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Good day everyone, it is June the 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2023 and this is the fifth in the series of the Son of God series. In doing some of the research for this, I came across a scripture, that basically stopped me in my tracks. It was like I had never read it before or had never considered what it was actually saying.

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And that is found in Luke 7, verses 29 and 30. In that passage, and this is just a preamble to the message, it says:

<sup>29</sup>And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. <sup>30</sup>But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

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When John came preaching repentance out of the law and the prophets, which basically states the will of God, and the pharisees, who were the religious leaders of the day, and the lawyers rejected the will of God. And I was just kind of flabbergasted; we know those destined for the kingdom of God find out what the will of God is and get in harmony with it.

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Indeed, Christ identified His brothers and sisters as those who do the will of God. And God's will is expressed by His commandments and the law and the prophets as we read recently in Luke 16:16 and that's where John the Baptist was actually speaking from.

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The pharisees and lawyers had already determined that they had already rejected the will of God, so they had no time for anything Christ had to say. It's little wonder they were hostile to Him when He preached that man was to live, or to love the Lord their God first and foremost.

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It also adds to our understanding of Christ informing the Pharisees, they were of their father the devil; because they had rejected God's will, exactly as Satan had done. These were the religious authorities of the day that kept the holy days, the sabbaths, the clean and unclean laws, etc. Is there a modern counterpart of these? We might want to think about that.

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Sometimes things can be so simple. In Hebrews 13:8 we learn that Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. And Christ said, His Father was greater than He. And He repeated it many times.

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But, let's take a look at that. John 14:28 is one such place. John 14:28. Christ said:

<sup>28</sup>You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

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In John 15, verse 20 it says:

<sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

Christ came as a servant to the Father, being a confirmation that the Father was greater than He.

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In John 10:29; John 10:29 it says:

<sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

Another affirmation that the Father, was indeed, greater than Christ.

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In Matthew 26 and verse 39; Matthew 26:39 we see the same thing expressed in how Christ conducted His life.

<sup>39</sup>He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

So, we can see that Christ repeatedly showed Himself to be subservient, and a servant to the Father. That shouldn't surprise us.

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If even those four verses were believed by those who profess Christianity, the trinity, of three co-equal beings, and the binity teachings would simply collapse. Don't expect it to happen generally.

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The term, "binity" is not generally known; I was surprised at that actually, but it's not generally known and understood in the Church of God community. Like, what is that? So, I made a few calls to those who are in that camp and I tried to, trying to articulate, to define binity. Because if one is going to talk about something, at least we want to know what someone is thinking.

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And if any of you have a different rendition of what the binity actually is, please forward it to me, e-mail it to me and let me know, because we don't want the whole strawman thing happening here, that's just not how we try and roll.

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But to the best of my understanding at this time, the binity is a teaching that there were two co-equal, co-eternal spirit beings, both Elohim. Actually, the trinity minus one, where there were three co-equal, co-eternal beings. And int the binity, the Holy Spirit is reduced from a being, to a power only.

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And we know from the Holy Spirit study that is simply not the case. It is a way of removing the title of Holy Spirit which does belong to the Father. The Father is the Holy Spirit; and by reducing it to a power only, takes away a lot of the focus and the majesty of God and who He is. So, we shouldn't be surprised by that.

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At some point, along the way, these two co-equal Beings decided one would be the Father and one would be the Son; and have remained so since that time. In this teaching, the Being that interacted with Israel was Christ, before the decision was made.

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That way there is no problem with Exodus 20, verse 3 and Deuteronomy 5:7, which basically says, "You shall have no other gods before Me" and Yehovah there, I am Yehovah your God could easily be Christ because there was two co-equal, co-eternal Beings so there just isn't a problem. So, both were perfectly capable of saying that. The separation into the Father the Son, a thing of the distant future.

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The binity is foundational for the teaching that Christ is the God of the Old Testament. It has to be in place or the contradiction is immediately seen. And we know from Acts 3:13, and it's familiar to all of us, but we'll just read that where we're simply told that the binity cannot possibly be true. Acts 3:13, it says:

<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, ...

So, it just plainly tells us the God of the Old Testament was in fact God the Father.

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So, you can see how the binity concept is used to move that around into another place. That's also repeated in Acts 5:30, but most who are listening to this would know that's the case. The binity is simply not true.

