

**WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST**

**Lesson 3 - Part 2**

**GOD THE FATHER**

**The nature of God - unity**

1. We have learned about the sovereignty of God.

We see that God is sovereign -

- in keeping
  
- in for and all things.

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2. We see that God is sovereign - in keeping all things together and in caring for and controlling all things.

In this lesson we want to learn about the unity of God.

- There is but one God.
- The divine (God) nature is not divided and cannot be divided.
- He is one Godhead with three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We do not have three gods: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We have one God.

Do we have one God or three gods?

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3. We have one God. He is the only God.

Deuteronomy 4:35,39

*You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other. . . .Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.*

What do these verses say about God?

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4. These verses say the LORD is God and there is no other God.

Isaiah 44:6

*This is what the LORD says - Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.*



Isaiah 45:5,6

*I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.*

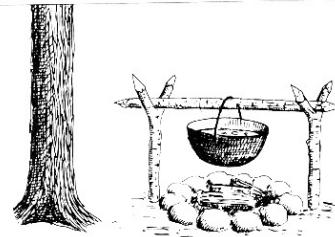
How many gods are there?

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5. There is only one God and beside Him there is none. People try to make gods out of wood, stone, and silver, but these gods are not real. Isaiah talks about the gods which people make.

Isaiah 44:16-19

*Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm; I see the fire." From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, "Save me; you are my god." They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand. No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, "Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?"*



Why cannot gods made of wood, stone, or silver help us?

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6. These gods cannot help us. They have no life and cannot even help themselves. They have to be carried about because they cannot walk.

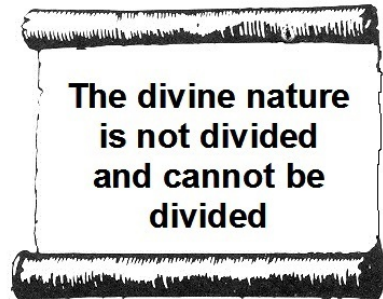
The God in heaven is different. We have learned that He lives, knows all things, has all power and that He is in all places at the same time. **Read** 1 Kings 8:60; Mark 12:29-32; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6.

Is God one God or many gods?

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7. God is one God. He alone is God and beside Him there is no other god.

God is in all places at the same time, but He is always a complete being. His divine nature is not divided and cannot be divided. God is with the people in Africa at the same time He is with us in Canada. He sees all the people of the world at the same time, but He is always one complete being. He cannot be divided into parts.



Deuteronomy 6:4

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD (Yahweh) our God (Elohim), the LORD (Yahweh) is one.*

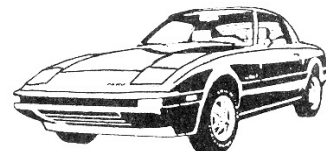
Whose nature is not divided and cannot be divided?

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8. God's divine nature is not divided and cannot be divided. He always is a complete being.

God is always a complete being, a unity, but not a unit.

Several people can work together in a unit to do a job. People in a unit do some things together such as building the engine of a car. Each one in a unit does a part of the work in building the engine of the car. When they are finished their work for the day, they go home. Then each one does his own thing. They work together as a unit to make the car engine but they do not necessarily agree about what they believe, like, or do the rest of the time. God is not like this, He is NOT a unit, but a unity.



Deuteronomy 6:4

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD (Yahweh) our God (Elohim), the LORD (Yahweh) is one.*

What does the name “Elohim” mean?

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9. Elohim is the plural word for god, but is used as one god. This verse gives the thought of God as the Godhead - more than one - a unity. Elohim means more than one but is used as one. God is not a unit. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit do not work together like the men who build the engine of a car. These men work together to make one thing and then each one goes his own way.

God is a complete being, a unity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are Elohim - more than one, but still only one God. They agree on all things, and have the same power and honour. They are one God.

Who is a complete being, a unity but not a unit?

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10. God is a complete being, a unity, but not a unit. The Old Testament tells us much about the unity of God and gives the thought of the Godhead.

Genesis 1:26,27

*Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

God said in these verses, “Let us” and also “in His own image.” These words give us the thought of more than one, yet He is one God.

Who is a unity?

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11. God is a unity. The Old Testament tells us much about the unity of God but also gives the thought of more than one in the Godhead. The

New Testament tells us more about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but gives the thought of one God. **Read** John 14:16 and Colossians 1:15; 2:9.

Matthew 28:19

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

John 10:30

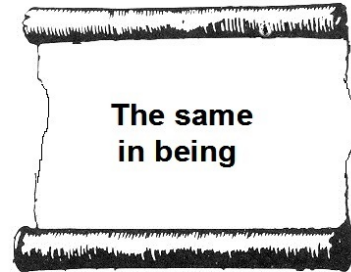
*I and the Father are one.*

God is a unity. He is One. His divine nature is not divided and cannot be divided. He is always a complete being.

Who is a unity and cannot be divided?

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12. God is a unity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is one God and His divine nature cannot be divided. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the same in being. They have the same power. They work together as one God. There are not three gods, but one God.



There is only one God: His divine nature is not divided and cannot be divided. When we say this, what do we talk about?

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13. We talk about the unity of God. There is one God and there is no other god beside Him.

**How can we say God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one God? Write a paper of 250 words to tell about this.**

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14. Talk about this with two or three other people. In the next lesson we will learn more about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

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15. Who is a unity?

- There is but \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- The divine nature of God is not \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot be \_\_\_\_\_
- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one \_\_\_\_\_
- There is one Godhead with \_\_\_\_\_ persons,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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