

# Scriptural Parallels

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## **Abstract**

A simple list of verses that highlight the oneness of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; verses that Christadelphians find difficult to explain.

A look at keywords in the list of verses.

Also highlights errors in Christadelphian theology, though there are theological weeds in all corners of the wheat field, [Matthew 13:24-30;36-43](#)

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## Introduction

During my Sunday School days I built up a simple list of verses in my head with very little exegesis. They were verses that the Christadelphians found difficult to explain. I've grouped them together by keyword to produce the [Glossary](#), which is an abridged version of verses I asked questions about.

This list of verses developed as I engaged in correspondence with Christadelphians over the internet and spoke with them face to face – the sections following the Glossary. These sections focus on the keywords in the Glossary, but with a little more exegesis. There are also other sections focussing on topics not in the Glossary. On some topics I've raised pertinent questions and drawn simple conclusions. I've deliberately used basic reading and comprehension skills to avoid overly complicated and convoluted exegesis.

A lot of people showed great interest in them, so I've collated the Glossary, conversations and internet correspondence to produce this document.

This document has been a work in progress over the last few years during which time Christadelphians have thanked me for it because it addresses their concerns about accuracy and honesty pertaining to Christadelphian theology and interpretation of Scripture, and revisionism.

Generally I tend to avoid exegesis preferring instead to let the Scriptures speak for themselves.

## Glossary

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| <b>Alpha &amp; Omega</b>  | <a href="#">Rev 1:8</a>  | "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."  |
|                           | <a href="#">Rev 21:6</a>   | He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.   |
|                           | <a href="#">Rev 21:7</a>   | He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.   |
|                           | <a href="#">Rev 22:12</a>  | "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.  |
|                           | <a href="#">Rev 22:13</a>  | I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.   |
|                           | <a href="#">Rev 22:14</a>  | "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.  |
|                           | <a href="#">Rev 22:15</a>  | Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.  |
| <a href="#">Rev 22:16</a> | "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you[a] this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."<br><i>[a] The Greek is plural.</i> |  |
| <b>Atonement</b>          | The expiation by Christ of mankind's sin.  |  |
| <b>Christ</b>             | Anointed one. (Greek.)   |  |
|                           | <a href="#">Rom 9:5</a>  | Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! <i>[a]</i> Amen.<br><i>[a] Or Christ, who is over all. God be forever praised! Or Christ. God who is over all be forever praised!</i> |

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| <b>Comforter (KJV)</b>      | Counsellor. (NIV.)           |   |
| <b>Counsellor, Advocate</b> | <a href="#">Isaiah 9:6</a>   | For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  |
|                             | <a href="#">John 14:16</a>   | And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you <b>forever</b> —   |
|                             | <a href="#">John 14:17</a>   | the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.  |
|                             | <a href="#">John 14:26</a>   | But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.  |
|                             | <a href="#">John 15:26</a>   | “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.  |
|                             | <a href="#">John 16:7</a>    | But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.  |
|                             |                              | <b>“forever” i.e. not just a couple of generations or so after Christ as Christadelphians claim.</b>  |
| <b>Emmanuel Immanuel</b>    | God with us.                 |   |
| <b>First &amp; Last</b>     | <a href="#">Isaiah 41:4</a>  | Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD -with the first of them and with the last—I am he.”   |
|                             | <a href="#">Isaiah 44:6</a>  | “This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.  |
|                             | <a href="#">Isaiah 48:12</a> | “Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together. |
|                             | <a href="#">Rev 1:17</a>     | When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.  |
|                             | <a href="#">Rev 1:18</a>     | I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.   |
|                             | <a href="#">Rev 2:8</a>      | “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.   |
|                             | <a href="#">Rev 22:13</a>    | I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.  |
| <b>Godhead,</b>             | <a href="#">Acts 17:29</a>   | <b>KJV:</b> Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.   |
| <b>Divine being,</b>        |                              | <b>NIV:</b> “Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill.   |
| <b>Divine nature,</b>       |                              |   |
| <b>Deity</b>                | <a href="#">Rom 1:20</a>     | <b>KJV:</b> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,  |

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|                  |                              | <p>even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:</p> <p><b>NIV:</b> For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.</p> <p><b>KJV:</b> For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.</p> <p><b>NIV:</b> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,</p> |
|                  | <a href="#">Col 2:9</a>      |   |
| <b>Godliness</b> | <a href="#">1 Tim 3:16</a>   | <p>Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit,[d] was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.</p> <p><i>[d] Or vindicated in spirit</i></p>   |
| <b>I Am</b>      | <a href="#">Exo 3:14</a>     | <p>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.[c] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”</p>   |
|                  | <a href="#">Exo 3:15</a>     | <p>God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD,[d] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’</p> <p><i>[c] Or I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE</i></p> <p><i>[d] The Hebrew for LORD sounds like and may be related to the Hebrew for I AM in verse 14.</i></p>  |
|                  | <a href="#">John 8:58</a>    | <p>“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”</p>   |
| <b>I am he</b>   | <a href="#">Deut 32:39</a>   | <p>"See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.</p>   |
|                  | <a href="#">Isaiah 41:4</a>  | <p>Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD -with the first of them and with the last—I am he."</p>  |
|                  | <a href="#">Isaiah 43:10</a> | <p>"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.</p>   |
|                  | <a href="#">Isaiah 43:13</a> | <p>Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"</p>  |
|                  | <a href="#">Isaiah 43:25</a> | <p>"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.</p>   |
|                  | <a href="#">Isaiah 46:4</a>  | <p>Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.</p>   |
|                  | <a href="#">Isaiah 51:12</a> | <p>"I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass,</p>  |
|                  | <a href="#">Mark 13:6</a>    | <p>Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many.</p>   |
|                  | <a href="#">Luke 21:8</a>    | <p>He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.</p>   |
|                  | <a href="#">John 18:6</a>    | <p>"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.</p>  |