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I have not been able to find a scripture showing that such a conversation, deciding who would become who, ever happened. And please, if any of you know of one, please e-mail one of those passages or passage to me.

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Christ was the lesser being, as He stated, and He would never say, "You shall have not other gods before Me." That has to be God the Father. The servant is not greater than the master. The scriptural record of who it was that spoke to Israel is in Deuteronomy 5:26. In Deuteronomy 5:26, it's quite plainly stated:

<sup>26</sup>For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

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Christ is the Son of the Living God. So, the math is pretty easy to do. The title Yehovah, YHVH, the tetragrammaton, belongs to the Father alone. It does not belong to Christ. The Bible actually plainly states that and we can read of that in Psalm 83 and verses 16 - 18.

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So, let's just read that to confirm that. And that's only one place; there's countless places it says the same thing. But this is so clear and so simple it's very, very easy to understand. The title, YHVH, that's actually our Father's name, is made very clear for us. In Psalm 83, verse 16 it says:

<sup>16</sup>Fill their faces with shame that they may seek Your name, O Yehovah. <sup>17</sup>Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; yes, let them be put to shame and perish, <sup>18</sup>that they may know that You, whose name alone is Yehovah,

It's not a name of Christ.

are the Most High over all the earth.

It just simply states it, and yet it has to be disbelieved to support the concept of the binity.

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There's been papers written that there are two YHVHs and its part and parcel of Church of God theology. It comes down to what each of us individually is prepared to believe of God's word. Because of the binity teaching and its intrenchment, and it is intrenched very deeply, if one was to ask, "What is the Father's name?" You are more likely to get a deer in the headlights look rather than an answer.

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We are up against a foe who is incredibly cunning, exactly as we are told. The serpent was more cunning than any beast in the field. His antics did not stop in the garden, but continue unabated until this day. Satan is not above using doctrine to deceive the world.

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In fact, when one stops to actually think about it, it could easily be a major tool that is used to do that. So, that's my understanding of, at least what I know, of what the binity actually is.

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I came across another passage that just jumped off the page as part of this study as well. Before we get into the main focus that is in the book of John. In John 1, John 1 and we'll look at verses 14 and 18 specifically because it, it just, there it is. In John 1 and verse 14 it says:

#### <sup>14</sup>And the Word

The same Word that was in the beginning with God and was God. A God level being.

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became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace (favor, approval) and truth.

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So, we are told here specifically that the Word is begotten of the Father. I'd never picked up on that before, can't believe it, but that's what it says. And so, if you go to verse 18 it says:

<sup>18</sup>No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

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So, here we have, in verse 14, the Word being the only begotten of the Father and in verse 18 we have the Son being the only begotten of the Father. Well, if you look up the word for only begotten, it means, it comes from the Greek monos and genos *(monogenes)* which is one of a class, genos is the only of its kind. So, we can see that if we take the simple mathematical formula; if A is equal to B and B is equal to C then A is equal to C. We all know the math.

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The Word and the Son are exactly the same. There is only one begotten, both the Word and the Son are referred to as the only begotten, there is no difference. Christ, Himself, referenced Himself as the beloved Son of God. And we see that in Mark 12; Mark 12 and we'll just read verses 1 - 6 of Mark 12 to show that Christ referred to Himself as the beloved Son.

<sup>1</sup> Then He (Christ) began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard (The Father) and set a hedge around it, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. <sup>2</sup>Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. <sup>3</sup>And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated. <sup>5</sup>And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. <sup>6</sup>Therefore still having one son,

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Not going to become a Son, having one son.

his beloved, (Christ is talking about Himself) he also sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

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Well, I think it is fairly plain as to what that says, and yet, if you go down to verse 26, this is just another example of where it just doesn't seem to matter what Christ says. Christ speaking, He says:

<sup>26</sup>But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

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So, Christ Himself said that it was the Father that spoke in the burning bush incident, and yet within the binity teaching that's just simply not the case. If we go to the little book of I John, something that we have looked at and read before, but with this renewed focus we see exactly the same thing. The Word is the Son. Let's go to I John 1, verses 1 -3.

