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## **Doctrinal Points**

## **The Term “Jesus Only”**

### **QUESTION:**

*Would you please tell me what ministers mean when they say we are “Jesus Only”?*

### **ANSWER:**

I am sure many of those who use this expression are fine, sincere, and godly people. I do not for one moment doubt their good intentions and sincerity, but I personally feel that it is an unwise and misleading statement. Using unscriptural expressions such as this tends to turn people away before they have a chance to hear the truth.

While there is some truth in the statement, it is only a half-truth. Was there a God before Bethlehem? Of course. Then God existed before He ever came to us as Jesus to save and redeem us. In other words, Jesus was God, but God was not always manifested as Jesus.

And too, we are giving ammunition to our enemies when we use this phrase, for they will say, “See, those ‘Jesus Only’ people do not believe in the fatherhood of God everywhere taught in Scripture, nor in the Holy Ghost.” This is absolutely untrue! We believe wholeheartedly in the fatherhood of God and in the manifestation of God as the Holy Ghost.

When we use statements such as “Jesus Only,” people who know their Bibles and who otherwise would come in and accept the truth are turned away because of the manifest absurdity. It is not necessary to use phrases which cause our precious doctrine to be misunderstood and needlessly rejected.



We should strive to use scriptural expressions, those with which we shall “be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers” (Titus 1:9).

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## **The Father and the Son**

### **QUESTION:**

*How can you say there is only one person in God, when Revelation 5:1-7 tells us that the Lamb (Jesus) took the book out of the hand of Him that sat on the throne (God the Father)? In John 17:11 Jesus prayed to the Father “that they (His disciples) may be one as we are.” When a man and a woman get married they become one, but they are still two persons. Jesus and God are one, but two persons, God and the Son of God, which together with the Holy Spirit make up the Holy Trinity.*

### **ANSWER:**

I do not think you realize how full of contradictions your letter is. For instance, you say that Jesus (the Son of God) and God are two persons in a trinity of divine persons making up the Godhead. The Trinity doctrine states that these three are “co-equal, co-existent, and co-eternal.” Yet in the Scripture you quoted (John 17:11), we have (according to your teaching) one divine person or God praying to another divine person or God. Why would He have to pray to another God if He were God in His own right? The one praying must certainly be less powerful than the one prayed to, so evidently you believe you

have a little God and a big God; yet Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). Therefore He must be the only God that has any power!

Now, what did Jesus mean when He prayed in John 17:11, "That they may be one, as we are?" He explained it in verses 21 and 23: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may be one in us . . . I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." The way we are made one is for us to partake of the same Spirit by Jesus coming into us, "I in them." This is what happens when we receive the Holy Ghost.

Jesus said in John 14:16: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." Immediately Jesus explained who this Comforter is by saying that He is "the Spirit of truth" (John 14:17). It can be none other than the Spirit of Jesus Himself, for He said in verse 6 that He was the truth! So that none could mistake that He was speaking of Himself coming back to dwell in them when the Holy Ghost came, He said, "I will not leave you comfortless [mg. 'orphans']; I will come to you" (verse 18). And finally He declared in verse 20: "At that day [when the Holy Ghost comes in] ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."

That is the oneness that Jesus prayed for in John 17! We are made one by the same Spirit, Christ Himself filling us and making us one in Him.

*"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being*