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|                      | <a href="#">John 18:8</a>    | "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go."   |
|                      | <a href="#">Rev 2:23</a>     | I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.   |
| <b>I am who I am</b> | <a href="#">Exo 3:14</a>     | God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM.[c] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD,[d] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'<br><i>[c] Or I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE</i><br><i>[d] The Hebrew for LORD sounds like and may be related to the Hebrew for I AM in verse 14.</i> |
|                      | <a href="#">John 13:19</a>   | "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am.  |
| <b>Jesus</b>         | YHWH is Salvation.           |  |
|                      | <a href="#">John 20:28</a>   | Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  |
|                      | <a href="#">1 Cor 15:45</a>  | So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.   |
|                      | <a href="#">Heb 1:8</a>      | But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the sceptre of your kingdom.  |
|                      | <a href="#">Heb 1:10</a>     | He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.  |
| <b>LORD</b>          | YHWH.                        |  |
| <b>Messiah</b>       | Anointed one. (Hebrew.)      |  |
| <b>Mighty God</b>    | <a href="#">Isaiah 9:6</a>   | For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.   |
|                      | <a href="#">Luke 22:69</a>   | "But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."  |
| <b>Morning Star</b>  | <a href="#">2 Peter 1:19</a> | And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.   |
|                      | <a href="#">Rev 2:26</a>     | To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—  |
|                      | <a href="#">Rev 2:27</a>     | 'He will rule them with an iron sceptre; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'[b]— just as I have received authority from my Father.   |
|                      | <a href="#">Rev 2:28</a>     | I will also give him the morning star.   |
|                      | <a href="#">Rev 2:29</a>     | He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.<br><i>[b] Psalm 2:9</i>  |
| <b>One</b>           | <a href="#">John 10:30</a>   | I and the Father are one."   |
| <b>Saviour</b>       | <a href="#">1 Chr 16:35</a>  | Cry out, "Save us, <b>God our Saviour</b> ; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise."   |
|                      | <a href="#">Isaiah 42:8</a>  | "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.  |
|                      | <a href="#">Isaiah 43:3</a>  | <b>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;</b>   |
|                      | <a href="#">Isaiah 43:11</a> | I, even I, am the <b>LORD</b> , and apart from me there is no <b>saviour</b> .   |

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| <a href="#">Isaiah 49:26</a> | Then all mankind will know that <b>I, the LORD, am your Saviour,</b> your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”   |
| <a href="#">Hosea 13:4</a>   | “But I have been the LORD your God ever since you came out of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Saviour except me.   |
| <a href="#">Luke 2:11</a>    | Today in the town of David a <b>Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.</b>  |
| <a href="#">Luke 2:21</a>    | On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named <b>Jesus,</b> the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.   |
| <a href="#">2 Tim 1:10</a>   | but it has now been revealed through the appearing of <b>our Saviour, Christ Jesus,</b> who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.   |
| <a href="#">Titus 1:3</a>    | and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of <b>God our Saviour,</b>   |
| <a href="#">Titus 1:4</a>    | To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and <b>Christ Jesus our Saviour.</b>   |
| <a href="#">Titus 2:10</a>   | make the teaching about <b>God our Saviour</b> attractive.  |
| <a href="#">Titus 2:13</a>   | while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of <b>our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ,</b>  |
| <a href="#">Titus 3:4</a>    | But when the kindness and love of <b>God our Saviour</b> appeared,  |
| <a href="#">Titus 3:5</a>    | he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  |
| <a href="#">Titus 3:6</a>    | whom he poured out on us generously through <b>Jesus Christ our Saviour,</b>  |
| <a href="#">2 Peter 1:1</a>  | Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of <b>our God and Saviour Jesus Christ</b> have received a faith as precious as ours:  |
| <a href="#">Jude 1:25</a>    | to <b>the only God our Saviour</b> be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.   |
| <b>Spirit</b>                |   |
| <a href="#">Isaiah 44:3</a>  | For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.   |
| <a href="#">John 4:24</a>    | God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”   |
| <a href="#">John 16:13</a>   | But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.                                    |
| <a href="#">Rom 5:3-5</a>    | suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. |
| <a href="#">1 Cor 3:16</a>   | Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?   |
| <a href="#">1 Cor 6:19</a>   | Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;  |

