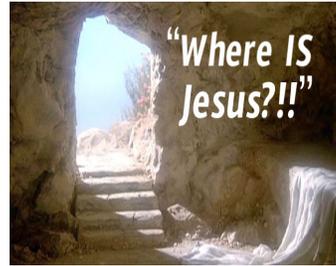


“Where IS Jesus?”



**John 17:11,20-23; I Corinthians 2:1-16;
Romans 8:9-17**

Introduction: At “Christmas-time” we talk about “Immanuel,” “God with us,” and then live as though He isn’t!!

Where IS Jesus? “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

Through His presence in believers Jesus draws us into the “oneness” of God!!

Believers are united with Christ and enter into the fellowship, the “oneness,” the communion that exists within God.

I. Jesus is one with the Father ...

John 17:11,20-23: “... that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in US ...” (vs. 21).

John 1:1,14,18: “... and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh ...” (vss. 1,14).

The disciples came to believe that Jesus was from God, but only later would they come to understand that He WAS God and IS God!!

In **Deuteronomy 6:4**, the word translated “ONE” refers to two or more existing in perfect unity or “oneness.” (See Genesis 2:24, 1:26)

God has always existed in perfect “ONENESS,” Father, Son and Spirit.

The Son could NOT be separated from the Father!

In quoting **Psalm 22:1**, Jesus was declaring He was the Messiah !

It was by the shedding of blood that atonement (payment) was made for our sins. (See also Isaiah 53:4-6)

II. Jesus is one with the Spirit ...

I Corinthians 2:12: “Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God ...”

I Corinthians 2:16: “We HAVE the mind of Christ !”

The Spirit of God is never separated from the Father and the Son!

Where the Spirit of God is at work Christ is at work and where Christ is at work the Father is at work.

It is impossible that the Son could be separated from the Spirit or that the Father could be separated from the Son and the Spirit.

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III. Jesus is one with believers!!!

The “oneness” Jesus prayed for believers was not “sameness,” as some religions teach, but “fellowship,” “*koinonia*.”

Romans 8:9-11: “... if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. if Christ is IN you ...”

Romans 8:12-17: “... you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba,’ Father!” (vs. 15).

I John 3:2: “BELOVED, we are God’s children now, ... when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.”

I John 1:3: “Our fellowship (in the Spirit) is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ!”

God exists eternally in perfect “oneness,” and through the work of the Son and the work of the Spirit we who believe enter into a relationship with the one true God that cannot be broken !!!!!

Romans 8:38-39: “I am SURE that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come ... nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate US from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!!”

I John 5:13: “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may KNOW that you HAVE eternal life!!!”