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—<sup>2</sup>the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life

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The Word, which we've equated to the Son, because that's what it says.

which was with the Father and was manifested to us—<sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

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The Word and the Son are exactly the same thing. And we see that as well in Colossians 1:15 and 1:16. I won't read that at this time. It is interesting that if you go and take a look at John 1:14 on Bible Hub and go into the Institute of Scriptural Research, the ISR translation; it refers to this being brought forth from the Father quite clearly. And I'll read that in John 1:14 in the ISR. It says:

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and pitched His tent among us and we saw His esteem. Esteem as of an only brought forth of a Father, complete in favor and truth.

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And we've talked about that. We see the same thing in verse 18.

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<sup>18</sup>Noone has ever seen Elohim (That's the Father.) the only brought forth Son who is in the bosom of the Father yet He did declare.

I thought it was quite clearly stated there and very helpful as we develop this thought.

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When looking at some of those things it brought up the desire to look at, what other things did Christ actually say about Himself? For if He didn't know, well, who else could possibly know?

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In reading all of the gospels and red-letter passages, the book of Revelation as well, takes some time and it's a worthwhile to do that and I hope to show you some of the things Christ actually said of Himself, such that it will trigger your own study and investigation.

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John 17:3 is quite clear.

<sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

It's pretty clear that we are to come to understand how they work together and how they function. It would make sense that if the Son had a past existence alongside the Father and had recollection of the same, we would expect that to be referenced at least in some of the things that He said about Himself.

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And let's begin by looking in Revelation 3:14. We've concentrated on the last half of that, but let's look at the front end of that. It says:

<sup>14</sup>... 'These things says the Amen,

So, Christ is referring to Himself as the Amen

the Faithful and (the) True Witness,

Christ said that He was the Faithful and True Witness. In other words what He says was in fact, was true. That should not surprise us as He also taught in Matthew 5:37;

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Matthew 5:37 and it's verified by His brother James in verse 12 of James 5. If we read Matthew 5:37 and it says:

<sup>37</sup>But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

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Well, if that's the case then we have to go with the reliability of Christ in the things that He said. Christ chastised the religious leaders of the day in Matthew 23 as being something far different than Himself. He said in Matthew 23 and verses 2 and 3

<sup>2</sup>saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. <sup>3</sup> Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

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So, if they operated that way and so they said and didn't do, highlighting their hypocrisy, we can be sure that if Christ taught and instructed us somehow that He followed these same instructions as there was no hypocrisy in Him. So, when Christ says something, He means it.

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And that's something that we must aspire to and embrace as well as we are being made into the image of Christ. So, I want to look now at some of these things. What did Christ actually say about Himself?

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Well, one of the things He said about Himself is that He was the Son of God. And you can see that in John 10, verse 36. It says:

<sup>36</sup>do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?

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Same yesterday, today and forever. Hey, "I am the Son of God." And of course, that was really well received by the locals of the day. You can just about imagine if somebody showed up today and said, "I'm the Son of God" as well as the other things we are going to look at, you can understand why there might be a bit of a cross-thread.

0:23:29 In Luke 22, verses 70 and 71.

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<sup>70</sup>Then they said, "Are you then the Son of God?" And he said to them, "You rightly say that I am." <sup>71</sup>And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from his own mouth."

Well, they were really keen on hearing that He was the Son of God. He was real popular at the time.

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The Father also revealed exactly the same thing. In Matthew 16; Matthew 16 and we'll read verses 13 - 16.

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, (actually) am?" <sup>14</sup>So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, (The Messiah) the Son of the living God."

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And we get another confirmation there that the speaker in Deuteronomy 5:26 is God the Father. Christ is the Son of the Living God; He is not the living God. (Matthew 16:17)

<sup>17</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Ah, that's the same Father that's just not involved with mankind right now. Oh, really! You might want to think about that.

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We see the same thing exactly in Matthew 3:17; Matthew 3:17 where the Father spoke directly informing the people exactly who this was. Matthew 3:17.

<sup>17</sup>And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son,

Same one that Christ referenced in Mark 12

in whom I am well pleased.

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And He also repeated that in Matthew 17; Matthew 17, verse 5.

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<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Well, the Father is actually involved; He's hands on. So, Christ said He was the Son of God.

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Well, what else did He say? Well, Christ said, "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father." And that again was enormously popular in the day, especially amongst the Jews. But where did He say that? If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father.

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Well, let's go to John 14 and verse 9.

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Are we dealing with a case here of like father, like son?

