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“YE BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME”

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“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.” John 14:1.

You can't believe in the true God without believing in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ because he is God. *“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent,”* John 17:3. You do not have eternal life until you know that there is a God, and that Jesus Christ is God whom he hath sent. There is no salvation outside the person of Jesus Christ. No wonder he said *“Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me.”*

There is a sect of people that believe Jesus is a God. My friend, I am going to show you that Jesus is God. Those that believe that he is a God are not saved.

“In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you,” John 14:2. That is a good reason not to be troubled, isn't it? You have a lot of problems in this earth, things are going crazy with people. He said I am preparing a place for you. We are not going to be here forever. We are strangers and pilgrims down here.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also,” John 14:3. The Lord is coming back. I believe with all my heart, the coming of the Lord is right on us. The days are very short between us and the coming of the Lord.

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh,” I Timothy 3:16. When Jesus Christ was on this earth, he was God in the flesh.

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: (which means Jehovah saves)

for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us,” Matthew 1:18-23.

“Ye believe in God, believe also in me.” The devils believe there is one God and they tremble. It is not enough to believe in God. You ought to be trembling if you just believe in God. The only way you can be relieved of the fear and trembling is to believe in his son Jesus Christ who died for our sins.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth,” Genesis 1:1. The Bible makes no attempt to prove the existence of God but it does show us many things to prove in the Scriptures that Jesus was God. The seven miracles in the book of John—he said I performed those things that the glory of God might be seen in those miracles.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork,” Psalms 19:1. *“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?”* Psalm 8:3-4. Did you ever go out on a cloudless night and just look at the glory of God? He has sprinkled and garnished the heavens with stars. Look at the sun, the moon, and all the living creatures of this earth. God does not have to prove he is God. Look at the glory of God in his creation.

“Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard,” Psalms 19:2-3. *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse,”* Romans 1:19-20.

As you look into the heavens and look at the stars, ask the scientist if any of them have ever moved. They will say they have been there exactly like they have been for years and years. Do you know why they are still there? Because they are held together by the word of

his power.

The evidence that God is, is all around us. I see all these sixteen wheelers, all the cars putting out gases, and the air is still pure enough that we can breath it. The trees produce oxygen. The wisdom of God is seen in all his creation.

You must not only believe in God, but you must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. You say, I believe in God. That won't save you. God sent his son into the world to be the Saviour. You have to believe in him.

In creation, God gives us some great things, but there is no real love for a lost sinner in creation. There is no mercy manifested in creation, in the sense of saving them from their sins. There is no wrath manifested in creation, in the sense of saving them from their sins.

When Jesus Christ came into the world, his love was manifested, his mercy was manifested, and his wrath was manifested in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

To those who deny that Jesus is God, they are going to have to do something with these verses of scripture. *“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation,”* Isaiah 12:2. We need to thank God that the God of this universe became flesh and is my salvation.

“Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else,” Isaiah 45:20-22.

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, [that is a singular Hebrew noun] and there is none else.” What is he saying right there? I am God, there is only one God and there is no other God. He repeats it, but he does it in a different sense. *“I am God, [that is a plural noun in the Hebrew] and there is none like me,”* Isaiah 46:9. The plural in the Hebrew has to be more than two. You have singular,

dual, and plural. There is only one God and yet there are three persons of the Godhead.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," John 14:6. *"For I am the Lord [Jehovah] thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour,"* Isaiah 43:3. Who is it? God is thy Saviour.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, [What is this eternal life? That ye know the true God and Jesus Christ whom God hath sent.] And understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. [There is only one God, his glory he will not give to another.] I, even I, am the Lord: [Jehovah] and beside me there is no saviour," Isaiah 43:10-11.

The Lord Jehovah is the Saviour. Peter preaching at the day of Pentecost, *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved,"* Acts 4:12. That is the precious name of Jesus. Jesus is God.

Thomas looked upon him after the resurrection. *"The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe,"* John 20:25. *"Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God,"* John 20:27-28.

Those of us who are trusting in Jesus Christ are not trusting in some little weakling. We are trusting in God who came in the flesh. The same one that was in the flesh and walked among us was the creator who spoke this world into existence. It is no wonder he has placed so much emphasis upon his word. If you won't hear the word of Jesus, you won't hear the word of God. Jesus is God.

