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### **John 10: 30: I and *my* Father are one.**

By this statement, Christ declared once again that he is God—the Son of God, one with the Father—he declared he is one with the Father, IN POWER, to save and keep his people.

**John 10: 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. 30 I and *my* Father are one.**

### **THE SON OF GOD**

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is God with a human nature like his brethren, yet without sin. In John 5, the Lord Jesus declared seven ways he and the Father are one. He declared plainly that God the Father and the Son of God are one.

*One in working*—**John 5: 17: My Father worketh hitherto and I work...**God the Father and Christ his Son are one in all their works—particularly the works of salvation.

*One in love and knowledge*—**John 5: 20: For the Father loveth the Son and sheweth him all things that himself doeth...**

*One in power to quicken and preserve his people*—**John 5: 21: For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.** [as Christ said in our text, they are one in keeping and preserving each of his people, his sheep]

*One in judgment*—**John 5: 22: For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment to the Son**

*One in honor*—**John 5: 23: That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father who sent him.**

*One in justifying his people and giving us eternal life*—**John 5: 24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life.**

*One in will*—**John 5: 30...I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

The Man, Christ Jesus is God—one with God the Father—**John 10: 30 I and *my* Father are one.**

When the Pharisee's had cast out the man who Christ gave sight, we read

John 9: 35: Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36: He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37: And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38: And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

But what a different response from the Pharisee's.

**John 10: 31: Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32: Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?**

The Lord only did good works. No man could accuse our Redeemer of sin. He said, "I always do that which pleaseth the Father." He alone can say that.

**John 10: 33: The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**

They took up stones to stone God himself. And this was not the first time—"the Jews took up stones AGAIN to stone him." Back in John 5, at Bethesda, they sought to kill him because he declared himself God, saying, he is equal with the Father. In John 8, they picked up stones to stone because he declared himself God, saying, "Before Abraham was I AM!" Here he declares I and my Father are one—"Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Brethren, in these men we see the carnal mind which is enmity against God

Romans 8: 7: Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8: So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

We see the enmity of the carnal mind in the Pharisee's. Each time the Lord Jesus declared himself to be the Son of God it stirred up the hatred of their carnal, natural, mind. Their hearts were hard. They could not cease pursuing our Savior with a desire to kill him. This enmity demonstrates two things.

One, it demonstrates the necessity of the Son of God coming in human flesh to save his people from our sins and making us to be born-again of the Spirit of God. This is the carnal mind in every sinner by nature—including every sinner God saves. This is the depravity of every fallen sinner—but it shows the enmity of the carnal mind in every chosen child who God saves.

Two, it demonstrates the wonder of God's amazing grace that God our Father sent his only begotten Son to save sinners like us, who hated him the same as these men did.

## SANCTIFIED AND SENT

**John 10: 33: The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. 34: Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? 35: If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36: Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?**

God the Father sanctified and sent Christ into the world. This shows us that sanctification is God setting apart for his own. Christ did not need to be made pure in heart. That is not what it means. To be sanctified is to be set apart for God by God. God the Father set apart his Son by choosing Christ to be our Redeemer.

**John 10: 34: Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?**

This is quoted from Psalm 82. God the Father sanctified men. He chose them and set them apart. God said that of Jeremiah. After setting them apart, God sent them to be his ministers to speak his word. In scripture, God calls them "gods" because they represented God to those to whom they were sent. In Psalm 82 the scripture also called them sons of the Highest. Our Lord declared he is the preeminent Son of the Highest. Remember, what God said of Moses?

Exodus 4:16: And [Aaron] shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, *even* he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

Exodus 7:1: And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

So Christ says if the word of God says that God called mere men gods who God sanctified and sent, "*and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?*"

God the Father sanctified and sent his only begotten Son into the world. God the Father never looked to his people. He chose his Son and sanctified him. He chose his people in his Son and doing so sanctified us in Christ. God the Father sanctified and sent his Son into the world. Christ Jesus is the Son of God. He is God's righteousness provided by the Father for his people.

This is what enrages the carnal mind. God sanctified and sent his Son into the world. It declares that none but the Son of God in human flesh could please God. It declares no sinner can save ourselves by our works. It declares Jesus Christ the Son of God is the righteousness God has provided and the righteousness God requires. This is the truth the carnal mind hates because the carnal mind hates God.

## **BELIEVE THE WORKS**

**John 8: 37: If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38: But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.**

The works of the Lord Jesus Christ declare he is God. They are the works of the Father. They are works no other man ever did or ever can do. He says, *"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."*

No one ever did the works the Lord Jesus Christ did. They were all "the works of my Father." Every work Christ did was a good work. He only did good works. Christ always did that which pleased the Father.

What are some of those works? Christ made the blind to see. He made the deaf to hear. The Lord Jesus made the dumb speak. He cleansed lepers. Christ raised the dead to life. He made water into wine. The Lord Jesus took a few fish and loaves and made an abundance of food that did not exist before. He still the wind and the sea. In all those miracles, he manifested he is the power of God. His works declare that he is the Son of God in human flesh. He said, *"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."*

John 10: 19: There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. 20: And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? 21: Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

John 9: 32: Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33: If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

Understand, those miracles all point to the greatest miracle of Christ saving his people. The Lord Jesus Christ went to the cross and laid down his life in place of his people and redeemed his people from the curse of the law by his precious blood. Christ finished the work of redemption. He saved his people by making us the righteousness of God in him.

Daniel 9: 24: Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

John 17:4: I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

His works declare he is God. He did them by his own power as God. Through his gospel, he creates a new man in his people out of nothing giving us a new spirit even as he created food that did not exist before. He raises dead sinners to spiritual life. Christ gives spiritual eyes and ears. He makes lame sinners walk by faith in Christ. He takes a dead sinner whose carnal mind is enmity against God and gives him a new spirit and faith to believe on Christ and worship him and puts the new song of rejoicing on our lips

But here is proof that Christ must work this work and proof that only Christ can. He did not do a work of grace in the Pharisee's. And what was their response to this good news?

**John 10: 39: Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,...**

Christ's word did not return void. It never does. He did not fail. The Lord was not speaking effectually to them. He said to them, "Ye believe not because ye are not my sheep." But watch this. He did make his word effectual in some.

**John 10: 40: And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode. 41: And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. 42: And many believed on him there.**

May Christ speak and make us resort unto him and make us believe on him. The blind man given sight believed on him and fell down and worshipped him as the Son of God. So did Nathaniel, "Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel" (Jn 1: 49).

1 John 4:15: Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16: And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us.

Believe on Christ and confess him in believer's baptism. The Ethiopian eunuch heard Philip preach Christ out of Isaiah 53. Christ worked a miracle of grace in his heart. He said, "What hinders me from being baptized"

Acts 8:37: And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

**Amen!**