

Captive's Corner



"Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

2 Corinthians 10:5

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ONE GOD - THREE PERSONS

Our school holds to the teaching that God is One yet three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that this fact is taught from the very first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1 which reads in the Hebrew, "In the beginning God (Elohim = plural of El) created the heavens and the earth." Later in that same chapter, God uses the plural pronoun when referring to Himself. See Genesis 1:26.

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Although at times He revealed Himself as three in the Old Testament (Isaiah 48:16 for an example), the emphasis there is on God being One. Deuteronomy 6:4 is a good illustration of this great mystery. It reads in the Hebrew, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD (Jehovah) our God (Elohim = Gods), the LORD (Jehovah) is one!"

Now, Jesus Himself claimed to be the "I Am" Who revealed Himself to Moses in Exodus 3. See John 8:56-58. The Jews of His day understood that He claimed to be God. See John 5:16-18. While Jesus was on earth, He proved Himself to be God by many infallible

proofs that clearly identified Him to be the Jehovah of the Old Testament who walked with Adam and Eve in the garden and who once visited Abraham, speaking to him face to face. Perhaps I am writing to you more than is necessary, but it is a deep concern to me that you may be believing in

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a different Jesus than I do! See 2 Cor. 11:4. Only the Jesus who is the Christ - the One revealed to us through the holy Scriptures - is able to save. All others will disappoint their "faithful ones" in the day of God's great reckoning. There is but one Savior Who is God, Jehovah

(Yahweh). See Isaiah 45:20-25 and Philippians 2:5-11 where Jesus is directly referred to as that God. Just because the revelation exceeds our human ability to reason does not justify a denial of the Reality so revealed.

Sincerely in Christ,

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