

One-ness

Let us take a journey that will span from lands so great and wide that separate us from the palm of the living God to the place in which dwells the very being, the very entirety of God... of **Yaweh**, Elohim. This final destination; I must emphasize, will be into God Himself. We must purposefully make sure we endeavor to understand this destination. This is not the area of God and it is not even where He abides, but it is to Himself. God's entirety is the destination.

In the beginning it was good. There was peace, there was safety, but most of all there was communication with God. In the beginning was the presence of God. Adam and Eve had the luxury of spending time with God. He even searched for them after they had sinned, "then the Lord God called to the man, "where are you?"" – *Genesis 3:9*. He was seeking them. He was wanting them. But Adam and Eve had eaten from the forbidden tree, so sin and death came into the world. This is the land with which we begin. The land that is so utterly far from God that it is nothing but a wasteland of death and disorder. It is a lawless place without God. The moment sin entered into the world we were all ripped from experiencing the presence of God. Sin is not simply a wrongdoing, but it is the despicable grime that rips you from God's presence. Take a moment to imagine that: a world without God... your life without God. You have been taken from His fatherly hand. You are in a place of darkness and loneliness. Adam and Eve experienced this aloneness... this orphanhood. As they left that garden it became a life without their being with God. When they ate of that tree, pay close attention here, it was not God who rejected them. They placed themselves separately from God. "at that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves." – *Genesis 3:7* The truth was that even as they had finished eating the forbidden fruit God was on His way to be with them in the cool of the evening.

(*Genesis 3:9*) Do you not think God knew about what they had already done? God was already prepared to express His unconditional love for them knowing that they had already disobeyed. But they condemned themselves. "He replied, 'I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.'" – *Genesis 3:10*. The point I am trying to make is despite what you have done in the past in the way of sin, God is still seeking you and ready to take you back with unconditional love. Unfortunately, that feeling of worthlessness and of being no value, may make any of us feel the need to make sacrifices to earn the favor of God, because a lie has been believed that we are not deserving of God's unconditional love.

Adam and Eve were stuck in a rut of abandonment. They knew they had done wrong and had disobeyed their Father. Disobedience of God's word left them alone, alienated from God. Their spirits were tainted with sin and a tainted spirit rejects being with the righteous Spirit of God. They separated from God because their spirits were no longer clean. They had figured it out that a righteous God cannot have unrighteous children. Heaven cannot have unrighteous people. Unrighteous people cannot be with God. It is simply that. The unrighteous do not belong with the righteous. God knew that and they learned it, but He did not want them or any of us to be separate from Him. Keep in mind that we are not the only ones who experienced grief because of our separation from our heavenly Father, but God also was grieved that His children were taken from Him. Imagine your children ripped from you! God wanted us back, but God did not simply want to give us a way into heaven. He wanted something more... something more personal... something as it should be.

As you can now tell, we have just passed through the lands that are so great and wide that they separate us from the palm of the living God. Let's go deeper. We are crossing into

One-ness

the land where God is; where He dwells. In this land, we dwell with God, we partake from the same dinner table as God. Why? Not because we earned our way there – not because we deserved it, but simply because God made it possible to dine with Him... but it is more than just dining with God. We are not being given a onetime gift by being there with God. We are expected to be at the table for every meal! Why? Because we are in God's family. We are His children. "For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." – *Romans 8:15*. There should be no such thing in your life that causes you to come timidly to God. "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it the most." – *Hebrews 4:16*. There should be no such thing as approaching your parent timidly, especially your Dad in Heaven who is so much greater than any earthly dad. Our God, our Father is a good Father. He is God... God of the universe, one that had every right to leave us as we were; but because He is so much greater and righteous, He wanted to be personal with us. He wanted to make a way for us to become as we should be again. "O lord, what are human beings that you should notice them, mere mortals that you should think about them?" – *Psalms 144:3* He wanted to become our parent. Even David knew the honor of love God had given us. He did not understand fully, but he knew enough to understand God is an incomprehensibly good God. That is an honor beyond what anyone can imagine. Since my God has honored me, has glorified me, I must glorify Him. "And since we are His children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering." – *Romans 8:17*

God took us from a desolate land into His personal family through Christ. Before we

continue our journey just take a moment to try and grasp God as your Dad. He is as close and personal to you as the parents you lived with for eighteen years, or perhaps now. You do not have to face Him with trembling. "And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus." – *Hebrews 10:19*. You have siblings who are a part of God's family too. They are His kids also. The Most Holy Place is where God's presence is. We can go there! We do not even have to leave. From this point on forevermore you can experience the presence of God. God is personal and near. He is not far. He is right next to you.