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|                | <a href="#">1 Cor 6:20</a>  | you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.   |
|                | <a href="#">1 Cor 15:45</a> | So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.   |
|                | <a href="#">2 Cor 3:17</a>  | Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.   |
|                | <a href="#">2 Cor 3:18</a>  | And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.<br><i>[a] Or reflect</i>   |
|                | <a href="#">Titus 3:5</a>   | he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,   |
|                | <a href="#">Rev 19:10</a>   | For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.   |
| <b>Word</b>    | <a href="#">John 1:1</a>    | In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  |
|                | <a href="#">John 1:2</a>    | He was with God in the beginning.  |
|                | <a href="#">John 1:3</a>    | Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.   |
|                | <a href="#">John 1:4</a>    | In him was life, and that life was the light of men.   |
|                | <a href="#">John 1:5</a>    | The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood[a] it.   |
|                | <a href="#">John 1:14</a>   | The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,[d] who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.<br><i>[a] Or darkness, and the darkness has not overcome</i><br><i>[d] Or the Only Begotten</i> |
| <b>Worship</b> | <a href="#">Exo 34:14</a>   | Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.   |
|                | <a href="#">Deut 6:13</a>   | Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.  |
|                | <a href="#">Mat 4:10</a>    | Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'[a]"<br><i>[a] Deut. 6:13</i>  |
|                | <a href="#">Mat 28:9</a>    | Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.   |
|                | <a href="#">Mat 28:16</a>   | Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.  |
|                | <a href="#">Mat 28:17</a>   | When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.   |
|                | <a href="#">Luk 24:52</a>   | Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.  |
|                | <a href="#">John 9:38</a>   | Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.  |
|                | <a href="#">Col 2:18</a>    | Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you.   |
|                | <a href="#">Heb 1:6</a>     | And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."  |
|                | <a href="#">Rev 19:9</a>    | Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."   |
|                | <a href="#">Rev 19:10</a>   | At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers  |

and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

[Rev 22:8](#) I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.

[Rev 22:9](#) But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

YHWH LORD. (I AM.)

## Alpha and Omega, First and Last, Beginning and End

### Alpha & Omega

[Rev 1:8](#) “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

[Rev 21:6](#) He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

[Rev 21:7](#) He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

[Rev 22:12](#) “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

[Rev 22:13](#) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

[Rev 22:14](#) “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

[Rev 22:15](#) Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

[Rev 22:16](#) “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you[a] this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

[a] The Greek is plural.

### First & Last

[Isaiah 41:4](#) Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD -with the first of them and with the last—I am he.”

[Isaiah 44:6](#) “This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

[Isaiah 48:12](#) “Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together.

[Rev 1:17](#) When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

[Rev 1:18](#) I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

[Rev 2:8](#) “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

[Rev 22:13](#)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

**One Father**

[Mat 23:10](#)

And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.

## Conclusions

1. The Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and the Beginning and the End refer to the Eternal God.
2. Both the Lord God Almighty and Jesus are claiming to be the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and the Beginning and End; yet there is only one Alpha and Omega, First and Last, Beginning and End.
3. The First and the Last died and came to life again.
4. For he who overcomes, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, will be his God.
5. For he who overcomes, he will become a son of the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.
6. There is only one Father. [Matthew 23:10](#).

## Jesus' Identity

### YHWH (LORD) and Our God

[Mark 1:1-3](#)

1. The beginning of the good news about **Jesus the Messiah**,<sup>[a]</sup> **the Son of God**,<sup>[b]</sup>
2. as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"<sup>[c]</sup>—
3. "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for **the Lord**, make straight paths for **him**.'"<sup>[d]</sup>

*[a] Or Jesus Christ. Messiah (Hebrew) and Christ (Greek) both mean Anointed One.*

*[b] Some manuscripts do not have the Son of God.*

*[c] Malachi 3:1*

*[d] Isaiah 40:3*

[Isaiah 40:3](#)

3. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for **the LORD**<sup>[a]</sup>; make straight in the desert a highway for **our God**.<sup>[b]</sup>

*[a] Or A voice of one calling in the wilderness: / "Prepare the way for the LORD*

*[b] Hebrew; Septuagint make straight the paths of our God*

## Conclusion

Jesus the Messiah = the Son of God = the Lord (Kyrios) = the LORD (YHWH) = our God.

## Holy One of God

### [Mark 1:21-28](#)

21. They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.
22. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.
23. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out,
24. "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"
25. "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!"
26. The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.
27. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him."
28. News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

## God

### [Mark 2:1-12](#)

1. A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.
2. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.
3. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.
4. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.
5. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."
6. Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,
7. "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
8. Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"
9. Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?
10. But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man,
11. "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."
12. He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

## Lord of the Sabbath

### [Mark 2:23-28](#)

23. One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain.
24. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"
25. He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need?"
26. In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."
27. Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.
28. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

## Head

### [1 Chronicles 29:11](#)

“Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as **head** over all.” – 1 Chronicles 29:11

### [Ephesians 4:15](#)

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature **body** of him who is the **head**, that is, Christ.

### [Ephesians 5:23](#)

For the husband is the **head** of the wife as Christ is the **head** of the church, his **body**, of which he is the Saviour.

### [Colossians 1:18](#)

And he is the **head** of the **body**, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

### [Colossians 2:19](#)

They have lost connection with the **head**, from whom the whole **body**, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

## Conclusion

Christ is the head and YHWH is the head; yet there can only be one head.

## Shepherd

### [Genesis 49:24](#)

But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the **Shepherd**, the Rock of Israel,

### [Psalm 23:1](#)

A psalm of David. The LORD is my **shepherd**, I lack nothing.

### [Psalm 80:1](#)

[ *Psalm 80* ] For the director of music. To the tune of “The Lilies of the Covenant.” Of Asaph. A psalm. Hear us, **Shepherd** of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth

### [Jeremiah 31:10](#)

“Hear the word of the LORD, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a **shepherd**.’”

### [Zechariah 13:7](#)

[ *The Shepherd Struck, the Sheep Scattered* ] “Awake, sword, against my **shepherd**, against the man who is close to me!” declares the LORD Almighty. “Strike the **shepherd**, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

### [John 10:11,14](#)

I am the good shepherd.

Compare with [Matthew 19:17 \(NIV\)](#): There is only one who is good.

Compare with [Matthew 19:17 \(NKJV\)](#): No one is good but One, *that is*, God.

