

## BIBLE STUDY REFERENCE LIST - CHAPTER 1 The Mystery of the Godhead

### INTRODUCTION

Quick reference Bible studies for the 12 Mysteries are essential for two purposes: defending the gospel against skeptics, and teaching Christians reasons they should hope in the Word of God. This book's length naturally begs for a quick reference guide for Biblical proof "*the mystery of God*"<sup>1</sup> has been finished, or revealed.

Below you'll find Bible study references for Chapter 1 only. References for remaining chapters are available for free at [www.pastorjessesmith.com/12mysteriesbook](http://www.pastorjessesmith.com/12mysteriesbook). You can also reach me via email, [jesse.smith11@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jesse.smith11@sbcglobal.net), or text 330-929-2037.

As Christians, we must verbally defend our faith. Twice Paul says he was set for the defense of the gospel in Philippians 1:7 and 17. In Greek, "defence" means "verbal defence, speech in defence, a reasoned statement or argument." The same Greek word for "defence" is also translated as "answer" in Peter's first epistle: "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*"<sup>2</sup> You can be ready to share the truth with any inquirer.

Ministers especially must faithfully test all beliefs. Paul commands us to "*Prove all things*" in 1 Thessalonians 5:21. Prove means "to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals" in the Greek. Since the Bible is our Absolute, all revelations are proven true by the pure words of Scripture alone.

Paul's message to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15 is: "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" Acts 17:11 labels the Bereans as a noble group because they searched the Scriptures daily to verify Paul's preaching.

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### 1ST MYSTERY: THE GODHEAD

**Revelation:** God is one invisible Person—three persons is essentially tritheism—Who created the body of His Son, Jesus, to be His one eternal image and tabernacle.

#### **Paul calls the Godhead a mystery:**

*Col. 2:2-3 mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ*

**The Heavenly Father alone reveals the mystery of Jesus' deity through revelation—not a creed:**

*Mat. 16:16-17 for flesh and blood hath not revealed it...but my Father which is in heaven*

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<sup>1</sup> Revelation 10:7

<sup>2</sup> 1 Peter 3:15

Mat. 11:25 *I thank thee, O Father...thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes*

**Godhead-related creeds that add to the pure words of the Bible are false and dangerous:**

Prov. 30:5-6 *Every word of God is pure...Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar*

Rev. 22:18-19 *If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues*

**Scripture debunks contradictions in the Athanasian Creed:**

John 4:24 [We] *worship Him...in spirit and in truth*; Creed: “we worship one God in Trinity”

Rev. 3:14 [Jesus is] the beginning of the creation of God; Creed: “the Son uncreated”

Mark 13:32 Jesus doesn’t know day and hour of His return; Creed: “the Son unlimited”

Matt. 1:20 Jesus’ body *conceived...of the Holy Ghost*; Creed: “the Son is of the Father alone”

John 14:28 *The Father is greater than I* [Jesus]; Creed: “none is greater, or less than another”

Heb. 1:3 Jesus is the “*express image*” of the one “*person*” of God; Creed: God is “three persons”

**Shield of the Trinity falsely claims “the Holy Spirit is NOT the Father”:**

Eph. 4:4 *One Spirit*; [There is One Spirit; not two]

John 17:11 *Holy Father* [The Father is holy]

Eph. 4:30 *grieve not the holy Spirit of God* [The Spirit is holy]

**If the Shield of the Trinity is true, Jesus had two separate persons living inside Him:**

John 1:32 *the Spirit...abode upon him* [The Holy Spirit dwelt in Jesus]

John 14:10 *the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works* [The Father dwelt in Jesus]

**Jesus and His apostles taught and affirmed pure Hebrew monotheism—not trinitarianism:**

John 4:19-26 *We know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews*

Mark 12:28-34 *Jesus answered...The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord*

Deut. 6:4 *Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord*

**God the Father is the Holy Spirit—God is a Spirit, one Spirit, only Savior, and is holy:**

Jhn. 4:24 *God is a spirit*

Jhn. 17:11 *Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me*

Deut. 6:4, Mark 12:29, Gal. 3:20 *God is one*

Isa. 43:11 *even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour*

**God is invisible, Jesus is His bodily image, and the fulness of God’s Spirit dwells in Jesus’ body:**

Col. 1:15-19 *Who is the image of the invisible God...it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell*

2 Cor. 5:19 *God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself*

**God the invisible Father will never been seen; He's only visible through Jesus' body:**

John 1:18 *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son...he hath declared him*