Our primary destination is God although the journey does not end there. We began from the lands so great and wide they separate us from the palm of the living God, then went to the lands where God is, where He dwells. Now we are going deeper. We are reaching our final destination: **Yaweh!** Elohim! The Godhead! The entirety of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

We have been called to a much deeper relationship than just a father-child relationship. What? How does that even work? What more can we have than having such a personal relationship with our God? The answer is **oneness**. It is being included in the same circle of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is being incorporated into God and God in you. From here you are with God always and He is always with you. I am going to build onto this. As we are crossing from where God dwells to Himself, I will begin with how we contain the fullness of God within us. He is joined together with our spirit. Not just the Holy Spirit is joined with you, but the entire Godhead is! This can be hard to grasp.

You have the fullness of God joined with your spirit. "For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."

One-ness

Romans 8:16. God assures our salvation by his Holy Spirit. His Spirit joins ours. Do you realize what that means? If your spirit departs from your body it cannot go to hell... because the Holy Spirit cannot go to hell. The righteous do not belong with the unrighteous. Your spirit is going to go to heaven. That is where God's Spirit is going to go. Guess what? His Spirit is already in heaven, but He is in you, but He is in heaven, but He is with you. He is in both places and so are you. *"And God has given us His Spirit as proof that we live in Him and He in us."* – *1 John 4:13.* He is in us and we in Him. That doesn't make sense. We have to be with God at all times and He has to be with us at all times in order for this to work. We are in multiple places at once. *"For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus."* – *Ephesians 2:6.* We are seated with Jesus! Where is Jesus seated? *"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms."* – *Ephesians 1:19-20.* I do mean to say our spirits are joined with the Holy Spirit and sitting at the right hand of God.

The right hand is a place of honor, of nobility and royalty. We are part of the Order of Melchizedech. *"[...] For you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."* – *1 Peter 2:9.* We are royal priests in the Order of Melchizedech, in other words: a king and a priest. We are kings and priests, and God is the King of kings.

The Holy Spirit coming into our lives was prophesied way back in the Old Testament. *"Then after doing all those things, I will pour*

out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions." – *Joel 2:28.* Jesus then explains the Holy Spirit further in John. *"He is the Holy Spirit, who leads you into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you know and later will be in you."* – *John 14:17.* The prophecies were fulfilled in Acts 2 which was the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down and filled believers.

There is a song called "The Days of Elijah" which is one of those songs that really makes me turn my head. The song talks about how we are in the days of Elijah and the days of Moses and I become so confused. These are not the days of Elijah or Moses. They were living under the Old Covenant. We are not. We are living in a whole other era. The Old Testament journey of the Israelites was a shadow of what was going to come. Day and night the Israelites were led by the Spirit of God in the form of a cloud. They were led just as we are led by the Holy Spirit now. The difference is that cloud was far away from the Israelites and now that cloud lives in us. That means we have to be in tune to the Holy Spirit. We have to follow the voice of God and be willing to be led. We cannot be stiff-necked people, but instead we must yield ourselves to God and let Him turn our heads in the way that we should go so that we should not depart from it.

God has honored us. He has decided to make His home in us. That is a big deal. How does one even begin to comprehend something like that? I suppose such is the mystery of Christ. God has done things that go beyond our understanding. People talk about how they know God, but no one knows God perfectly. It is said in many places and in many ways that there are things beyond our understanding and

One-ness

comprehension. You can know God, just not perfectly. Now I believe you can speak the mysteries of God without first knowing those things, because God speaks through us. We yield ourselves to His Spirit and let Him do the talking. *“That according to the riches of His glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through – that you being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”* – Ephesians 3:16-19 (Emphasis added). You can experience the fullness of God in you, but of course can we comprehend that? No, because it is beyond our knowledge and understanding. God is love, so in order to live in love and understand and comprehend the fullness of Love, we must endeavor to understand and comprehend the fullness of God. Since God is infinite, one of the joys of this life is that we can always be in communication with God and never have a dull moment. He is endless. God has made no plateaus in trying to comprehend and understand Him. There is always room to seek Him further.