I am the Lord and beside me there is no Saviour. *"Yea, Before the day was I am he; there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?"* Isaiah 43:13. *"I am the Lord, your holy one, the creator of Israel, your king,"* Isaiah 43:15. There isn't but one King and that's Jesus Christ. *"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS,"* Revelation 19:16. Jesus Christ is God. *"Ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

There may be some people that say I believe in God. That will condemn you because there is no salvation outside of the person of Jesus Christ. God *"gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life,"* John 3:16. I encourage you, exhort you, turn away from your sins and put your faith in Jesus Christ. Trust in the God of this universe, who became flesh. Jesus was God in the flesh. He was born of the spirit of God and became the son of God. He was God the son and became the son

of God. He died and suffered for our sins.

"I and my Father are one," John 10:30. *"Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me,"* John 14:8-11.

"The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God," John 10:33. Jesus Christ was God and he proved he was God. Then he said, if ye don't believe my words, then believe me for the very works sake. Only God can do the works Jesus did.

You can go to the Pope, you can go to whomever you want to. No man can forgive you of your sins. Jesus said, *"Son, thy sins be forgiven thee,"* Mark 2:5. *"Who can forgive sins but God only?"* Mark 2:7.

Why do we confess our sins to Jesus? Because he is God. He has power on earth to forgive sins. Why? Because he is God. When we commit our soul into his keeping, we are not committing our soul to a man as such. He is man, but he is God and is able to save you. He has life in himself. He does not derive life from anything or anybody. God has given him life. *"I am the way, the truth, and the life,"* John 14:6.

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he," Deuteronomy 32:4. That is a description of God. That description fits the Lord Jesus Christ exactly. His work is perfect. He is called the truth. He is without iniquity. He lived without sin. Everything that is described of God in the Old Testament, Jesus Christ fulfilled. He is God. No wonder we sing, "On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

People today may be very sincere and very religious, but unless they have put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ they are lost. Those who are trusting in men are lost. There is only one Saviour, Jesus Christ. *"Ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

Go with me to Mt. Sinai when God gave the ten commandments to Moses. There was thundering and lightening, the people were scared and moved afar off. They were not allowed to even touch the sides of the mount because it was so glorious. Whoever did would be put to death.

Jesus taught his disciples, *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another,"* John 13:34. The God that gave the ten commandments is the same God that gave that commandment. He had just as much authority to give that commandment as God did in the Old Testament to give the ten commandments. He certainly gives us reasons to love one another, does he not? *"That ye love one*

another; as I have loved you." That is a commandment.

People often say "I have a grudge against someone, I don't like that person." God gives you a commandment. Certainly that is a serious commandment to break. *"That ye love one another."* *"There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy,"* James 4:12. But that same lawgiver came down as a man. The lawgiver is the one who died for the transgressions of the law, that you might be saved.

In the Old Testament God destroyed Israel's enemies, brought the Red Sea over Pharaoh and all of his chariots. We study about God and how he destroyed the enemies. Then we look at Jesus Christ. We had some enemies too-- Satan was one of our enemies, sin was our enemy, death was our enemy, the grave was our enemy, the law was our enemy. *"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,"* I Corinthians 15:57.

The same God who destroyed the enemies in the Old Testament is the same one that destroyed our enemies. I thank God for that. In the Old Testament God spoke through the prophets. They stoned the prophets, they disliked the prophets. But God spoke to the people in the prophets. Jeremiah was put in the pit, people were stoned, they hated the prophets. *"God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us in his Son,"* Hebrews 1:1-2.

When Jesus Christ walked upon this earth, God was speaking in his Son. It was God speaking to people. In II Kings 4:1-7, Elisha was the prophet, they brought the vessels to be filled with oil, bring all you want, the more you bring the more I will fill. God filled all those vessels. When they were all filled, the oil stayed.

The same thing happened with Jesus Christ. He had five loaves and two fishes; He commanded his disciples to feed 5,000 men plus women and children. He took five loaves and two fishes and fed all those people. When they finished eating there were twelve baskets full left over. The same God that filled those vessels in the Old Testament is the same God that fed those people in the New Testament. *"Ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

Jonah had a problem, they threw him overboard. You know what God did? He had a great fish prepared for him and swallowed him up. You say, "Do you believe that?" I sure do. You are going to have to take the word of God as it is, or don't take it at all. *"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book,"* Revelation 22:18-19. God had control over the fish. You know what Jonah cried out, *"Salvation is of the Lord,"* Jonah 2:9.