### [1 Peter 2:25](#)

For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the **Shepherd** and Overseer of your souls.

### [1 Peter 5:4](#)

And when the Chief **Shepherd** appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

### [Revelation 7:17](#)

For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their **shepherd**; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’ ”

## The Great Commission

### [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

16. Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.
17. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.
18. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
19. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20. and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

*[a] Or into; see Acts 8:16; 19:5; Romans 6:3; 1 Cor. 1:13; 10:2 and Gal. 3:27.*

## Holy Spirit, Comforter, Counsellor, Advocate

### [Matthew 3:11](#)

11. “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

### [Luke 3:16](#)

16. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

### [Luke 11:11-13](#)

11. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[f] a fish, will give him a snake instead?
12. Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?
13. If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*[f] Some manuscripts for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for*

**Comforter,  
Counsellor,  
Advocate**

[Isaiah 9:6](#)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[John 14:16](#) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you **forever**—

[John 14:17](#) the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

[John 14:26](#) But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

[John 15:26](#) “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

[John 16:7](#) But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

**“forever” i.e. not just a couple of generations or so after Christ as Christadelphians claim.**

**Spirit**

[Isaiah 44:3](#) For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

[John 4:24](#) God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

[John 16:13](#) But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

[Rom 5:3-5](#) suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

[1 Cor 3:16](#) Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?

[1 Cor 6:19](#) Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

[1 Cor 6:20](#) you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

[1 Cor 15:45](#) So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

[2 Cor 3: 17](#) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

[2 Cor 3:18](#) And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate[a] the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.  
*[a] Or reflect*

[Rev 19:10](#) For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.

**[Acts 2:38,39](#)**

38. Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
39. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—**for all** whom the Lord our God will call.”

“for all” i.e. not just those of the first couple of generations or so after Christ as Christadelphians claim.

## Conclusion

The Holy Spirit (Comforter, Counsellor, Advocate, Spirit of truth, the Lord) is **forever and for all whom the Lord our God will call and dwells within them**.

## Spiritual Gifts

### [Luke 11:9-13](#)

9. “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.
10. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
11. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[f] a fish, will give him a snake instead?
12. Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?
13. If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”  
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### [John 14:16,17](#)

16. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—
17. the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[c] in you.  
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### [1 Corinthians 3:16](#)

16. Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?

### [1 Corinthians 6:19](#)

19. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

### [1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#)

4. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

5. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
6. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.
7. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
8. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,
9. to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,
10. to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b]
11. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

[a] Or languages

[b] Or languages

### **Romans 12:6-8**

6. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith;
7. if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;
8. if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

[a] Or the

[b] Or to provide for others

## **Conclusion**

The Counsellor/advocate, the Spirit of truth, is with the followers of Jesus *forever* and given to *all* whom the Lord our God will call; not just Jesus' followers within the first couple of generations or so after Christ as Christadelphians claim.

## **Who Is Your Saviour?**

[1 Chr 16:35](#)

Cry out, "Save us, **God our Saviour**; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise."

[Isaiah 42:8](#)

"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

[Isaiah 43:3](#)

**For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;**

[Isaiah 43:11](#)

I, even I, am the **LORD**, and apart from me there is no **saviour**.

[Isaiah 49:26](#)

Then all mankind will know that **I, the LORD, am your Saviour**, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

[Hosea 13:4](#)

**"But I have been the LORD your God ever since you came out of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Saviour except me.**

[Luke 2:11](#)

Today in the town of David a **Saviour** has been born to you; he is the **Messiah**, the Lord.

[Luke 2:21](#)

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named **Jesus**, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

[2 Tim 1:10](#)

but it has now been revealed through the appearing of **our Saviour, Christ Jesus**, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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| <a href="#">Titus 1:3</a>   | and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of <b>God our Saviour</b> ,                                   |
| <a href="#">Titus 1:4</a>   | To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and <b>Christ Jesus our Saviour</b> .   |
| <a href="#">Titus 2:10</a>  | make the teaching about <b>God our Saviour</b> attractive.   |
| <a href="#">Titus 2:13</a>  | while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of <b>our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ</b> ,  |
| <a href="#">Titus 3:4</a>   | But when the kindness and love of <b>God our Saviour</b> appeared,   |
| <a href="#">Titus 3:5</a>   | he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,                   |
| <a href="#">Titus 3:6</a>   | whom he poured out on us generously through <b>Jesus Christ our Saviour</b> ,  |
| <a href="#">2 Peter 1:1</a> | Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of <b>our God and Saviour Jesus Christ</b> have received a faith as precious as ours: |
| <a href="#">Jude 1:25</a>   | to <b>the only God our Saviour</b> be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.                            |

## Conclusion

There is only one Saviour ([Soter](#)); yet the following three entities are given as our Saviour:

1. The LORD (YHWH).
2. God.
3. Jesus Christ or Christ Jesus.

There is only one Saviour ([Soter](#)); yet in [Titus 1](#) we have:

- God the Father – [Titus 1:4](#)
- God our Saviour ([Soter](#)) – [Titus 1:3](#)
- Christ Jesus our Saviour ([Soter](#)) – [Titus 1:4](#)

There is only one Saviour ([Soter](#)); yet in [Titus 2](#) we have:

- God our Saviour ([Soter](#)) – [Titus 2:10](#)
- God and Saviour ([Soter](#)), Jesus Christ – [Titus 2:13](#)

There is only one Saviour ([Soter](#)); yet in [Titus 3](#) we have:

- God our Saviour ([Soter](#)) – [Titus 3:4](#)
- Jesus Christ our Saviour ([Soter](#)) – [Titus 3:6](#)

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**Jesus (Iesous) = YHWH is Salvation**

## Other Dots to Join

**[Jeremiah 23:6](#)**

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

**[Jeremiah 33:16](#)**

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.'