I have been trying to take us deeper into God, but I cannot. We are already at the deepest point – that is God Himself. I am going to explain what I mean by that. I have been trying to allude to something. We are in a place of oneness with God. We cannot become any closer to God. He is the perfect Father. He is always there for us. Many of these verses allude to us having oneness with God. It is hard for any of the Bible writers to explain because they could not understand it. I can try my hardest to explain what it means to have oneness with God, but I cannot because I do not understand it. I cannot comprehend it. I tell you though, God can comprehend it! He can tell you what it means to

be one with Himself. When you read this, let God do the understanding for you. He will be the one speaking to you and teaching you. The Holy Spirit is your teacher.

In John 17, Jesus prays a prayer to the Father. It is His last prayer before being crucified. Jesus says some interesting things in that prayer, which mean a lot for us today. *“I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one – as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.”* – John 17:21-22. I have quoted many verses which tell us that God is in us, but this one puts us in a place of us being in God. God in us and us in God, just as Jesus is in God and God in Jesus. Do you see how much God wanted us? He wanted to do more than adopt us, He wanted to be forever united with us and us united with Him. *“I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.”* – John 17:23. Did you know God loves **you** as much as Jesus? He loves you as much as Himself. God is love. God lives in us, so let the full expression of God’s love be made manifest in us. *“This is real love – not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.”* – 1 John 4:10-12. We are told what real love is and that love can be brought to full expression in us by God.

Are you beginning to see our unity with God? He is in us and we in Him – oneness. *“For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.”* – Colossians 3:3. Our life is with Christ, where is Christ? In us. Christ is also in God. Thus God is also in us, but we are

One-ness

also in God. God is also your protector. He has hidden you with Himself. Explaining oneness with God is hard, but God has included us in the circle of Himself. We are never apart from God and He is never apart from us. *“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* – Galatians 2:20. Your life is God’s. He has given us that opportunity to walk in that glory, in His glory, so let us do so. You can have boldness like no other; you can have confidence like no other. It is because of Christ’s finished work that we should try our hardest to reach out to the lost, so they can also be included as a brother or sister in Christ and also be in God and God in them. God gave up His son so that we could partake of His glory, now that same love of God can be made manifest in us, so let us do what we can and sacrifice ourselves for Christ. We are told to be living sacrifices. It is one thing to be willing to die for Christ, but how many of you are willing to live for Christ? We live, yet we are dead. Our lives have been ended, but our lives begin with Christ. This is the mystery of Christ, we do not understand, yet we do understand what has been given to us – what has been done for us. We can try to explain the glory of God and what it means to be a part of that. We can try to explain what it means to be a child of God, but these are things that can never be fully explained by human words. We must simply wait until we can fully experience God’s graciousness. The deep mysteries of Christ are beyond us.

Seek God continually and never settle. There is no plateau. There is always room to grow when it concerns God.

This unity applies to all believers. We are told to be of one accord and being of the same body as each other and of God. Then we are forced into perfect unity and accord. As you are included in the circle of God, so is everyone else. As we draw closer to each other, we should draw closer to God. As we draw closer to God, we should draw closer to each other. We are all part of the same circle in God! That means wherever you go, God goes, but wherever God goes, you go. Wherever someone else goes, you go and God goes. Because the same love of God is made manifest in us, we should have that desire to bring people into that oneness with God with the same zeal of Jesus. Of course, this can be hard. Something I have observed is that one of the first steps, or even the first step to growing in the understanding of God is humility. It is being willing to say to God, “change me.” You have to let Him change you and be willing to be changed.

I hope this revelation has touched some of you. God is a personal and close God who views you so highly. Do not diminish that. It can only grow because it is something we cannot ever understand. You can forever explore the unlimitedness of God and you should simply fall deeper in how much he adores you. I encourage you to forever seek God. I thank God for each and every one of you.

