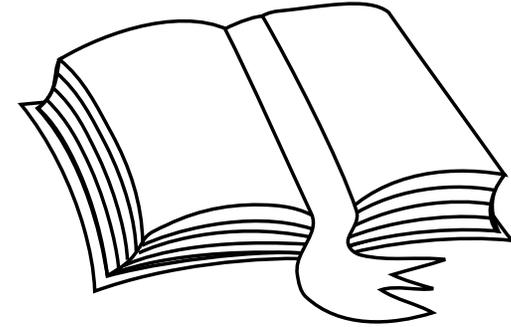


3. How does Jesus say we can know and understand God?
4. What do you think Philip's question shows about people, including us?
5. From Jesus' answer, how do you think Jesus felt about Philip's question?
6. In these verses, what does Jesus say we are to consider in order to decide if we believe in Him?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

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?

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?