**[Ephesians 4:6](#)**

one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**[Colossians 3:11](#)**

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

## Whom Do You Worship?

Consider the following search results.

### Worship

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**[Exodus 34:14](#)**

14. Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

**[Deuteronomy 6:13](#)**

13. Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.

**[Matthew 4:10](#)**

10. Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'[d]"

[d] Deut. 6:13

[Matthew 28:9,16,17](#)

9. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.
16. Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.
17. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

[Luke 24:52](#)

52. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

[John 9:38](#)

38. Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

[Hebrews 1:6](#)

6. And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

[Revelation 19:9,10](#)

9. Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God."
10. At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

[Revelation 22:8,9](#)

8. I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.
9. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

## Conclusions

1. Only YHWH (LORD) is to be worshipped; yet the disciples worshipped Jesus.
2. Worshipping something other than God is not allowed; yet the disciples worshipped Jesus.

## One Mediator

[1 Timothy 2:5](#)

4. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

## Spirit Intercedes

[Romans 8:26-27](#)

26. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.
27. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

## Jesus Intercedes

### [Hebrews 7:23-25](#)

23. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;
24. but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.
25. Therefore he is able to save completely[c] those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

*[c] Or forever*

## Conclusion

Both the Spirit and Jesus intercede; yet there is only one Mediator.

## Glory

### [Isaiah 42:8](#)

8. "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

### [John 1:14](#)

14. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,[d] who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*[d] Or the Only Begotten*

### [John 2:11](#)

11. This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

### [John 8:54](#)

54. Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

### [Hebrews 2:9](#)

9. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

### [1 Peter 1:21](#)

21. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

## Conclusion

YHWH will not give His glory to another; yet the Father glorifies Jesus.

## Man from Heaven

### [John 3:13,31](#)

13. No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man.
31. “The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

### [John 6:33](#)

33. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

### [John 6:50,51,58,62](#)

50. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die.
51. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”
58. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”
62. **What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!**

### [Acts 7:55](#)

55. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God.**

### [1 Corinthians 15:47-49](#)

47. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.
48. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.
49. And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we[f] bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

*[f] Some early manuscripts so let us*

### [Ephesians 4:9-10](#)

9. (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions[c]?)
10. He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

*[c] Or the depths of the earth*

### [Jeremiah 23:24](#)

24. Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.

## Conclusions

1. Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
2. Jesus returned to where he was before.
3. Where Jesus was before is the same place He is now, i.e. in Heaven standing at the right hand of God.

## Souls in Heaven

The location of the scene is set in heaven, here:

### [Revelation 4](#)

1. After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."
2. At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

The location of the scene remains unchanged, and then we read this:

### [Revelation 6:9-11](#)

9. When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.
10. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"
11. Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

Then we are given a warning:

### [Revelation 22:18,19](#)

18. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.
19. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

So, removing the concept of souls in heaven from Christianity falls foul of the above warning.

## Clothes in Heaven

Christadelphians attempt to deny souls in heaven ([Revelation 6:9-11](#)) by the following means (from page 115 of *Wrested Scriptures* by Ron Abel):

1. Christadelphian denial: The souls cry out in a loud voice so they can't be in heaven.

Answer: Whether the souls are whispering or shouting makes no difference to their location.

The Holy Scriptures make many references to loud voices and shouts both on earth and in heaven:

[Loud voice](#)

2. Christadelphian denial: The souls are wearing white robes so they can't be in heaven.

Answer: What the souls are wearing has no bearing on their location. Here's another example of clothes in heaven:

Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

– [Revelation 4:4](#)

3. Christadelphian denial: The souls are under the altar. Is this where immortal souls are said to reside?

Answer: When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

– [Revelation 6:9](#)

4. Christadelphian conclusion: The passage, therefore, refers to the lives of martyrs given as a testimony to their faith.

True, but no Christian has ever said otherwise.

Christadelphian denial:

Another Christadelphian has told me that the term 'heaven' doesn't really mean heaven, but, instead, it just merely means the panorama John was looking at.

Answer:

[Revelation 4:1](#)

<http://classic.net.bible.org/verse.php?book=Rev&chapter=4&verse=1>

[heaven](#)

<http://classic.net.bible.org/strong.php?id=3772>

Here's another reference to shouting and clothes in heaven:

[Revelation 19](#)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+19&version=NIV>

## Other Verses to Consider

These verses show that life continues in the spirit for believers after death.

[John 8:51-53](#)

51. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."
52. At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death.
53. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

[John 11:25-27](#)

25. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
26. and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
27. "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ,[a] the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

[a] John 11:27 Or Messiah

**Acts 7:59**

59. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

**2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

1. Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.
2. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,
3. because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.
4. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
5. Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
6. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.
7. We live by faith, not by sight.
8. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
9. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.
10. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**Philippians 3:14,20-21**

14. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
20. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,
21. who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

## **Distinction Between Spirit, Soul and Body**

How would you explain the distinction between spirit, soul and body?

<https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=soul+spirit>

**Job 7:11**

11. "Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

**Isaiah 26:9**

9. My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23**

23. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### [Hebrews 4:12](#)

12. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

## Conclusion

Souls of martyrs reside under the altar in heaven and are able to speak. Excluding this from Christianity falls foul of the warning in [Revelation 22:19](#).

