

# THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD!

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We as Christians know that there is only one God. It is through Christ we know Him as the Father. We as Christians know that God is the source of all things. We were created to love and serve God. Acts 17:28 expresses our relationship to God by these inspired words: “. . .for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’” (See also Colossians 1:17). Now is a good time for us to read John 1:1-5. *“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, all things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”*

Spend time with Jesus in prayer as He prays to His Father in John 17:1-12. You will be in prayer with the Lord. How great! It was rewarding to my heart, and I’m sure it will be with you also. In the beginning of His prayer He lifted His eyes to Heaven and said, *“Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You...”* Can we pray to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ that He would glorify us, His children, that we may glorify Him our Father?

What is our relationship with God, and what is our reward if we live life and walk in harmony, that is, doing His will? Wouldn’t that be glorifying God and God glorifying us? It is recorded in Ezekiel 20:40 that *all shall serve Him*. God requires our offerings, the first-fruits of our sacrifice. Know and realize that no man can serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). We are servants. In Luke 16:13 it is said, *“No servant can serve two masters.”* *“Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth”* (Joshua 22:14). Joshua continued his admonishment by saying, *“...choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”* (Joshua 24:15). There are consequences if you do not. When we serve the Lord, we are obeying the Lord by doing or keeping His commandments. All of them! *If you love Me you will keep My commandments*. Christ said it! Failure to do or keep His commandments amounts to negligence. Negligent; is not doing what needs to be done; what is commanded; it is thinking and acting according to God’s will. Do you know that is unrighteousness?

1 Corinthians 6:9 asked, *“Do you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?”* I ask you, *“Do you know that forgetfulness is unrighteousness?”* Hebrews 6:10 tells us that, *“God is not unrighteous to forget...”* Isn’t that a great characteristic of the God of the universe? We know, God is love and that He cannot sin. The scripture, by saying that God is not unrighteous to forget implies that if we forget we are unrighteous. That is teaching, in one way, what righteousness is not. Technique of teaching is what it is. Its all-right, its all-true!

Christ the source of all things in us. *“...let no one boast for all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours. And you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s”* (1 Corinthians 3:21-23). Think about it....nothing is left out. It is all....inclusive. Christ is the source of all things. He is the Word. Christ is deity He also has full equality with God the Father. In Him we are secure. (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57). *“...all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous...”* (1 Peter 3:8).