

# Our Oneness with God

*How could He ever be ONE with us? What in Heaven was He thinking?*

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## **I and My Father are One**

As we survey the historical life of Jesus it is easy to see His singularity with God (John 10:30). Surveying our own lives, however, it is impossible to see our oneness with God. Those imperfections glare, don't they?

First, is oneness with God actually taught in the Bible? Most of it seems to emphasize our disunity, doesn't it? Yes is the answer to both questions. Our oneness with Him is taught in the New Testament but it is not a major topic. It is there, like a jewel hidden among the more common subjects of redemption, faith, sin, and a host of other topics. But it is there. One can find it in the words of the Master Himself, and in the words of Paul.

Jesus prayed not only for our unity with others but for the realization of our unity with God.

The Son and the Father are One; we too are one in Them. It is an answer to Jesus' High Priestly prayer in John 17: *"that they also may be one in Us"* (John 17:21). Jesus implied here that we cannot become one with another until we have become one with God. This is a key to church unity that is rarely presented.

But before we proceed any further, let two cautions precede our search.

1) Those who see this truth solely as a result of academic study may never experience the joy that felt oneness with God brings deep in the soul. It can be seen in the mind (as a result of deduction) but cannot be experienced there. It can even be seen in the spirit (in the form of a revelation) without actually

transforming the soul. I saw it for over 20 years before the transformative realization ever took place.

2) Most Christian leaders turn a blind eye toward the possibility of oneness with God prior to Heaven fearing it will lead to all kinds of disaster in their people. They fret as to the various ways the immature will take it and run off on a tangent and perhaps shipwreck their faith. I have sat in roundtable discussions where leaders have acknowledged that they have seen this potential in the Word but would never teach about it lest the immature mistakenly think they have achieved oneness with God and wreak havoc upon themselves and others. Not one of those leaders had actually experienced it personally. I hadn't either at that time. But all of us admitted it was part of our inheritance in Christ. Perhaps all who have seen in it Scriptures are wise not to preach it to others until this truth has become an actualized experience within them. But if it is there in the gold mine, a nugget should at least be extracted and shown to others to encourage them to explore deeper in the mine, at least that's how I see it. We can now proceed.

### **We Are All of One**

"...for both He who sanctifies and those sanctified are all of one" (Hebrews 2:11 YLT).

The word "one" (Gk: *heis*) is without neuter. It means simply "one". The word "father" is added by some English translators as they thought it would make the text clearer. Their addition of "father" doesn't deny our oneness with God, but it doesn't add anything to what the writer of Hebrews was emphasizing: *Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers because we are one.*

### **God's Seed Remains Inside Us**

"No one who has been born of God practices sin because His seed abides in him" (1 John 3:9 EMTV).

The word “seed” is *sperma* in the Greek. This is the same word for the male reproductive seed in humans and animals, as well as for plant seeds. The seed of plants produces the same plants, etc.

If God’s seed *remains in us* (Gk. *meno* “to stay in a given place) our potential is unlimited. We could compare it to DNA in our biology. Like father, like son.

### **We Are One Spirit**

“And he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:17 YLT).

The words “with Him” are added by the King James translators because the Greek is too strong. They were saying, “No, we cannot be one spirit in union with the Lord; we can only be of the same mind.” But, this isn’t what Paul wrote as the Holy Spirit breathed through him. The word joined (Gk. *kollao* means “to glue together”). Those who are glued to the Lord are one spirit, period.

### **As He Is, So Are We**

“...because as He is so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17 KJV).

Traditionalists say we are as He is only in our legal standing with God. One’s legal standing with God cannot be seen experientially; we only know it as a mental concept. The wisdom of God speaking through John, however, makes it clear this is to be something experienced “in this world” i.e, before we die and go to Heaven!

“As He is”—how is He? “...so are we in this world.” He is in peace, are we? He is in joy, are we? He is in love, are we in walking in love?

### **The Disciple is Like His Master**

Jesus taught His first followers that they should not be surprised if they experience persecution explaining, “It is enough for the disciple to be as his master and the servant as his lord” (Matthew 10:24). Luke tells us that He also said, “The disciple is not above his master, but everyone who is perfect shall be as his master” (Luke 6:40).

Jesus said the disciple will never be above Him, but it is enough for the disciple to be as Him. If we are as Jesus we will be one with Him, even as He is one with the Father.

There are many more texts in the Gospels and in the Epistles which, at the very least, point to this blessed truth, but enough have been given here to help open the reader's eyes to this part of our Kingdom inheritance of oneness with God. Where should you go from here?

*First, meditate on these verses.*

*Second, ask the Lord to open your eyes.*

*Third, allow the Holy Spirit to warm your heart with this sweet truth.*

And, it is very sweet indeed. Stay with this truth all the while knowing you cannot make it happen, you can only hinder the realization from happening.

Your Heavenly Father will make this so dear to you. Let Abba do it in you. Soak in these verses and let the Spirit fill you with joy.

The mind will say, "This is too far out. It can never happen." Observe it when it says this, do not fight it, only observe. As you sit before the Lord the disparaging thought will subside and the inner realization will spring up even stronger.

Don't tell anyone about this. This pearl cannot be worn by a pig (Matthew 7:6). It can only be given to those who are ready for it. The natural mind cannot reason its way to realization because "spiritual things must be spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14).