If I am going to be delivered, the Lord

will have to do it. *"Salvation is of the Lord."* If you are ever going to be saved, you are going to have to trust the Lord. Believe on what? *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved,"* Acts 16:31.

"And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?" Matthew 17:24. *"Go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee,"* Matthew 17:27. God prepared that fish also.

"Jesus said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a drought. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake," Luke 5:4-6.

Known unto God are all his works. He is in control of everything. *"And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear,"* Genesis 1:9.

God took the Red Sea and parted it by an east wind. The Bible says he brought the water over all the chariots and drowned them that day. He caused the sea to roll back, the children of Israel crossed over on dry ground. The God of the Old Testament controlled the sea.

"And when he [Jesus] was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" Matthew 8:23-27. Do you know why he did that? He was proving he was God.

The same God in the Old Testament that controlled the waters and the seas and the winds is the same God that controlled it in the New Testament. Jesus Christ is God.

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul," Genesis 2:7. It was nothing but a body, then he breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul.

Now what about Lazarus when he was in the grave. The Bible says the body without the spirit is dead. Lazarus was dead, friend. *"And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth,"* John 11:43. Do you know what he did? He just breathed into him the breath of life. *"And he that was dead came forth...Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go,"* John 11:44.

The same God that gave Adam life is the same God that gave Lazarus life. The same God that gave Lazarus life is the one that gave

me life. The same God that gave him life is the same God that is going to give me life one day and is going to raise my mortal body and bring it up out of the grave and I will be like him.

Today you can trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. *"Ye believe in God, believe also in me."* The God of the Old Testament told the future of Israel, told what they were going to do. Told about Jeroboam's altar that Josiah was going to tear down. He knew the future. He knew all about the virgin birth. Told us *"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel,"* Isaiah 7:14. God knew the future. Told us about Israel going back into the promise land, *"I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers,"* Jeremiah 16:15. God knew the future.

In the New Testament Jesus Christ said, *"I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,"* John 14:3.

Read the book of Revelation, it is the revelation of Jesus Christ. From chapter 4 on through chapter 18, it is the revelation of future things. The same God that could tell the future in the Old Testament is the same God that tells the future in the New Testament.

"He [the Lord] hath prepared his throne for judgment," Psalm 9:7. *"And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself,"* Psalm 50:6. *"Arise, O God, judge the earth,"* Psalm 82:8. Look in the New Testament. *"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son,"* John 5:22. Who is the Son? He is God. All judgment is given unto the Son.

"Ye believe in God, believe also in me." *"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation,"* Hebrews 2:3. God was manifest in the flesh. The little baby that was born in Bethlehem was God in the flesh. Those little hands... *"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,"* Isaiah 40:12. Those little feet...are going to trample all of his enemies under his feet one day. The words that he could not even speak when he was born. He is going to destroy all the kingdoms with the word of his mouth. He is going to sit upon the throne of his father David. He is going to reign for 1,000 years. He is going to raise every one of God's people at the first resurrection. Then he is going to raise all the lost people. He is going to judge every one that is lost according to every work that they have ever done. *"Ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

He told Moses to tell the children of Israel that *"I am."* Whom sent you? You just say *"I am"* sent you. That means he is the ever present God. He was, He is, and shall be. He is the *"I am."* *"Jesus saith unto them, I am...As soon then as he had said unto them, I am they went backward, and fell to the ground,"* John 18:5-6. You know why they did that? Because Jesus Christ is God.

God is described in the Old Testament as Jehovahphobia. *"I am the Lord that healeth thee,"* Exodus 15:26. When Jesus Christ came he healed people of their diseases. The palsied man, the lame man, the blind man--Jesus is the

healer of all our diseases.

You know what is wrong with God's people today? We look to the doctors rather than to the Lord. Now certainly the doctors are used by the Lord. *"And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians,"* II Chronicles 16:12. Doctors can cut you open, but God has to heal you. God uses doctors. *"Jesus said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick,"* Matthew 9:12. If you get sick, see a doctor. God is the healer of all our diseases. We need to trust in the Lord for all of the things that come upon us.