1 Tim. 1:17 *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God*

1 Tim. 6:16 *whom no man hath seen, nor can see*

**God Manifests Himself in Three Ways—Father, Son, Holy Ghost:**

Mal. 2:10 *Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?*

1 Tim. 3:16 *God was manifest in the flesh*

1 Cor. 12:7 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal*

**Jesus, the Word, is God—not a “second person”—manifest in the flesh:**

1 Tim. 3:16 *God was manifest in the flesh*

John 1:14 *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*

John 8:58 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am*

John 10:30 *I and my Father are one”*

John 14:8-10 *he that hath seen me hath seen the Father*

Rev. 1:4-8 *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

**The word “manifest” to describe Jesus:**

John 1:31, 14:21, 17:6, 1 Cor. 12:7, 1 Tim. 3:16, 2 Tim. 1:10, 1 Pet. 1:20, 1 John 1:2, 3:5, 3:8, 4:9

**Jesus' bodily image reveals the Father:**

Mat. 11:27 *neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

**See “The Oneness Wheel” showing Jesus' unity with the Father:**

<https://gracenews.wordpress.com/2007/11/20/wheel-of-prophecy-who-is-god/>

**The One Person Godhead uses plural nouns because Jesus' human body was not divine, unlike the Father, yet had a Word-nature:**

John 14:23, 17:21 *we will come and make our abode and may be one in us*

John 14:28 *for my Father is greater than I* [The Father was greater than Jesus' humanity]

Luk. 22:42, Heb. 4:15, Jam. 1:13 *Jesus was tempted but God can never be tempted*

Heb. 1:3 *Jesus is express image, or exact expression, of God's holy nature*

**Understanding Genesis 1:26 does not refer to three persons:**

Mal. 2:10 *one Father...one God created us*—one Creator; not two creators

Isa. 44:24 *the LORD...maketh all things...stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself*—God alone created; not two persons

Gen. 11:7 *let us* refers to angels—doesn't mean three divine persons

Isa. 6:8 *who will go for us?* refers to God and seraphims; no mention of three heavenly persons

Eph. 3:9 *God...created all things by Jesus Christ*—“Let us” might mean God created through Jesus, Who is the Word, just like Jesus used plural nouns in John 14:23, 17:21

### **Understanding Matthew 28:19 and water baptism:**

Mat. 28:19 *baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*

Acts 2:38 10 days after Mat. 28:19, Peter commands baptism *in the name of Jesus Christ*

Acts 8:16 Samaritans were *baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus*

Acts 10:48 Peter baptized Cornelius' house *in the name of the Lord*

Acts 19:1-6 Paul baptized the Ephesians *in the name of the Lord Jesus*; rebaptism is permitted

Acts 22:16 Paul was baptized *calling on the name of the Lord*

Mat. 13:34-35, Ps. 78:2-3 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost was a foretold *dark saying*, or enigma

### **God has many titles but one Name above every Name:**

Mat. 28:19 *the name...Father...Son...Holy Ghost* are titles referencing one name: Lord Jesus Christ

Phil. 2:9-11 *name which is above every name*—the Lord Jesus Christ is the highest name

Rev. 12:9 Satan's four titles, yet one person: *great dragon...old serpent...Devil...Satan*

Isa. 9:6, Jere. 23:5, Hag. 2:7, Zec. 9:9, Dan. 9:25, Job 19:25, Ps. 118:22, Mal. 4:2 some of Jesus' Old Testament titles: Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the Righteous Branch, the Desire of All Nations, King, Messiah the Prince, Redeemer, the Head Stone of the Corner, and Sun of Righteousness

1 Cor. 10:4, Rev. 22:16, John 11:25, John 15:1, John 1:9, Rev. 19:13, 22:13 some of Jesus' New Testament titles: Rock, Root and Offspring of David, Bright and Morning Star, Resurrection and the Life, True Vine, True Light, the Word of God, Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and Last, Lord God Almighty

Luke 10:17, Acts 16:18 demons cast out using the literal name of Jesus Christ

Acts 2:38, 8:16, 19:5 believers baptized only in the literal name of Jesus Christ

Acts 3:6 miracles performed only in literal name of Jesus Christ

### **Power in the Name of Jesus Christ:**

Acts 3:16 *And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong*

1 Sam. 17:45 David defeated Goliath *in the name of the Lord of hosts*

John 1:12 those that receive Christ receive His power because they *believe on His name*

Acts 4:7 a name is synonymous with power: *By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?*

2 Tim. 3:1-5 last days imposters will be *denying the power* or name of Jesus Christ

Rev. 13:5-6 Satan blasphemes God's *name...tabernacle* and the saints *in heaven*

