



Do We All Believe in the Same God? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Question: Why is there so much fussing between different religions? Don't we all believe in the same God?"

Answer:

No, not only do we not believe "in the same god" we do not all believe the same about the One God! Therefore, one's fundamental belief about God creates religious differences that cannot be overlooked.

Item:

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? (**James 2:19-20**)

Demons are not right just because they believe what is considered a cardinal doctrine by Muslims, Jews, Oneness denominations, Catholics, and Christians, that "There is one God." Such "faith only" does not obey the works God requires in the gospel.

Item: Jews in Jesus' day thought because they believed "The Lord our God, the Lord is one" (**Deuteronomy 6:4**) they were forbidden to accept Jesus as "the only begotten of the Father" and they crucified Him for claiming otherwise (**John 1:14; Cf. Mark 14:60-64**). The Jewish faith cannot be right, for their misunderstanding about the "One God" does not permit them to accept Jesus as the Christ and be saved by His gospel.

Item: Idolatrous people may believe:

The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men (**Acts 14: 11**)

But they fail to believe in the true God and His Son (**Acts 14:12-18**). The "Jehovah God" of the Hebrew Old Testament is also the "Father" of Jesus Christ of the New Testament. The God of Moses, Who faced him in the burning bush on Horeb, identified Himself with:

"I am the God of your father - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" (**Exodus 3:1-6**).

He then for the first time revealed His name as "I AM WHO I AM." And He said,

"Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' Moreover God said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel:

The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations” (**Exodus 3:12- 15**).

The God of Moses and Elijah selected Jesus as “The Prophet” to be heard finally (**2 Peter 1:16-19**; **Cf. Matthew 17:1-9**). The God of Creation is never without proof for His existence:

Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness (**Acts 14:17**).

The creation of matter from nothing (**Genesis 1:1**; **Hebrews 3:4**; **11:3**) and the magnificent order and design by which the creation operates (**Psalms 19:1-6**; **Isaiah 45:18**; **Romans 1:20-21**) are an ever-present, overwhelming argument for His existence. Truly,

The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’ (**Psalms 53:1**).

Though He is “one God” (**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**), the “godhead, a.k.a. “deity, divinity” is shared by “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” (**Matthew 28:19**). The Jews, thinking His claim “I and My Father are one” to be blasphemous, sought to stone Jesus to death. But Jesus pointed to His miracles (“works”) to substantiate His claim to be “the Son of God” (**John 10:30-39**). Truly only “Antichrist” doctrine would deny the godhead included at least “the Father and the Son” and that “Jesus Christ has come in the flesh” as the Scriptures teach (**1 John 2:22**; **4:1-3**).

Five Proofs That Jesus Is The Christ Of God:

1. Jesus’ witness of Himself is certainly true as

Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going’ (**John 8:14**).

However, God provided “outside sources” of testimony about Jesus Christ,

“I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me” (**John 8:18**).

Also, in **John 5:31-47**, Jesus sets forth four other witnesses as being:

- John the Baptist** (**John 5:33-34**) whose testimony pointed to Jesus and not himself (**John 1:19-37**). Though it was substantiated by no miracle (**John 10:41**), yet “the people counted him as a prophet” (**Matthew 14:1-5**);
- Jesus’ miracles** (**John 5:36**) proved His claims to be God’s Son were absolutely true (**John 3:2**; **7:28-31**; **20:30-31**), thus He should have been believed because of his “works” (**John 10:25, 37-38**);
- The Father, Himself** (**John 5:37-38**) with angelic declarations (**Luke 2:8-15**; **Matthew 28:1-7**) and direct statements from Heaven (**Matthew 3:13-17**; **Matthew 17:1-6**);
- The [Old Testament] Scriptures** (**John 5:39-40**) clearly pointed forward to Jesus Christ (**John 5:45-47**; **Luke 24:44-45**; **Acts 3:22-24**). One who studies

the Old and New Testament Scriptures and fails to see Jesus as the Christ and as King of His Kingdom now misses God's purpose of Scripture!

Which "God" Do You Worship?

- **Muslims** cannot confess their God without adding "Muhammad is His prophet."
- **Jews** cannot confess their God without denying anyone as "Christ;"
- **Hindus** cannot confess which is their God apart from some circumstance in life;
- **Catholics** cannot confess God without also adding Mary, the pope and their cardinals in lieu of Christ;
- **"Oneness" denominations** cannot confess God without denying that God's Son died on the cross for anyone;
- **Denominations** cannot confess the God of the Bible without adding mythology and traditions over and above plain Scripture;
- **Idolaters and evolutionists** cannot confess the God of creation without making creation the "god;" and the
- **Ungodly and sinners** demand to be considered saved without ever calling upon God! Christians are those who confess faith in God through Jesus Christ (**John 14:6**).

Muslims and Jews are disputing over their right to claim Abraham as their "father" when it is as Jesus said,

"If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham" (**John 8:39**).

They both reject Jesus as Christ, but Abraham would not have done so (**John 8:40**). Abraham is father neither to Muslim nor Jew, but himself followed the promise of God that eventually led to Jesus Christ before he was either circumcised or responsible for the birth of Ishmael (**Cf. Genesis 15:6-17:27; Romans 4:1-13**). God's promise to Abraham was fulfilled through Jesus Christ and now Muslim, Jew, Catholic, denominational, idolaters and evolutionists, the ungodly and sinner, "oneness," and Hindu must be saved by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ (**Galatians 3:15-29**).

Let the God of Creation Who is revealed in the Bible speak:

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (**Matthew 17:5**).

This Jesus said,

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (**Mark 16:15-16**).

Let all appeal to the right God by calling upon the name of the right Lord in the right way.

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