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In Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 1:3 is an interesting passage where we're told specifically something about Christ. He said, in regards to who He was.

<sup>3</sup>who being the brightness of His glory

Same in existence.

and the express image of His person, ...

Well, who do you think He actually looked like?

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There's a consideration that the word seen here means that He acted exactly like the Father did, He spoke exactly like the Father did, He behaved like the Father did, so, there's certainly have the element of that. But you have to wonder, if He's the express image, and we are told He is the image of God; what did He actually look like?

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Well, what else did Christ say? Well, He said He was a king. And more specifically He said He was the king of the Jews. And, again that was enormously popular in the day. Matthew 27:11; Matthew 27 and verse 11

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

So, He admitted who He was. It's interesting too, you know, He doesn't lie, so when He tells us something we can go to the bank with it.

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Uhm, we get a little more detail in John 18; we'll read verses 33 - 37.

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

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There's an identifier here, everyone who is of the truth, hears His voice. That begs the question, if one refuses to believe what Christ says, where does that put somebody? Just asking. It would seem Christ felt His words were, in fact, important.

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Well, let's take a look at John 5:24 and see if we can get some corroboration of that. In John 5:24.

<sup>24</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Well, it would seem Christ's words were very important. They carried a huge amount of weight and that He valued them highly so that He did not speak in error. Uhm, we see a further understanding of that in John 12:50. Christ speaking about His Father.

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<sup>50</sup>And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

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So, Christ's words, He understood the importance of what He was saying. So, when He said He was a king, He said He was born and He said that He came into the world; there's tremendous weight to that.

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Well, what else did Christ say about Himself? Well, He said that He will raise the dead and that that capacity was given to Him by His Father. John 5 and verse 25; John 5 and verse 25, it says, Christ speaking:

<sup>25</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

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Well, how do you think that went over back in the day? Were they really enthused when somebody would have the temerity to say, "I'm going to raise the dead." And you know, that isn't a one off, we can read of the same thing exactly, again the red-letter Bible, in Matthew 25 and verses 31 - 46. Matthew 25, verses 31 - 46

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man

And the Son of God, they're one in the same.

comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'<sup>37</sup>"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Master, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup>Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, ...

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### 0:34:18

Christ was a son, always has been and the ecclesia are His brethren. His brothers and His sisters. You can follow this passage down; the ones who did not do that and they go into the lake of fire. So, you actually see a reference here in Matthew 25 to a time in the future, when both the Tree of Life and the Tree of Death will be in operation and actually dealt with.

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There are times we read in the teachings of Christ where there is a resurrection and the lake of fire is not in place; they're not the same event. If we go to I Corinthians 15, just following up on this same train of thought, that Christ would raise the dead. I Corinthians 15 we see, and we will actually read I Corinthians 15, verses 45 and 47,

<sup>45</sup>And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

<sup>47</sup>The first man (Verse 47) was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is Lord from heaven.

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So, Christ was made flesh. The Son was made flesh.

<sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

And we will bear the image of the heavenly man; we're being made over in the image of Christ.

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Christ also said He came down from heaven. He said that repeatedly and that too was enormously popular as you can well imagine. Can you imagine if somebody came along today and said these things? I'm thinking, wow! That would be something else.

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Ah, John 6, verses 47 – 51, Christ speaking:

<sup>47</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

Well, that's something He said about Himself.

<sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread which comes down from heaven that one may eat of it

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and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

### 0:37:16 Verse 57

<sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

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And we go back to verse 32 in John 6.

<sup>32</sup>... "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

### Verse 38

<sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup>This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup>And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I (Christ) will raise him up at the last day."

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#### Verse 62

<sup>62</sup>What then (He says) if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

Well, John seemed to understand this as well, John the Baptist. If we go back just a few pages to John 1:15; John 1:15.

<sup>15</sup>John bore witness (The Baptist) of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me."

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<sup>30</sup>This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

The Word was made flesh.

### Verse 34

<sup>34</sup>And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

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We see this reflected in the apostle John's writings as well. Quoting Christ in John 3, verses 10 - 13.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? <sup>11</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven ...

You know, Christ always said, "I am from, you are of the world, I am not of the world." It's all over the place. Christ said He came down from heaven.

