

[#1] INTRODUCTION TO THE COGPOD

A JOURNEY INTO ROM 8:4-17

Part 3 Who do we as Children of God Recognize as Our Father?

Hello, my brothers and sisters. This is brother Ed, again welcoming you back to the COGPOD. In part 2 of this 3-part series, we left you with the question: Who do the children of God recognize as their Father? In regard to that question, I want you to notice what Jesus said in prayer at John 17:1-8; **1**After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “*Father*, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, so he can give glory back to you. **2**For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life, to each one you have given him. **3**And this, is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. **4**I brought glory to you here on earth, by completing the work you gave me to do. **5**Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began. **6**“I have revealed you, to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You, gave them to me, and they have kept your word. **7**Now they know, that everything I have is a gift from you, **8**for I have passed on to them, the message *you* gave me. They accepted it, and know, that I came from you, and they believe, you sent me. [NLT]

As children of God, our Father, is Jesus’s Father, and Our God, is Jesus’ God. Whoa!!! Does *Jesus* have a God and Father? Now is the time to let the word of God speak to His children; first 2Cor 1:3 **3**Praise be to *the God and Father* of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, [NIV] Next 2Cor 11:31 **31***The God and Father of the Lord Jesus*, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying. [NIV] Now Eph 1:3 **3**Praise be to *the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.[NIV] Then Col 1:3 **3**We give thanks to the God *and* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying continually for you, [BSB] And finally 1Pet 1:3 **3**Praise be to the *God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!* In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. [NIV] Please, look those scriptures up and carefully review them. When you do, you will see that it is abundantly clear that the apostles knew and fully understood that Jesus has a God and Father, but does Jesus himself acknowledge that He has a God and Father? Again, allow the word of God speak to His Children; Mt 27:46 **46**About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?*” (which means “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*”). [NIV] Who did Jesus cry out to? His God!! Now let’s look at Jo 20:17 **17**Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending *to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.*’”[NIV] At Rev 3:12 Jesus says; **12**The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of *my God*. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of *my God* and the name of the city of *my God*, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from *my God*; and I will also write on them my new name. [NIV] If you take the word of God, over the word of men, the answer is obvious. And Rom 3:4 says; **4...** Let God be true, and every human being a liar....[NLT] At this point I’d like to turn your attention what Jesus said when he was asked to teach us how to pray at Mt 6:9. He said; **9**Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.[NLT] Jesus taught us to pray for our Father’s name to be hallowed or sanctified or held holy. What is the name of Jesus God and Father? The name of Jesus God and father is Jehovah or Yahweh in

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the English language. If you were to ask Jesus, what is your God and Father's name? His answer would unquestionably be JEHOVAH or YAHWEH. The name of His God and father was recorded in the sacred Hebrew text from Genesis to Malachi almost 7000 times. And yet it has been removed in many modern translations in every single occurrence. That is blasphemy!!!! Who only can be behind that. It smacks of Satan, doesn't it? Why has the name of the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the name of the GRAND father of all the true children of God been deliberately hidden in most translations of the bible? Hiding Jehovah's name in all the places it appears in the Holy Scriptures is not only indefensible and inexcusable, it is a grave sin. So, I'm going to repeat what I pointed out earlier in part 1. It is a sin that carries a curse, and rightly so. It appears in the Hebrew scriptures [OT] nearly 7,000 times and is deliberately mistranslated as 'LORD'. They know, that the divine name is in the text, yet they refuse to translate it accurately. WHY!!! Because, if you read in the Holy Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation all the places our Father's name actually appears, there is no way you could ever mistake Jehovah for Jesus, or Jesus for Jehovah. No Way!!!!!! For Good reason the curse is in force. To remove Jehovah's name from His word, undermines the very foundation of the Bible itself and allows for the death-dealing, man-made doctrine of the trinity to be introduced. The Most High and only true God Jehovah has said; Again at Deut 4:2 2Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you. [ASV] Deut 12:32 32What thing soever I command you, that shall ye observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. [ASV] Prov 30:6 6Add thou not unto his words, Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. [ASV] Rev 22:18,19 18I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book: 19and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book. [BSB]

Why is the Name of God so Important to the Children of God? As previously stated, Jesus taught us at Mt 6:9,10 as follows; 9So then, this is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11Give us this day our daily bread. 12And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. [NLT] Why is it, in teaching us how to pray, the very first thing, the FIRST THING, Jesus taught us in this regard, was to hallow or sanctify or hold holy Jehovah's name. *Before* the coming kingdom, *before* His will being done on Earth as it is in heaven, *before* our daily bread, *before* forgiveness of our sins and those who sin against us, *before* delivering us from temptation and protection from the wicked one. As important as all those things are, Jesus taught us to pray first, for Jehovah's name to be held holy. He didn't say, hallowed be my name, Jesus said, 'Hallowed be YOUR name. Jesus was a Jew. The God of the Jews was known to many nations and peoples and tribes and tongues as YHWH. Ps 144:15 says; 15Happy are the people with such blessings. Happy are the people whose God is Yahweh. [HCSB] In English it is translated Jehovah. If you were to ask a Jew of the day, whose name is on the temple wherein they rendered sacred service, they would answer Jehovah, as is verifiable by 1Ki 8:17-20 where Solomon prayed; 17And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of

