

My Father and I are One!

Many times people want to use this statement by Jesus as a proof that Jesus is Almighty God, the Creator of the Universe and all that is in it.

The question is; When it says in the New Testament that Jesus and His Father are ONE, is it a plural One or a solitary One?

At this point many are asking; what in the world is a plural One?

Some quick examples would be - One dozen Eggs, One platoon (or squad) of Soldiers, One fleet of Ships, One Family and One Nation (of people) under God. All of these are just a few examples of plural Ones or a number of things in unity forming a single group. Which shows that there is a degree of unity or One-ness, such as when Scripture says that a Husband and Wife are One! It is quite obvious that a Husband and Wife are not the same person. Just as One Nation cannot be a single person.

So, when we see in Scripture that Jesus said in John 10:30 **“I and the Father are One.”** with just a little Bible study we can see that Jesus did **not** say that they are the same person!

One such example, which shows us that Jesus and His Heavenly Father are not the same person, is when we see Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

Mark 1:9-11 (NIV)

(9) At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

(10) As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

(11) And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, Whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Jesus is not being a ventriloquist and saying this about Himself!

In addition we have a later example when we see that Jesus is asking God to bless His followers in the book of John chapter 17 verse 22 (NASB) **“...that they may be One, just as We are One”**. Jesus asked in His prayer to Almighty God that He (Jesus) wanted these people to be One just as He and His Father were One. Whether you take His prayer as meaning that He wanted them all to be One with the Almighty Heavenly Father just as He was? Or, if you take it the other way, as though He wanted them to be One with each other, just as He and His Father were One. No matter which way you may choose to take it. The words of Jesus’s prayer, gives an example, which shows that for them to be One as Jesus and the Father are One would require that Jesus and His Father to be separate and distinct beings. Jesus went on to explain further in the very next two passage of John chapter 17 verse 23 through 24 (NASB). **“I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast**

given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.” Just as the people for whom the prayer is being said are separate entities and are separate from Jesus! It shows that Jesus and His Father are not the same person just as the believer for whom He is praying are not the same entity as Jesus! So, being One with Jesus does **not** make you Jesus, anymore than Jesus being One with Almighty God would make Jesus, God. For if it did; then all of these believers would also be God, because being One with Jesus, they thereby would also be One with God.

John 10:22-42 (NASB)

(22) At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;
(23) it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.

(24) The Jews therefore gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

(25) Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these bear witness of Me.”

(26) “But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep.”

(27) “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
(28) and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no One shall snatch them out of My hand.”

(29) “My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no One is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand.”

(30) “I and the Father are One.”

(31) The Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

(32) Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?”

(33) The Jew answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out *to be* God.”

(34) Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I SAID, YOU ARE GODS’?”

(35) “If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

(36) do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?

(37) “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

(38) but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

(39) Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

(40) And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there.

(41) And many came to Him and were saying, “While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.”

(42) And many believed in Him there.

Many people are confused when they read the statement that Jesus made in verse thirty eight of John chapter ten.

(38) *but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”*

In the physical realm, a portion of the human father is in his son and a portion of his son is in his father. Because part of the human father’s genome is in his son and a portion of his human son’s genome is still in his human father. Yet, they are not the same person!

In the spiritual realm, a portion of the heavenly Father is in His Son and a portion of the Son is in His Father. Because part of the heavenly Father’s spirit is in His Son and a portion of His Son’s spiritual essence is also still in His Heavenly Father. Yet, they are not the same person!

It is then no surprise when Jesus then says in John chapter ten and verses thirty.

(30) *“I and the Father are One.”*

It is because they are of One heart, One mind, One spirit and One purpose. In all things even when it comes to including what God has offered to mankind. And that is why Jesus later asked His Heavenly Father the following.

John 17:11 (NASB)

(11) *“... that they may be One, even as We are.”*

John 17:11 (NIV)

(11) *“... so that they may be One as we are One.”*

John 17:22 (NASB)

(22) *“... that they may be One, just as We are One;”*

John 17:22 (NIV)

(22) *“... that they may be One as we are One:”*

Jesus is asking His Heavenly Father to grant those who believed that He (Jesus) was the Messiah and the Son of God, to be given a divine blessing; so that they would be of - One heart, One mind, One spirit and One purpose. To become One with God (just as Jesus was) and by default also to be One with each other. Because, Jesus is wanting these individuals for whom He is praying, to truly love the Lord God of Heaven, with **all their heart**, with **all their soul**, with **all their mind** and with **all that they possess**.

Jesus never, I repeat never, claimed that He (Jesus) was HaShem, the One who is called Jehovah in English. Because HaShem (Jehovah) is a single solitary entity! In Deuteronomy chapter six, He is the One of whom the Shema is declaring:

“Hear, Oh Israel, HaShem (יהוה) is our God, HaShem (יהוה) is One.
You shall love HaShem (יהוה) your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. ...”

However, Jesus does declare that He is THE SON OF GOD! What does this mean? When you understand that a Son is the offspring or creation of His parent! Then you will realize that Jesus is declaring that Almighty God created Him! Yes, Jesus is saying that He is the offspring, the creation, of the Heavenly Father!

Proverbs 8:22-31 (NIV)

- (22) “The LORD brought me forth as the first of His works, before His deeds of old;
 (23) I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, **before the world began.**
 (24) When there were no oceans, **I was given birth**, when there were no springs abounding with water;
 (25) before the mountains were settled in place, before the hill, **I was given birth**,
 (26) before He made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world.
 (27) I was there when He set the heavens in place, when He marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
 (28) when He established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
 (29) when He gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when He marked out the foundations of the earth.
 (30) Then I was the craftsman **at His side**. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in His presence,
 (31) rejoicing in His whole world and delighting in mankind.”

The Book of Proverbs is a collection of unrelated proverbs, assembled into a single book. To show where one proverb stops and the next begins the Hebrew codex used for translating most of the English versions of the Bible, has the Hebrew letter ׀ placed at the end of a proverbial section to indicate where one stops and the other starts. Proverb chapter eight has a ׀ at the end of verse 21 (just before the beginning of verse 22) and at the end of verse 31. Showing that it is un-connected and un-related to the proverbs both before it and after it!

Once again, Jesus never, I repeat never, claimed that He (Jesus) was HaShem, the One who in English is called Jehovah. Because HaShem (Jehovah) is a single solitary entity! HaShem who is **THE ALMIGHTY HEAVENLY FATHER** is the **ONE** who brought Him (Jesus) forth into existence before the world began? Before even the heavens were set in place! He was already at the side of **THE ALMIGHTY GOD OF CREATION** before this Realm or Physical Diminution was ever **CREATED!**

Even though they are of **One** heart, **One** mind, **One** spirit and **One** purpose, they are not the same entity. Again, just as a Husband and Wife, are said to be **One!** Yet, they are not the same person!

Do you Remember what it said in the Book of John chapter seventeen?

John 17:22-24 (NASB)

(22) “And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be One, just as We are One;

(23) I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst love Me.”

(24) “Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world. (Proverbs 8:22-31 ?)

If being One with Almighty God makes Jesus also God then for us to be One with Jesus would also make us One with Almighty God as well. Wouldn't we also be Gods if it made Jesus God?

Jesus is the Son of God!

Jesus is not His own Father!

Jesus is not God Almighty!

Many will still vehemently disagree with this Booklet and vigorously point out the places in Scripture where it appears to declare that Jesus was and is God (at least in their English translation).

These Scriptures, and the questions that go along with them, are addressed in-depth in the Book entitled:

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