"Ye believe in God, believe also in me." *"There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else,"* Isaiah 45:21-22.

They tell me that Charles Spurgeon who was a great preacher in England, heard that message *"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."* The Lord got a hold of him and saved him by the grace of God. He preached the message of grace all his life.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life," John 3:14-15.

We preach the gospel how that Jesus Christ came into this world, suffered for sins, died, was buried, and rose again the third day. Through preaching, we place him on the cross. Through preaching, we show that Jesus was God the Son, and became the Son of God. There he was God in the flesh. It is a great mystery. You will never understand it all. I know one thing, when Jesus was there that day, he was God in the flesh.

Only God can forgive sins. *"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise,"* Luke 23:43. You know what happened that day. He forgave him of his sins. The thief *"said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom,"* Luke 23:42. *"Ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

You will never be saved until you look to Jesus Christ, realize that God so loved you personally, *"that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,"* John 3:16. No one has been saved yet, that has not come to the cross and looked to Jesus. You never cease looking to Jesus, you just keep on *"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith,"* Hebrews 12:2. We look for Him every day on our lives, from the time we are saved until the day we die or the Lord comes back after us. Our salvation is entirely in the hands of the Lord. We are looking to Jesus. Who is he? He is God in the flesh. *"Ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

Peter was preaching and said, *"Neither is there salvation in any other,"* Acts 4:12. There

is no other. I do not care what name, Mohammed, Buddah—it does not make any difference, there isn't any other name. Thou shalt call his name Jesus, Jehovah saves. Salvation is of the Lord. *"There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved,"* Acts 4:12.

We need to get back to the name Jesus. We need to get back to the person. You can be straight on all your doctrine, but if you don't love the Lord Jesus Christ, you have trouble. We need to have fellowship with the Son. We need to stay close to Jesus Christ. We need to realize who he is. We need to realize what he has done. We need to realize what he is doing right now. We need to realize what he is going to do in the future. We need to realize what he has done for us.

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," Philippians 2:8-11. Jesus is Lord.

Peter said that God hath made this same Jesus both Lord and Christ. Let me say unto you today, with all the authority of God, that when I preach Jesus Christ and him crucified, this is God's way of saving you the sinner. There is no other way. *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,"* John 14:2. You are not on the right road, unless you are trusting Jesus and following him. He said *"I am the truth."* You don't know the truth unless you are following him. He said, *"I am the life."* You don't have life in you unless you have him.

"No man cometh unto the Father, but by me," John 14:6. I thank God that the door is still open. The way is still open. I can preach the gospel, invite you to come to Jesus, and have the certainty that if you will come and receive him, he will receive you. He will receive all those that call upon him. If you will believe with all your heart, that Jesus is Lord, he is your Saviour, he is Jehovah, that he became a man for the very purpose to save you from your sins. As a man he was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin, went to the cross, suffered and died for my sins. He bled, shed his precious blood, gave his life that day. Nobody took it from him, He gave it voluntarily. He was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Go to the grave and see if you can find his body. It is not there. He is risen. If you want to find him, you have to go into the presence of God, that is where he is.

One of these days he is coming back. As he left, he is coming back. Do you know how he is coming back? In a body. His feet shall touch at the Mount of Olives. You know who he is going to come back with? His saints.

He is coming back with those who have come to the place in their lives to realize they are lost. He is your judge. If you die in this condition, you are going to die in your sins. Being the judge, he was willing to pay the price, to suffer in your place. He shed his precious blood, he loved you, and gave himself for you. You must trust that with all your heart. *"Ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

This has a personal application to you. *"In my Father's house are many [dwelling places or abodes, already there]..I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,"* John 14:2. *"[Now that is the new Jerusalem.] that where I am, there ye may be also,"* John 14:3. Boy, if we could get a glimpse of that for a while! Where is He today? It's a glorious place. And everybody is serving him, the angels are saying, *"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,"* Revelation 4:8. Thou art worthy to receive honor and riches and glory.

Would you be happy there? Would you be happy in heaven? I tell you something, if you can not be happy with God's people down here, you won't be happy there. If you can't praise him down here, you would not praise him there.

God puts a nature within us to rejoice in the Lord. Will you today, with all that is in you, repent of your sins, turn to God, put your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord of your life? *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name,"* John 1:12. "What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16:30-31.