

The Study of God

God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Spirit

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Preface

It is our privilege to provide this compendium of studies on "God." No greater study than this could be undertaken. I ask you to read these writings very carefully and think about what they teach.

You must not look at these writings as being divine or as being without the common imperfections of human authors. However, we have tried to gather studies on the subject of God that have been written by the finest and most academically qualified Christian men we know. Their discussions can act as a guide to help you understand the teachings that our Creator has given us through the inspired writers of the Old and New Testaments. We must never allow any writings of man, even our brothers in Christ, to replace the divine writings of Scriptures; however, we hope the messages we have included in this volume will assist you in arriving at the truth that God has given us.

The most important decision on earth is the decision to become a Christian, to become a follower of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Remember also, the words of Peter, "There is no other name under

heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12), and the words of Jesus Himself, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6).

No greater tragedy can happen to a person than for that person to be led away from Jesus, the One about whom the Holy Spirit has said,

God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:9-11).

Do not put it past some religious leaders to denigrate the Lord Jesus, God the Son. John the apostle faced false teachers in the first century whom he called "antichrists." This word "antichrist" is used four times in the New Testament (1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 7). John used all these references, and each one is plural in word or spirit. Each one refers to people who have fallen away under the false teaching that Jesus did not come in the flesh. John was adamant about these teachers:

Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also (1 John 2:22, 23).

We must be vigilant, searching the Scriptures daily so that we can stand firmly in the truth. We even have to watch the translations of the Scriptures.

I know of one translation that carefully mistranslates the Scriptures to teach the doctrines they want. Any translation that demotes Jesus from being the Son of God came from the spirit of error. One final word from John, "We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error" (1 John 4:6).

Let us stand firmly in God's divine truth, and thus, in the salvation Jesus has brought us!