

“My God” (Rev 3:12-13)



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- ✧ 3x in this verse alone Jesus refers to His Father is “My God”
- ✧ But isn't Jesus God in the flesh?
- ✧ How then can Jesus call God His God and yet be God in the flesh?

CONJECTURE



- ✧ I think the church to a great extent oversimplified the relationship in the Godhead and in doing so blurred the relationship in the Trinity
 - ✧ What is often said or taught is “Jesus is God”
 - ✧ My question to you is is this an accurate statement?
 - ✧ Is calling Jesus God an accurate statement?
 - ✧ And if Jesus is God, then how can He call God “My God”?
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- ✧ May I suggest to us that calling “Jesus God” is an incomplete and imbalanced statement

CONJECTURE



- More technically **Jesus is the Son of God**
- Where it gets confusing, is the Father was in Christ during Jesus's earthly ministry and that is overlooked when we try and cut straight to the chase and call Jesus God
- I'd like to cross reference a few Scriptures to demonstrate the mystery of the Father involvement in Jesus's earthly ministry:

John 10:37-39

37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that **the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.**"

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John 14:8-11

8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He **who has seen Me has seen the Father**; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me**? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but **the Father abiding in Me does His [the Father’s] works**. 11 **Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me**; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

∞ Just like it was the Father who nailed Jesus to the cross to disarm His enemies (Col 2), so also the Father was in Christ doing the Father’s works through Jesus!

∞ One last example, Paul’s gospel...

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✎ As we've made it a practice, let's insert the Persons of the Trinity

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✎ Ok what about v. 19, which Persons of the Trinity are being spoken of?
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❧ IMPORTANT TRUTH: The Father was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself! Jesus never acted alone! The Father was in Him and He in the Father!

CONJECTURE



- ❧ CASE IN POINT: When we say that Jesus is God, we are detracting from the Father!
- ❧ Yes Jesus is divine, but He did not and never operated alone
- ❧ It is clear that during Jesus's earthly ministry He came to say, do, and fulfill all the works of His Father
- ❧ It is also clear that the Father was manifesting Himself through Jesus's works
 - ❧ Hence, Jesus said, if you don't believe Me (Jesus), believe the Father (in Me) whose performing His works through Me
- ❧ So let's not detract from the Father by saying Jesus is God (Yahweh)!
- ❧ It's more accurate to say that Jesus is the divine Son of God in the flesh!
- ❧ And God the Father was in Christ the entire time during His earthly ministry!
- ❧ Technically, Yahweh Himself is coming too! At the very very end! 😊

Exposit 3:12



With this truth in mind, it is easier for us to understand and accept when Jesus calls God (Yahweh) “My God”:

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❧ CASE IN POINT:

❧ God the Father is Jesus's God!

❧ God the Father is our God too!

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☞ Is this not what our Lord told Mary at the empty tomb:

John 20:15-17

15 Jesus *said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she *said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” 16 Jesus *said to her, “Mary!” She turned and *said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). 17 Jesus *said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘**I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.**’”

☞ Another clear proof that Jesus called His Father, His God too!

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And finally, the last verse in this letter:

13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

❧ Not just a catchy phrase

❧ It's a call to repent and believe what God has written

❧ It's a call to believe and hold fast our confession

❧ It's a call to believe and persevere at all costs for much is at stake

In Closing



- ❧ What will the Lord Jesus make and write on believers?
- ❧ What's in store for the 1st century churches and the church of Jesus Christ?
- ❧ Our Lord Jesus will make us pillars of the church and truth in His Father's heavenly temple which is in the heavenly city of His Father, which is also known as the New Jerusalem - in the new heaven and the new earth!
- ❧ Our Lord will also write on our hearts the Name of God the Father, the Name of the Father's city, the Name of the New Jerusalem on our hearts!
- ❧ Not only will our Lord Jesus write on our hearts the Name of His Father, the Name of the city of His Father, the New Jerusalem, but the Lord Jesus will also write on us His New Name given to Him by God His Father!
- ❧ In contrast, what does this mean for unbelievers? What's in store for them?

In Closing



- ❧ For those who refuse to repent and believe in Christ, who are not part of the church of Jesus Christ, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, the Father through Christ will render to every man according to what he has done, to the Jew first and also to the Gentiles
- ❧ For those who refuse to repent and believe the gospel, they will not have the Names of God the Father nor the Lord Jesus Christ nor the Name of the city of the Father nor the Name of the New Jerusalem written on their hearts
- ❧ As we will see, their place will be with the dogs, the sorcerers, immoral persons, murderers, idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying, there place will not be in the new heaven in the new earth, but outside the gates of the city, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth, the lake of fire where Satan, the fallen angels and the rest of unbelievers will spend all eternity

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- ✧ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
- ✧ That concludes our study of this small but powerful letter to Philadelphia.
- ✧ Next up and the final letter: Laodicea
- ✧ Like you, I too look forward to learning and seeing what's in store for us there. Amen. Amen.