

# WHY ONENESS?

**Oneness** is the belief in one indivisible God with no distinction of persons, and that all the fullness of the Godhead incarnate dwells in Jesus.

## What Was the Belief System in the Bible?

Only one God exists (**Isaiah 43:10--11; 44:6; 46:9**). The message of the entire Old Testament is radical monotheism, the belief in one God (**Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 4:39**).

The oneness message was firmly established in the Old Testament (**Deuteronomy 6:4**) and was reaffirmed in the New Testament (**Mark 12:29**). The doctrine of the "trinity" (the belief of God existing in three distinct persons) is not found anywhere in Scripture.

God does not share His glory and power with anyone (**Isaiah 42:8**).

## What Is the Nature of God?

God is a Spirit (John 4:24; II Corinthians 3:17).  
He fills the entire universe (**Psalms 139:7--10; I Kings 8:27**).  
He is invisible (**I Timothy 1:17; John 1:18**).  
As a Spirit, He did not have flesh and bones (**Luke 24:39**).

God could not come to Earth and pay the price for our sins as a Spirit; He had to have a body. So God was manifest (made known to us) in flesh and came to die for our sins (**I Timothy 3:16**).

The promised messiah that we see in the New Testament (Jesus) is the same "everlasting Father" of the Old Testament (**Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:18--23**)!

God became a man and dwelt among His people (**Matthew 1:23; John 1:1, 14**).  
Since God is a Spirit, Jesus is the physical manifestation of God (**Colossians 1:15**).  
Jesus is who we will see sitting on the one throne in Heaven (**Matthew 19:28; Revelation 4:2**).

## What Does the Bible Say about Jesus Being God?

Jesus is the one person in the Godhead. All the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus Christ (**Colossians 2:9**).

Jesus said He was the "I AM" of the Old Testament (**John 8:57-58 referencing Exodus 3:14**).

Jesus said there is no distinction between Him and His "Father." Jesus is the "everlasting Father"; they are one (**John 10:30; 14:9, both confirming Isaiah 9:6**).

Scripture confirms that Jesus is the literal image of God (**Colossians 1:15**).

God has only one name, and that name is Jesus (**Zachariah 14:9; Acts 4:12; 7:59**).  
Jesus is the name of the Father (**Isaiah 9:6; cp. John 5:43**).  
Jesus is the name of the Son (**Isaiah 9:6; cp. Matthew 1:21--23**).

Jesus is the name of the Holy Spirit (**Isaiah 9:6; cp. John 14:26**; "the Comforter" in v. 26 references "prince of peace" in **Isaiah 9:6**).

We see this acted out in Scripture when the disciples fulfilled the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:19 by baptizing exclusively in the name of Jesus (**Acts 2:38; 8:16; 19:4-5**).