one way of doing things!
“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” Mat. 6:24 Also: Mat. 23:10, Luke 16:13.
- When a man and woman marry, they become one.
“You” and “I” should become “we”.
“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” Gen. 2:24 Also: Mat. 19:5-6, Mark 10:8.
- Quite often, God uses only one to lead His people in His direction, as He did with Moses, Ezekiel, Joshua,

Jesus, John the Baptist, and the pastor of a local church. See: Luke 3:4, John 1:23

- In groups, even Christian assemblies, there is often at least one that is against the things of God.
“Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?” John 6:70 Also: John 13:21.
- Those trusting in Christ’s payment for their sins are all members of His one church.
“But now are they many members, yet but one body.” I Cor. 12:20 Also: Eph. 4:4.
- Each one in the body of Christ should get along with each other.
“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” Philippians 2:2 Also: I Peter 3:8.

God cannot be understood, nor can His ways, with man’s faithless understanding. His ways often are not logical to man’s understanding, because man’s thinking is very finite. Despite what man teaches, God has only one way, and that is His one way.

“God wants full custody, not just weekend visits.”

God for All

John Bate

No one claims propriety to the oceans to the exclusion of others. It is for all nations and people to use for their interests. It rolls its waves against every shore, and sends its tides into every land, as if to invite the inhabitants to her

riches and facilities; and as if to show she is the property of all.

So with the living God. No man can claim Him to the shutting out of others. He is the God of all, for their knowledge, their love, their obedience, and should every intelligent being on the earth draw from His treasury of good to the endless satisfaction of His nature, there would still be an infinite amount left.

To convince all that He is their God, He gives to all life, breath, and all things. He fans them with His influence; draws them by His love, sends hosts of holy agents to bring them to Himself. By ten thousand attractions of love and mercy, He invites the world to plunge into His fullness and be satisfied.

“When God starts changing things, He usually begins with changing us.”

Valued More Than Any

Author Unknown

When Antigonus was ready to engage in a sea fight with Ptolemy’s armada, the pilot cried out, “How many are there more than we?”

The courageous king replied, “Tis true, if you count their numbers, they surpass us; but for how many do you value me?”

When our enemies come upon us like a flood, threatening to devour us with rage and fury, let us remember that though we are few and they are many, our God is the God

of salvation, and He must be counted for more than all that are against us.

More Careful Than Mother

C. H. Spurgeon

Look at the mother, how careful she is. If her child has a little cough, she notices it. The slightest weakness in the child will be observed. She has watched all its motions anxiously, to see whether it walked right, whether all its limbs were sound, and whether it had the use of all its powers in perfection; but she has never thought of numbering the hairs of her child's head, and the absence of one or two of them would give her no great concern. But our God is more careful of us than a mother with her child; so careful that He numbers the hairs of our head. How safe are we, then, beneath the hand of God!

“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”

Mat. 10:30

The Sailor's Confidence

Author Unknown

It was a touching answer of a Christian sailor, when asked why he remained so calm in a fearful storm which seemed ready to devour the ship. He was not sure that he could swim, but he said, “Though I sink I shall but drop into the hollow of my Father's hand; for He owns all these waters.”

“When God measures a man, He puts the tape around his heart, not his head.”

God's Uniqueness

Author Unknown, 1871

Take a straight stick and put it into the water, and it will seem crooked. Why? Because we look upon it through two mediums; air and water. That is why we cannot discern correctly.

Thus the proceedings of God in His justice, which in themselves are straight, with the least obliquity, seem unto us crooked. It seems to us that wicked men are prospering, and good men are afflicted. It seems that the dishonest are succeeding, and the truthful suffer hardships. It seems to us the hard-working servants should ride horses, and the rich should do the walking. These are some of the things that make many Christians stagger in their judgments. And why? Because they look upon God's proceedings through a double medium; of flesh and spirit.

God's proceedings with His justice are not so well discerned by man. The eyes of man alone are not competent judges of what God is doing.