### **Understanding 1 John 5:7:**

1 John 5:7 *Father...the Word...Holy Ghost*—never says “three persons”; all three bear record or witness in heaven

Mat. 28:19 *Father...Son...Holy Ghost*—Son and the Word are interchangeable titles

John 1:1,14 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*

Rev. 19:13 *his name is called The Word of God*

Deut. 30:19 The Father bears heavenly witness (1 John 5:7) of His covenant with Israel

Mal. 2:13-14 Jehovah (the Father) witnessed Israeli men *dealt treacherously* against their wives

John 5:36-37 Jesus' works and the Father bore witness of Him

John 12:48 Jesus' preaching will be a heavenly witness in judgment: *The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day*

Acts 5:31-32 Holy Ghost baptism gives witness to Jesus' death, resurrection, and exaltation

Heb. 2:1-4 miraculous, Holy Ghost empowered ministry is God's witness to all generations

### **Jesus' baptism shows the invisible God anointing His visible human image, or tabernacle:**

Mat. 3:13-17 Jesus baptized, Spirit like a dove, voice from heaven (three manifestations)

Ex. 3:1-6 Moses see God manifest Himself in two ways (voice and fire) yet He's one Person

Acts 2:3-4 120 licks of fire does not equate to the Spirit being 120 separate, distinct persons

1 Tim. 6:16 God dwells *in the light*—120 licks were 120 manifestations of the one God

Acts 10:38 Jesus was *anointed...with the Holy Ghost*—if Jesus was already coequal in his own separate personhood, why did He need anointed?

John 5:19 *The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do*—Jesus' body was powerless with the anointing

John 14:10 *The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works*—Jesus gives credit to the Father for performing miracles

Isa. 42:1, John 14:10 The Father said He'd put His own Spirit in Jesus, but when did He do this if the third person (Holy Ghost) came upon Jesus at His baptism?

Luke 4:1, John 14:10 since both the Holy Ghost and Father dwell in Jesus, does Jesus have two separate, distinct, coequal persons living inside Him?

Rev. 4:2 *one sat* on heaven's throne: Jesus; no mention of three persons, or a heavenly dove

Mat. 3:15, John 1:32-22, 3:34, Col. 2:9 Jesus fulfilled all righteousness at His baptism and received the Holy Spirit *without measure*, as the *fulness of the Godhead* dwelt in His body

Matt. 20:22 Jesus verified He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit: *Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?*

Ex. 40:30-35 Moses, Aaron, and his sons washed in water before *the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle* as a type of Jesus being washed, or baptized, before being filled with the Holy Ghost

Lev. 1:1-9, Eph. 5:2 Jesus' baptism was the antitype of the washing of the burnt offering, as both were sweet savors unto the Lord

### **Jesus' prayers in Gethsemane:**

Luke 22:39-46 Jesus prays for help with a separate will than the Father, proving He is not a second coequal, coeternal person

1 Cor. 2:16 *we have the mind of Christ*; we imitate Jesus' mindset of subordination to the Father, rather than coequal status

### **Other threefold references to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:**

2 Cor. 13:14 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost* doesn't declare "three persons" but proves God's three manifestations

Rom. 1:7, 1 Cor. 1:3, 1 John 1:3, 2 John 1:3 God and Jesus mentioned; no mention of the Holy Ghost because it's implied the Father *is* the Holy Ghost  
John 1:14 Jesus was *full of grace and truth*—matches the *grace of...Jesus Christ* (2 Cor. 13:14)  
John 3:16, Rom. 8:38-39 God's love emphasized—matches *the love of God* (2 Cor. 13:14)  
John 14:26 Holy Ghost teaches and brings all things to remembrance—matches *the communion of the Holy Ghost* (2 Cor. 13:14)

**Jesus is not the “Eternal Son”:**

Gal. 4:4 Jesus' human body was *made of a woman*, proving it did not exist eternally in heaven  
Isa. 6:1, Ezek. 1:26-28, Rev. 4:2 the prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel, and John the revelator had fellowship with only one person—not three coeternal persons—in their heavenly visions  
Isa. 40:25, 46:5 The Holy One has no equal—no such thing as three coequal persons  
Isa. 44:24 God created everything alone, all by Himself—not with two other coequal persons  
Rev. 3:14 Jesus says He's *the beginning of the creation of God*  
John 1:1 *In the beginning* Jesus was the first visible image of God, called *the Word*, or Logos  
John 17:5, 24 before the foundation of the world, God shared His glory with the Logos  
Prov. 8:12, 22-31 the Word, or Logos, personified as wisdom before the foundation of the world  
1 John 5:11-12 eternal life is in the Son of God, who is God's eternal, visible image