## 0:40:17

There are many passages. The Bible says, and we've talked about that over and over again that the Father sent His Son. In the binity, the companion is sent to become His Son. If that understanding works for you, why would you change it? It does not work for me; it does not conform to the scriptures.

## 0:40:48

Christ said He was in fact, the Messiah, in John 4, verses 20 - 26.

<sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father

Notice, He didn't say, worship Me.

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will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

#### 0:41:38

So, the Father wants to be worshipped obviously.

<sup>24</sup>God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
<sup>25</sup>The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ).
"When He comes, He will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

### 0:42:00

Matthew 26; Matthew 26 and we'll go read verses 63 and 64. Matthew 26, verses 63 and 64.

<sup>63</sup>But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

#### 0:42:36

Notice, that Christ also said that He would return alongside the Father. And notice the reaction in verse 65.

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphem y! ...

Really, it was certainly well received when Christ revealed that He was in fact the Messiah and that attitude is still present to this very day.

#### 0:43:05

If we go to Matthew 22 and we'll look at verses 41 - 45 we see exactly the same kind of thing expressed here.

<sup>41</sup>While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup>saying, "What do you think about the Christ? (The Messiah) Whose Son is He?"

Obviously, there was an answer.

They said to Him, "The Son of David." <sup>43</sup>He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: <sup>44</sup>'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right

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hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?? <sup>45</sup>If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

David called Him Lord because He was God's Son and David knew it. He's the same yesterday, today and forever.

## 0:44:04

Christ said there will be more than one day of His involvement. We read of that in Luke 17 and people don't seem to want to believe that either. Luke 17 and we'll read verse 22.

<sup>22</sup>Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

Showing multiple involvement. And I mentioned earlier, if you look at other involvements there are times when the lake of fire and the eternal punishment is not in place. Matthew 24, verses 29 – 31 as an example. How many actually believe that? Do you and I believe it?

## 0:45:00

Christ said that He, He made a statement, that He was to be our head. Matthew 23 and verses 8 and 9.

<sup>8</sup>But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, (The Messiah) and you are all brethren.

And yet, how many allow a substitute and worse yet and how many substitutes insist it be so? This is the normal in the world, not the exception and it goes far beyond the borders of the Church of God community. Is this a case of the world coming into the Church of God community?

## 0:45:55

Many people willingly allow an organization to be their head. And Christ was very specific, He said don't do that, I'm your head.

# 0:46:33

Christ said He saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. In Luke 10:18 is where that is recorded. Luke 10:18; Luke 10, verse 18.

<sup>18</sup>And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

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When the Son and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us it is apparent, He had full recall of what, and who He was. And notice Luke 2 and verse 49. Luke 2 and verse 49.

<sup>49</sup>And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

He was 12 at the time as we read in verse 42.

0:47:13

God the Father removed His Son's spirit from His Spirit body and placed it in a body of flesh. Colossians 1:15 and John 1:3. I may be wrong on that Colossians 1:15 quote. Let's go to John 1:3 and then we'll just check out the Colossians passage. John 1:3, let's take a look at that one. Yes, John 1:3.

<sup>3</sup>*All things* (Speaking of Christ) were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

## 0:48:02

And the passage I was looking for was Colossians 1:16, sorry about that. Colossians 1:16. In John 1:3 it shows us that all things were made through Christ. Christ was involved in that. Well, what a surprise, we see exactly the same thing in Colossians 1:16

<sup>16</sup>For by Him (Christ) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

0:48:42 We read in verse 15

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, (Christ is) the firstborn over all creation.

So, we've learned from here that the being who became Satan was not unknown to Christ. The Word or Son had been involved in ways I do not understand at this time, in Satan's original creation as a cherub.

# 0:49:15

Then as the Word or the Son, who was involved in Satan's actual creation, he would have been also privy to his fall and his rebellion against God; hence the statement, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

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### 0:49:34

When the Father lead Christ into the wilderness to face him, he had already been to the movie. There is simply no way it was a battle Christ would lose. He had done it; He had seen it.

### 0:49:50

If we just begin to believe what God and Christ actually say a lot of things suddenly become much more clear. So hopefully I've been able to show you; and please continue, this is just the very tip of the iceberg. What did Christ actually say and realize He actually did mean it.

### 0:50:12

When doing your own study stop, consider what Christ said. He's telling us the truth. It will be a very powerful tool in our battle against deception.