

doing what God wanted. What better authority was there to tell the world who Jesus was?

In John 10:30 Jesus Himself says that He and His Father are one. The Father says Jesus is His Son and then Jesus says that He and His Father are one.

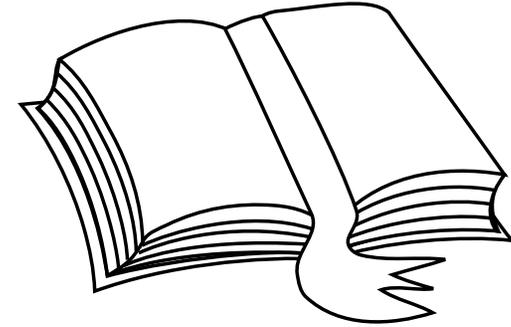
Colossians 2:9 makes it clear that the indwelling of the body of Christ by God was complete.

SECTION IV.

Many internationals have trouble with the idea that understanding of God and faith often develop over quite a long period of time. It may be helpful to point out that Philip had been living with Jesus, and he still did not understand. The Holy Spirit works in His time, not on our timetable.

People often have questions that cannot be answered on the basis of scientific evidence, but are only answerable on the basis of seeing through the eyes of faith. This is difficult for those from countries where the political and intellectual climate is against any religious belief. Sometimes it is helpful for them to discover that they actually take many things in their everyday life *on faith*.

NOTES



THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE

Section I. Introduction

How many times have you heard someone say, “He is just like his father?” or “She is just like her mother?” Many languages have sayings expressing this idea. In English, we say, “Like father, like son.”

- A. What is the expression in your language? Explain.

- B. Who do you know that is just like their father or mother? In what ways is that true?

Section II. In the beginning of the world, God and man had a very close relationship and walked and talked in the Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve disobeyed, that relationship was broken, but God promised them a Savior and continued to love them. Throughout Old Testament times, God spoke to His people through prophets, but many people did not know God. In time, God chose to speak to us more directly. Read Hebrews 1:1-3.

- A. Which new way did God use to speak to us?

- B. According to verse 2, how did God make the universe?

C. In which ways is God's Son, Jesus, like God?

D. What responsibilities does God give His Son?

E. After cleansing us from sin, what position did Jesus receive?

Section III. The Bible says many times that Jesus is God's Son.

A. Read Matthew 3:16-17.

1. In this passage, who is saying that Jesus is God's Son?
2. What else does the passage say about Jesus?

B. Read John 10:30 and Colossians 2:9.

1. What does Jesus Himself say about His relationship to His Father? (John 10:30)
2. Who lives in Christ's body? (Colossians 2:9)
3. According to these passages, how is the relationship between God and Jesus different than the relationship between our parents and us?

FOR THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE LEADER'S NOTES

Section I.

If we listen to what people say to parents when they see a new baby, we will realize that almost everybody looks for some resemblance between a child and the parents. This may be a physical, mental, or personality characteristic. We know that children often have many such characteristics in common with their parents. Science bears this out through the study of genetics. Jesus, of course, did not only resemble his Father in heaven, but was totally one with Him.

Section II.

For many people Jesus is a great teacher, but not God. Many internationals say, "The New Testament tells me about Jesus, but it doesn't tell me anything about who God is." This study helps to show that the Bible says that Jesus and God are one. If anyone knows Jesus, they already know God.

The writer of Hebrews points out that, from earliest times, God revealed Himself to his people. He spoke through many prophets, to Isaiah and Jacob in visions and dreams and to Abraham and Moses in person. But this was not the full revelation concerning who God is. In order that all humans would be able to understand properly who God is, He sent His Son who is one with Him. Because Jesus is the exact likeness of God, when we know Jesus, we also know God.

Jesus sits at the right hand of God. This was the place of honor in the Jewish tradition. The most important person was always given that place next to the host at a meal.

SECTION III.

This short passage from Matthew 3 needs to be put in context. Jesus was in the process of being baptized by John the Baptist as He was beginning His years of public ministry. God the Father was making it known that Jesus was His Son and that He was

John 10:36

holy sacred (set apart), pure
purpose goal or aim of some activity

John 14:6-11

dishonor loss of respect
satisfied to have a need or desire fulfilled or granted

Section IV. God sent Jesus so that we could understand who God is. Jesus and God are one. Because of that, there are many things we can learn about God by seeing what Jesus was like and what He did. In the Gospel of John, there are many passages which show us who Jesus is.

- A. Read John 12:44-45. If we see Jesus and believe in Him, who else do we see and believe in?

- B. Jewish law stated that anyone who blasphemed (to speak showing lack of respect) or dishonored (loss of respect) God was to be stoned to death. Read John 10:36-38. Here Jesus points out that He has done good things (even miracles), but the Jews are ready to stone Him because He says that He is God's Son.
 - 1. According to Jesus, why is He in the world?

 - 2. What does Jesus say the people should look at when they are trying to decide if they should believe Him?

- C. Read John 14:6-11. Sometimes it was hard even for people who were close to Jesus to understand who Jesus was. They saw His miracles and lived with Him, yet did not completely understand.
 - 1. What are some ways people today try to understand God and get to Him?

 - 2. According to verse 6, what is the only way to get to God?

3. How does Jesus say we can know and understand God?
4. What do you think Philip's question shows about people, including us?
5. From Jesus' answer, how do you think Jesus felt about Philip's question?
6. In these verses, what does Jesus say we are to consider in order to decide if we believe in Him?
7. If we believe that Jesus is God, instead of only a great teacher, how will that change our lives?

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VOCABULARY**

Hebrews 1:1-3

ancestors	people from whom you have descended, such as your grandmother, great grandfather, etc.
prophets	people through whom God spoke His message to the people on earth
universe	all that exists, including the earth and everything on it, the stars and everything in space
reflection	an object which we see as in a mirror, a likeness of the object
glory	honor and praise
cleansed	cleaned; washed or scrubbed clean

Matthew 3:16-17

baptize	to admit into the Christian faith by a ceremony of purification (washing); water and the Word of God are used—In this case, John was baptizing only with water, as a symbol. Jesus was without sin.
dove	a bird, usually white—Often this bird is used as a peace symbol. Here the dove was the Holy Spirit of God descending upon Jesus in a visible form
heaven	the place where God, all His holy angels and saints (believers in Jesus Christ) live