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LORD JEHOVAH, God of Israel. **18**And LORD JEHOVAH said to David my father: 'For the sake of what was in your heart, to build a house to my name, it is beautiful what you have done, that was in your heart. **19**However you shall not build a house to my name, but only your son who proceeds from your loins, he shall build a house for my name.' **20**And LORD JEHOVAH has confirmed the word that he spoke, and I have risen in the place of David my father and I sit on the throne of Israel, according to what LORD JEHOVAH said, and I have built a house for the name of LORD JEHOVAH, God of Israel. [HPBT] If you were to ask any of Jesus apostles the name of their God, each and every one would say, Jehovah. It's what they learned from birth. If you were to ask any of the Jews who formed the root of the Christian congregation in the first century the name of their God, they would say Jehovah. It's what every Jew learned from birth. The reason being explained at Ex 3:13-15 which says; **13**And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them? **14**And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. **15**And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. [ASV]. When the Jews were at their synagogues reading from the Hebrew scriptures, they used and recognized the name of their God as Jehovah, not the LORD. Even if their superstitions of later centuries did not allow them to say the name, they ALL mentally assented to the name, Jehovah. Then too, we cannot ignore Jesus words in prayer to his God and Father when he said at John 17:26; **26**And I have made *Your name* known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love You have for Me may be in them, and I in them." [BSB] Even on the turban of the Jewish High Priest there was an attached subscription 'Holiness Belongs to Jehovah'. There can be no doubt, the first Christians, the first of those adopted as sons of the living God, knew and used their Father's name, JEHOVAH, as Jesus taught them. [in their tongue of course].

All of the above flies in face of Christendom's foundation cornerstone, 'THE TRINITY'. Of that we are fully aware. So, outspokenly and very plainly, let me state; The trinity is not a biblical teaching, it is a church teaching that was fixed in church culture at the council of Nicaea around 325 C.E., over 300 years after the birth of Jesus. Not only did none of the Christian bible writers teach it, for them, it was inconceivable. The apostles and first century Christians NEVER viewed Jesus as Almighty God. NEVER. They always saw him and addressed him as God's son, because Jesus ALWAYS presented himself as such. When Jesus asked His disciples who he was, notice the answer found at Mt 16:13-17; **13**When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He questioned His disciples: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" **14**They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15**"But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?" **16**Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, *the Son of the living God.*" **17**Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by *My Father* in heaven. [BSB] Jesus never referred to himself as the Mighty God, which he was, according to Isa 9:6&7 which clearly states pertaining to Jesus; **6**For unto us a child is

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born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, *Mighty God*, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7**Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of *Jehovah* of hosts will perform this. [ASV] The children of God have to scripturally recognize Jesus as the Mighty God of Isa 9:6&7 [Gibbor, not Elohim] for He is such. However, there's a big difference in the Mighty God and God the Almighty. The true children of God recognize the difference. It is absolutely imperative that we always take *Jehovah* and Jesus according to their word, and the COGPOD has as its singular mission, to do just that. From the Garden of Eden forward, Satan has used a most effective weapon against mankind. He twists the very words of *Jehovah*, to the death of the human race. Yes, he puts a spin, if you will, on *Jehovah's* words. Notice how he does this in Gen 3:1-5; **1**The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals *Jehovah* God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" **2**"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. **3**"It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" **4**"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. **5**"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." [NLT] Satan knew that was not what *Jehovah* had said before he even asked. He put the woman in a defensive posture with his well thought out and carefully crafted question. Our brother Paul issued a dire warning in Gal 1:6-9 where he was inspired to write; **6**I am astonished, that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ, and are turning to a different gospel— **7**which is really no gospel at all. Evidently, some people are throwing you into confusion, and are trying to *pervert*, the gospel of Christ. **8**But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! **9**As we have already said, so now I say again: If *anybody* is preaching to you, a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! [NIV] Did it ever occur to you, that what Paul was inspired to write here, is EXACTLY what took place in the garden of Eden. Eve quickly deserted the gospel, or good news, from *Jehovah*, to another gospel, which was *no* gospel, or good news, at all. She was thrown into confusion by Satan's perversion, of *Jehovah's* gospel. Satan, an angel out of heaven, as Paul alluded to, preached a gospel other than the one that came forth from *Jehovah*, and Satan, under the guise of the serpent, came under *Jehovah* God's curse as spelled out at Gen 3:14-15 which says; **14**And Yahweh God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than any of the cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; **15**And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." [LCB] Satan hasn't changed. He still takes some of *Jehovah* God's words, in isolated individual scriptures and portions of scripture, and perverts them to the detriment of all mankind. He, is behind the introduction of the trinity into the churches of Christendom. It is a death-dealing perversion of *Jehovah's* word, just as it was in the garden of Eden, and everyone who refuses to accept what the bible says instead of what the church says,

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will end up in death. The COGPOD's mission is to point out the bible's truth, starting with Jehovah, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, in a 4-part series. The 1st topic in the series is: WHERE IS YOUR FATHER. The 2nd is: THE UNIQUENESS OF JEHOVAH. The 3rd is: THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS. The 4th is: THE UNIQUENESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. The 1st in the series is based on John chapter 8. Please join us as we explore a question propounded to Jesus himself in chapter 8 of John; 'WHERE IS YOUR FATHER?' If you are a Berean type bible student..... It's gonna be good. This is brother Ed saying, so long for now.