Spirit: [ruwach](#), [pneuma](#)

Soul: [nephesh](#), [psuche](#)

Body: [soma](#)

## Christendom Astray

One allegation of Christadelphians against mainstream Christianity is that it has gone astray. Of course this allegation is true, but it's nothing new. Christianity was going astray from the beginning in the first century as the Holy Scriptures themselves make extremely clear:

### [Matthew 13:24-29](#) (Weeds amongst the wheat)

24. Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.
25. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.
26. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.
27. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'
28. "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'
29. "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.
30. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

### [1 John 2:18-19](#) (Antichrists amongst Christians)

18. Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.
19. They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

### [Revelation 1-3](#) (in chapters 2 and 3 the churches get a good talking to)

Then there are Paul's letters to the various churches, which can be summarised as, "**BEHAVE YOURSELVES OR ELSE!**"

## Conclusion

Don't engage in overzealous weeding. [Matthew 13:29](#).

## Co-Equal

### [Philippians 2:5,6,9](#)

5. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
6. Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
9. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,  
*[a] Or in the form of*

### [Hebrews 1:3,4](#)

3. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
4. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

### [Isaiah 9:6](#)

6. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### [Jeremiah 23:6](#)

6. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

### [Jeremiah 33:16](#)

16. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.'

## Question by a Christadelphian

A Christadelphian asked me:

**"Can you see my difficulty with the word "co-equal"?"**

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Here's my answer:

Yes and no (concurrently).

### **YES**

From John 14:28 and 1 Corinthians 15:27-28, yes, I can see your difficulty.

### **NO**

From John 10:25-39, Philippians 2:5,6,9, Hebrews 1:4, Isaiah 9:6, Jeremiah 23:6, and Jeremiah 33:16, no, I can't see your difficulty.

### [John 10](#)

Whose hand are the sheep in (there's only one hand being talked about)?

Who gives [eternal life](#)?

1. God ([Romans 6:23](#))
2. Jesus ([John 10:28](#))
3. the Spirit ([Galatians 6:8](#))

“claim to be God” equals “I am God’s Son”:

- The Jews stoned, what they thought was, a mere man blaspheming by claiming to be God.
- Jesus asked them why they were accusing him of blasphemy because he had said, “I am God’s Son.”

Clearly Jesus equates the “claim to be God” with the saying, “I am God’s Son.”

## **ORTHODOX PARADOX**

So how can there be concurrent equality and subjection?

It’s a paradox. We can either come to the conclusion the Bible has contradicted itself (lied) or that God is explaining something very very very profound:

[Holy, holy, holy](#)

The Apostle Paul admitted that he was thoroughly theologically and legally flummoxed—even though he had studied at the feet of Gamaliel—by calling it a mystery:

[1 Timothy 3:16](#)

Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

## **Conclusions**

1. So Jesus became as much superior to the angels as the Everlasting Father is to them.
2. There is only one highest place; both God and Jesus occupy it.
3. The name that is above every name is YHWH; it has been given to Jesus.

## **Our Father Lord Jesus**

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Was Stephen blaspheming God with his last prayer?

[Matthew 6:9](#)

9. “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

**Luke 11:2**

2. He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

**Acts 7:59**

59. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

"Lord Jesus":

Sovereign Lord:

**Jude 1:4**

4. For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

## The Kingdom Temple

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I understand that the Christadelphians believe that there will be a literal temple in the Kingdom with the restoration of animal sacrifices based on [Ezekiel 40](#).

But the temple he had spoken of was his body – [John 2:21](#).

**Revelation 21:22-25**

22. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
23. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.
24. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it.
25. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

**John 14:23**

23. Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

**1 Corinthians 6:19**

19. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

**1 Peter 2:4,5**

4. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—
5. you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

*[a] Or into a temple of the Spirit*

Is my understanding correct?

## Sir Isaac Newton

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Some Christadelphians attempt to claim Sir Isaac Newton as one of their own because he had some similar beliefs to them, however if he were alive today he would be disfellowshipped by the Christadelphians for having other beliefs which Christadelphians regard as heretical, e.g. Newton had leanings toward Socinianism.

This is what John Thomas wrote about Socinianism:

The readers of the Herald well know that its pages are never defaced by Socinianism or Universalism, which, like Calvinism and Arminianism, equally as absurd creeds, are removed from my faith as widely as the poles asunder.

– John Thomas, *Herald of the Kingdom and Age to Come*, 1853, page 150.

Sir Isaac Newton was also interested in Biblical prophecy. He wrote the following about the return of Jesus (written in the frail hand of an old man) to counteract false prophets:

Two examples of the date 2060 in Yahuda MS 7.3 (Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem)

7.3g, folio 13 verso:

"So then the time times & half a time are 42 months or 1260 days or three years & an half, reckoning twelve months to a year & 30 days to a month as was done in the Calendar of the primitive year. And the days of short lived Beasts being put for the years of lived [sic] kingdoms, the period of 1260 days, if dated from the complete conquest of the three kings A.C. 800, will end A.C. 2060. It may end later, but I see no reason for its ending sooner. This I mention not to assert when the time of the end shall be, but to put a stop to the rash conjectures of fanciful men who are frequently predicting the time of the end, & by doing so bring the sacred prophesies into discredit as often as their predictions fail. Christ comes as a thief in the night, & it is not for us to know the times & seasons wch God hath put into his own breast."

– Sir Isaac Newton

A couple of Christadelphians also wrote about the return of Jesus:

[God's 7000-Year Plan](#)

Christadelphians attempt to explain away this failed prediction by saying that John Thomas and Robert Roberts never **claimed** to be prophets.

