

who wore poor people's clothes and went to visit the poor in their homes without taking servants with them in order not to frighten the poor, and in order to see their needs and to help them. We admire such great men, and praise them for their humility and nobility. The greater the person, the greater is his nobility in humbling himself.

But who is the greatest of all? Is it not God Almighty? And who is the most noble? Is it not He who created them all? To sum up then, we assert, and God unequivocally declares, that "God is one!" But His oneness is not the same as man's oneness, because God is not limited. And the human mind cannot fathom the depth of what deity is. It therefore suits man to stand in awe when he considers what God revealed about Himself.

WHAT GOD REVEALED

Man cannot truly know about God except through divine revelation. It is not possible for the finite human mind to understand the nature of the infinite God. Therefore, it was necessary that God reveal Himself to us through divinely inspired writings, and that He protect and guard them from any attempt to change even one word or one letter. It is certain that God's Word abides forever, as the prophet had said long ago: "Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89). And the New Testament declares that "The word of God ... liveth and abideth forever" (1 Peter 1:23).

THE NATURE OF THE GODHEAD

Before Christ ascended to heaven, He commanded His disciples saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:18,19). Notice that He did not say unto them, "in the *names* of the Father and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." He said, "in the *name*" because it is *one* name – the glorious name of the one and only true and living God.

But someone might object and say, "How can that be? How can three be one?" This objection rises from the great error in trying to apply the rules of physics and mathematics to the Godhead. Herein lies the mistake and the cause of the perplexity. The Almighty God, who created nature and imposed on it rules of mathematics and other natural laws, is Himself not under such laws. We cannot, and should not, apply the laws of created material to spiritual issues.

FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT: ONE GOD

Clearly then, the Holy Bible teaches us that there is only one God. Now let's consider how that agrees with the mention of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in seven places in the Bible.

1. "Baptizing them in the *name* (not names) of the Father, and of the Son, and of