

The Object of Our Worship

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As we review the content of the New Testament, we are able to see how Father, Son and Holy Spirit have been addressed historically. What follows is a summary:

BOTH FATHER AND SON

There are some actions and behavior that are directed toward Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These include the following.

We enjoy fellowship with (F) (S) (HS) and keep their commandments (F9) (S11). We hear (F14) (S13) (HS10). We abide in (F2) (S15) (HS1), dwell in (F3) (S1), and believe in (F7) (S47). We are to be baptized in the name of the Father (1), the Son (3) and the Holy Spirit (1). We behold the glory of both Father and Son.

We call on (F5) (S3), confess (F3) (S9), glorify (F36) (S2), magnify (F) (S), hope in (F3) (S1), honor (F11) (S2), obey (F3) (S3), please (F3) (S1), and follow (F2) (S59).

We live by (F5) (S5) (HS5), love (F17) (S4), and rejoice in all the glorious things done by (F4) (S1). We have faith in (F5) (S23), seek (F6) (S1), serve (F12) (S4), thank (F29) (S2) and trust (F7) (S3). We have turned to (F1) (S3), walk and live in (F1) (S2) and give wisdom to (F) (S).

ONLY FATHER

We lift our voice and show forth His praises as we stand before His face. When we draw near (F2) and come into His presence, we do it with boldness. We have confidence in Father. We direct our pray to Him (F23), worship (F28), bless, laud, boast in, bow to, fear (F12) and praise Him (F17). We give glory to Him forever (F4) offer spiritual sacrifices to and will do all to His glory. We feel after, find (F2) and follow His name.

As His people, we know, do (F4), fulfill and make all our requests according to His will. We bear fruit unto (F6). We walk in his commandments and ordinances. We continue in Him (F3) and declare all His counsel. We declare and give dominion to him. We give glory (F7) to, and cast all our cares upon Him. We submit, yield (F3), and humble ourselves before Him.

We keep His doctrine. We will be rich unto Father. We will savor (F2) and care for those things that pertain to Him. We will do all things heartily as unto Him. We will sanctify Him and His name. We will walk in His fear and be partakers of His divine nature.

There are also several things that we must avoid in regard to our response and relationship to Father.

We do not accuse Him of tempting us with evil nor do we deny Him. We do not despise His chastening, draw back from, depart from or fail His grace. When He disciplines us, we do not faint.

We do not grieve, prove, provoke to jealousy or tempt Him. We do not corrupt His Word, lay aside, transgress, reject His commandments or make them of none effect by our traditions. We do not make His word of none effect, or pervert His ways.

We will not glory in ourselves or harden our heart (F2). We will not reject His counsel, resist His ordinances or tempt His Spirit. We will not serve money or make His house a den of thieves or a house of merchandise. We will not turn His grace into lasciviousness nor worship Him in vain by teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. We will not put asunder what He has joined (F2) or call any man our father on earth.

ONLY JESUS

We look to, acknowledge and believe in the name of Jesus (S4). We have touched, received (S13) and admire him. We bare record to his testimony and are subject to his gospel. We bear witness to him (S2) and have become his disciples. We come to and after him (S18). We cleave to and give him glory (S2). We are growing up in Him. We know (S10), honor (S2), touch, give witness to, learn and live by him (S5). We have received eternal life from him (4). He was worshipped by nine different individuals and groups.

There are also several things that we must avoid in regard to our response and relationship to the Son. We will not be ashamed of him or his words before men. We will not be offended at him. We will not deny, despise, or speak evil of him before men (2). We will not crucify him afresh, neglect his great salvation or put him to open shame. We will not harden our heart nor will we limit his power through our unbelief.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we review the pages of the New Testament, we are able to see how we are to respond to the Holy Spirit.

We enjoy communion and fellowship with him. When we speak the word of faith, we minister the Holy Spirit to others. We are led by the Spirit, live in the Spirit (4), and walk in (HS3) the Holy Spirit. We abide in his anointing and allow him to write the epistle of Christ on the tablets of our heart. He fills and baptizes us with himself. We have been born by and have our beginning in him. We hear and listen to him. He speaks to us often. We drink the Spirit and he empowers us to bear fruit. He justifies us.

We mind the things of the Spirit. It is through the Spirit that we obey the truth. We pray in (HS2), sing in, bless in and speak in the Holy Spirit. We keep all the things he has committed to us. We keep the unity of the Spirit. We know him. We sow to the Holy Spirit and reap everlasting life.

He leads (HS4), moves, seals, strengthens, and washes us. We mortify the deeds of body by Spirit

We have received the gift (7) and earnest of the Holy Spirit. We have received his power, witness, revelations, and promise. We are renewed, indwelt, and taught (2) by him. His anointing teaches us all things. We have been baptized by the Spirit. He reveals the hidden things of God to us. He not only speaks to us, but in and through us. We walk in his power and wield his sword.

ONLY HOLY SPIRIT NEGATIVE:

There are also several things that we must avoid in regard to our response and relationship to the Holy Spirit.

Not all possess the Holy Spirit. We will not blaspheme against (3), grieve, lie to, quench, resist, tempt or speak against the Holy Spirit. We will not do despite to the Spirit of grace.

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Even though there is evidence of Jesus being worship in the four accounts of the gospel (i.e. wise men, a leper, a ruler, men who witnessed his mastery of nature, the mother of Zebedee's children when requesting a position for her two sons, several women who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus and the eleven disciples. Again, these examples are drawn from the four accounts of the gospel. It is interesting to note that there is no evidence of the worship of Jesus in the writings of Paul, Peter, James, Jude, the writer to the Hebrews or in the writings of John.

Note: The numbers in parenthesis refer to the times of mention in the New Testament.