Consider the following phrase:

"I am not a prophet; Jesus will return by 2050."

Obviously this is contradictory especially in the light of Jesus' words about no-one knowing the day or hour and false prophets and false messiahs.

At the very least John Thomas and Robert Roberts have been proven to be false teachers.

Jesus declared date-setters for His return to be false prophets, whatever their protestations to the contrary.

Therefore, John Thomas and Robert Roberts were false prophets, i.e. false forth-tellers and false fore-tellers. Ironically, someone who John Thomas regarded as a heretic has out-prophesied him with a non-prophecy long before he was born.

[1 Kings 18 \(Elijah on Mount Carmel\)](#)

## John Thomas

### Apostle?

Christadelphians deny that John Thomas was an Apostle or ever claimed to be an Apostle.

In contrast, here's a quote from Robert Roberts:

“In relation to our generation, he [Dr. Thomas] has performed the work of an Apostle, and has lived long enough to see that work placed on a self-working basis.”  
– *Dr. Thomas: His Life and Work*, 1925 Edition, Page 244, Para 2.

As we all know, the work of an Apostle is the work of the Holy Spirit whilst indwelling that Apostle. Was Robert Roberts claiming John Thomas was indwelt by the Holy Spirit or was he ignorant of the ramifications of labelling someone an Apostle? If the former it contradicts John Thomas statement concerning [Cessationism](#).

See: *The Rise of the Cults*, Branson Hopkins, Page 17, Para 1.

### Prophet?

Christadelphians deny that John Thomas was a prophet or ever claimed to be prophet.

In contrast, here's a quote from *The Macclesfield Chronicle*:

“A missionary has come over to us in the ship De Witt Clinton, whose purpose is to prophecy to us of the approaching end of the world, which he foresees in the portents which now afflict all the nations of the European continent.”  
– *The Macclesfield Chronicle*, July 8, 1848.

John Thomas used this quote, without correction or admonishment, in his own publication entitled *Herald of the Future Age*, Volume 4, 1848.

Robert Roberts also used this quote in his book entitled *Dr. Thomas: His Life and Work*:

“Such are the doctrines of the prophet who has just arrived in England to enlighten modern Europe.”  
– *Dr. Thomas: His Life and Work*, Second Edition, Page 191.

Robert Roberts also said of John Thomas:

“The facilities for the proclamation of his message might be problematical, but as he felt his message was given to him by God, he persevered, the results have caused many to be thankful to God for the decision to visit Britain.”

– *Dr. Thomas: His Life and Work*, Third Edition, Page 148, Para 4.

See: *Unmasking Christadelphianism*, Branson Hopkins, Page 38-39.

## Cessationism

John Thomas said this about the Holy Spirit:

“The gifts of the Holy Spirit ceased when the Christian body attained to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, rendered permanent in the writings of the Holy Scriptures. These gifts that ceased were the word of wisdom, faith that would move mountains, healing etc. On the other hand the fruits of the Spirit would abide.”

– *Dr. Thomas: His Life and Work*, Third Edition 1970, Page 31, Para 6.

See: *Unmasking Christadelphianism*, Page 17, Para 3.

## Crafty Guile

John Thomas said this about his tactics:

“It might be said, that being crafty I caught them with guile. Be it so. You must angle to catch trout, I was fishing for men for the kingdom of God, and baited my hook with its gospel things. Some swallowed the bait, but their struggles not being exhausted, they have not yet come quietly to shore.”

– *Dr. Thomas: His Life and Work*, Second Edition, Page 233, Para 2.

See: *Unmasking Christadelphianism*, Page 50, Para 4.

See also: [2 Corinthians 12:16](#); [Proverbs 14:17](#).

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## Demons and Mental Illness

First-century Christians believed there were demons causing various illnesses – physical and mental.

When Jesus and the Apostles cured people of these illnesses, they rejoiced giving thanks to God and told everyone they met that they had been cured of a demon. Jesus did not see fit to correct them of this belief so it was OK by Him; they were welcome in the Body of Christ and weren't disfellowshipped for it.

Over the last 150 years or so, some people have reinterpreted **demon** to mean **mental illness**. They haven't stopped there; they have gone on to say that people who don't accept this new reinterpretation are to be disfellowshipped. This is an abusive departure from first-century Christian practice. How can a person claim to be a first-century Christian if they would disfellowship someone holding to first-century Christian practice?

The irony is that this kind of spiritual, social and psychological abuse creates and enhances mental illnesses.

## Conclusions

1. Modern thinking is not a valid reason to create a new fellowship barrier.
2. Let's follow the example of Jesus and the Apostles who kept fellowship with people who believed in demon-possession.
3. Did Jesus ever say to the man with a fever, "I can't cure you because you haven't used the correct 21<sup>st</sup> century medical term *Influenza Arroganti*"?

