

S JESUS GOD?

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one"

DEUTERONOMY 6:4

"I and My Father are one."

JOHN 10:30

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- Co-creator Colossians 1:26, Hebrews 1:1-3
- Fullness of deity Colossians 2:9–10
- Eternal Revelation 1:8
- Power to give life John 5:21, 5:24–25, Philippians 3:20–21

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

JOHN 1:1-3

GOD, THE FATHER

- "I am the first, and I am the last" (Isaiah 44:6).
- "I am Jehovah, and I do not change" (Malachi 3:6).
- "I am the Almighty God" (Genesis 17:1).
- "The Lord hath made all things for Himself" (Proverbs 16:4).
- "Thou, even Thou only, knows the hearts of all the children of men" (1 Kings 8:39).
- "Behold the Lord God will come...His reward is with Him" (Isaiah 40:10).
- "Lord, my hope is in Thee" (Psalm 29:7).

JESUS CHRIST

- "I am the First and the Last" (Revelation 1:17–18).
- "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).
- "I am the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8).
- "All things were created by Him and for Him" (Colossians 1:16).
- "All shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts" (Revelation 2:23).
- "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me" (Revelation 22:12).
- "Jesus Christ, who is our hope" (1 Timothy 1:1).



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- His point is not to exclude Jesus from deity, but to show that Jesus is a necessary part of the oneness of God — we are not polytheists (see also 1 Cor. 12:1-6)!

BUT HOW DOES THAT WORK?

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- Exodus 6:2-3, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:22-23