## Overall Conclusions

1. The Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, and the Beginning and End refer to the Eternal God.
2. Both the Lord God Almighty and Jesus are claiming to be the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and the Beginning and End; yet there is only one Alpha and Omega, First and Last, Beginning and End.
3. The First and the Last died and came to life again.
4. For he who overcomes, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, will be his God.
5. For he who overcomes, he will become a son of the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.
6. There is only one Father. [Matthew 23:10](#).
7. Jesus the Messiah = the Son of God = the Lord (Kyrios) = the LORD (YHWH) = our God.
8. The Holy Spirit (Comforter, Counsellor, Advocate, Spirit of truth, the Lord) is **forever and for all whom the Lord our God will call and dwells within them**.
9. God is spirit; Jesus is a life-giving spirit.
10. The Counsellor, the Spirit of truth, is with the followers of Jesus **forever** and given to **all whom the Lord our God will call**; not just Jesus' followers within the first couple of generations or so after Christ as Christadelphians claim.
11. There is only one Saviour (Soter); yet the following three entities are given as our Saviour: The LORD (YHWH); God; Jesus Christ or Christ Jesus.
12. Only YHWH is to be worshipped; yet the disciples worshipped Jesus.  
Worshipping something other than God is not allowed; yet the disciples worshipped Jesus.
13. Both the Spirit and Jesus intercede; yet there is only one Mediator.
14. YHWH will not give His glory to another; yet the Father glorifies Jesus.
15. Jesus returned to where he was before, i.e. heaven.
16. Souls of martyrs reside under the altar in heaven and are able to speak.  
Excluding this from Christianity falls foul of the warning in [Revelation 22:19](#).
17. Don't engage in overzealous weeding. [Matthew 13:29](#).
18. So Jesus became as much superior to the angels as the Everlasting Father is to them.
19. There is only one highest place; both God and Jesus occupy it.
20. The name that is above every name is YHWH; it has been given to Jesus.
21. Date-setters for Christ's return are false prophets whatever their protestations to the contrary.
22. Modern thinking is not a valid reason to create a new fellowship barrier.

## TO DO

Compare “I am the good shepherd” with “Why do you call me good? There is none good but God.”

The Apostle Peter said that the prophets of the Old Testament were carried along by the Holy Spirit; yet those prophets said, “Thus says the LORD (or YHWH).”

### Fully God

Isa. 9:6; Matt. 11:27; 16:16; Mark 2:5-7; Luke 5:20-22; 9:20; John 1:1; 1:14; 2:19, 21; 3:13, 31; 5:18; 6:38; 8:58; 9:38; 10:17; 10:30; 13:3; 14:9; 14:23; 16:15; 16:28; 17:8; 17:21-23; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 1 Cor. 10:3-4; 15:47; 18:4-6; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-17, 19; 2:9; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2:5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:2-3, 8-11; 2:7, 9, 14, 16; 13:8; 1 John 5:20; Rev. 1:8, 17; 2:8; 3:14.

### Fully human

Matt. 1:1, 18-25; 4:2; 26:38; Luke 1:26-38; 9:58; 22:44; John 1:14; 11:33-35; 19:28, 34; Romans 9:5; 1 Cor. 15:3; Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Tim. 2:5; 3:16; Heb. 2:14-15, 17-18; 4:15; 10:5; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 4:2; 2 John 7.

Search:

### Jesus as Father:

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Matthew 9:22

Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

Mark 5:34

He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

Matthew 23:10

Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.

Luke 11:13 with John 14:13

John 10:28-30

John 13:33

John 14:9

Rev 21:7

“God over all” compared with “head over all”:

[“Holy One of God”](#):

[LORD, LORD’s](#):

The LORD Our Righteousness / LORD Our Righteous Saviour:

**[Jeremiah 23:6](#)**

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

**[Jeremiah 33:16](#)**

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.'

Saviour

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Rock

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"I am he"

<https://www.biblegateway.com/keyword/?search=%22i+am+he%22&searchtype=all&wholewordsonly=yes&version1=31&spanbegin=1&spanend=73>

"Holy One of Israel"

<https://www.biblegateway.com/keyword/?search=%22Holy+One+of+Israel%22&version1=31&searchtype=all&limit=none&wholewordsonly=no>

"kingdom of God"

<https://www.biblegateway.com/keyword/?search=%22kingdom+of+God%22&searchtype=all&version1=31&spanbegin=1&spanend=73>

"kingdom of heaven"

<https://www.biblegateway.com/keyword/?search=%22kingdom+of+heaven%22&searchtype=all&version1=31&spanbegin=1&spanend=73>

"everlasting to everlasting"

<https://www.biblegateway.com/keyword/?search=%22everlasting+to+everlasting%22&searchtype=all&version1=31&spanbegin=1&spanend=73>

"eternal God"

<https://www.biblegateway.com/keyword/?search=eternal+god&searchtype=phrase&version1=31&spanbegin=1&spanend=73>

"eternal life"

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redeemer

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"Mighty One of Jacob"

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[Amos 3:7](#)

Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

[is to come; Is, was, to come](#)

[Revelation 1:5](#)

Grace and peace to you from him **who is, and who was, and who is to come**, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

[Revelation 1:8](#)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "**who is, and who was, and who is to come**, the Almighty."

Revelation 4:8

Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, **who was, and is, and is to come.**"

[Holy, holy, holy](#)

[Isaiah 6:3](#)

And they were calling to one another: "**Holy, holy, holy** is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

[Revelation 4:8](#)

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[Ephesians 6:12](#)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

[I and the Father are one.](#)

All and in all:

[1 Corinthians 15:28](#)

When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

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[Ephesians 4:6](#)

one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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[Colossians 3:11](#)

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3:11&version=NIV>

God is spirit

[John 4:24](#)

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Jesus is a life-giving spirit

[1 Cor 15:45](#)

So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

There is only one Spirit.

Kingdom of God

[Matthew 12:28](#)

if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

"finger of God"

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"spirit of God"

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## Updates for New International Version 2011

1. Advocate instead of Counsellor

2. [John 13:19](#)

"I am He"

changed to

"I am who I am"

3. [Philippians 2:6](#)

Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

changed to:

Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;