

# The Compass



*Maintaining Your Heading!*

## *A Case for Biblical Doctrine*



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# God Is

## The Doctrine of God

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Gen. 1:1*

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### God's Essential Being

In the Old Testament, when referring to Deity, three primary names are used:

1. **“God”** a translation of the Hebrew word *“Elohim,”* it means *“The Strong One.”* Gen. 1:26, 27, 22:15-18.
2. **“LORD”** means when printed in capital letters, *Jehovah,* and means *“The Self-existence One who reveals Himself.”* Gen. 2:7; Exodus 6:1-3
3. **“Lord”** means when printed in small letters mean *“Master.”* Psalm 110:1

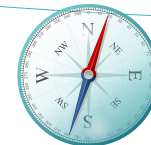
### Unity and Tri-Unity of God

1. The Supreme Being is One. Deut. 6:4; Isa. 44:6
2. But in reality God is a Unity in Plurality. Gen. 1:26, 3:22, Gen. 11:7; Psa. 2:7; Isa. 6:8; I Tim. 2:5; I Cor. 8:4
3. The Trinity, although fore shadowed several times in the Old Testament is manifested for the first time at the Baptism of Christ. Matt. 3:16
4. There is one God, who subsists in a *Three-fore Personality.* John 10:30, 14:16-17.

The fact that there are *“Three Persons in One”* is a revelation which belongs to the sphere of Heaven's perfect understanding. I Corinthians 13:1

### Compound Names of God (Deity)

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Jehovah-Jirah:</b>     | The Lord will provide. Gen. 22:14     |
| 2. <b>Jehoval-rapha:</b>     | The Lord that Heals. Exod. 15:26      |
| 3. <b>Jehovah-nissi:</b>     | The Lord our Banner. Exod. 17:8-15    |
| 4. <b>Jehovah-Shalom:</b>    | The Lord our Peace. Judges 6:24       |
| 5. <b>Jehovah-raah:</b>      | The Lord my Shepherd. Psalm 23:1      |
| 6. <b>Jehovah-tsidkenue:</b> | The Lord our Righteousness. Jer. 23:6 |
| 7. <b>Jehovah-shammeh:</b>   | The Lord is present. Ezek. 48:35      |





# What Do You Think About Jesus?

## The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

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### Jesus' Essential Being (Acts 7:38)

Salem Kirban once noted the words of a prolific writer from England, Herbert Lockyer, saying: "Coeternal with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, the beginning of the revelation of Christ goes back beyond the beginning of creation and of man....Claiming for Himself powers and attributes belonging only to God, Christ asserted His pre-existence. When among men, He could claim, 'Before Abraham was, I am'." John 3:53

The people of Israel, in the Old Testament times, were prepared for the coming of Christ as the One who would come from "the tribe of Judah." The most striking evidence; however were the visible appearances of *theophanies*.

A *theophany* is an appearance of a god to a person. As when *EL* wrestled with Jacob (Gen. 32:26-32). *Yawweh* appeared to Moses (Exodus 3:1-4:17; 6:2-13 and the elders of Israel (Exodus 24:9-11) or the resurrected Jesus revealed himself to Thomas (John 20:24-29) and Paul (Acts 9:3-9). Listed below are others from the

Old Testament includes:

1. In Eden (Genesis 3:15)
2. To Hagar (Genesis 16:7-14)
3. To Jacob (Genesis 18:1)
4. To Jacob (Genesis 28; 32: 24-32; 48:15, 16)
5. To Moses (Exodus 3:2, 6, 14; 23:20, 21)
6. To Joshua (Joshua 5:13-23)
7. To Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-13; John 12:39-41)
8. To Zechariah (Zechariah 1:8-13; 2:8-11)

The coming of Jesus would be Prophet, Priest and King, combining all three offices in His life.

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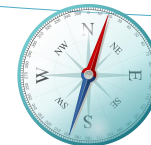
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## **Identified with Believers**

1. Identified with the *thinking* of believers. (Acts 15:28)
2. Holy Spirit is not only a person –He is Deity. (Acts 5:4; 2 Cor. 3:17-18; 1 Cor. 3:16)
3. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 12:31-32)
4. Attributes of a Deity. (Heb. 9:14; Ps. 139:7)
5. The Spirit of Life. (Rom. 8:2)
6. The Spirit of Truth. (John 16:13)
7. The Spirit does God’s work. (Gen. 1:2; John 3:8; Matt. 12:28; Rom. 8:11)
8. New Testament quotes from OT. (Isa. 6:8; Acts 28:25-26)
9. The Spirit will provide peace. (John 14:27)

## **Being Filled with the Spirit**

Being filled with the Spirit is not a once-for-all experience or a one experience that fits all, it is rather an experience that may be repeated. On the Day of Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4, 14-18) and a few days later, in a dramatic prayer meeting, they had such an experience again (Acts 4:31).

The filling of the Spirit implies being given power and boldness for God’s service. It also provides one with strength, wisdom and the where with all to meet particular crises. It is possible, and it sometimes happens, that the baptism of the Spirit and the infilling of the Spirit occur at the same time during conversion. They need not be separated in experience. But the filling of the Spirit is an experience to be repeated as necessary in the life of each believer. We are, literally, to “keep on being filled” (Eph. 5:18).

The Holy Spirit is not a substance, illusion, method or the figment of one’s imagination, but a Person that dwells within the new believer. The spirit helps to provide guidance, comfort and assurance in the believers daily spiritual walk. The Spirit also

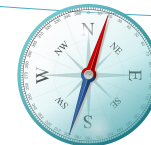
makes intercession for the believer in times of uncertainty, distress and confusion.

The fullness of the Spirit is not a matter of our receiving more of Him. Rather, it is a matter of a closer and deeper relationship with God. To be filled with the Spirit means we allow the presence of God, and Christ through the spirit to occupy, guide, and control every area of our lives. God’s power can then work through us, making us effectively fruitful and productive. This applies not only to our outward acts but also to our inner thoughts, beliefs and motives.

*When we are filled with the Spirit, all we are and have is subject to God’s control. The test as to whether or not you are filled with the Spirit is not, “Have you received an external sign or been given a particular gift of the Spirit?” Rather, does your life reflect God’s presence and does your daily actions glorify God for all to witness. Matthew 5:16*

Many believers come to a point of utter frustration in their service for the Lord simply because they fail to realize the need to be filled with the Spirit if they are to act in God’s power. We cannot save ourselves apart from trying to accomplish spiritual and eternal results solely through our human ability-or, more properly, inability.

*It is the Holy Spirit who delivers us from the power of sin: “Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom. 8:2). The Holy Spirit changes the pattern of our lives so that we can overcome sin. The Spirit does not make us sinless (1 John 1:8), but in Him we are able to start fulfilling the righteousness of the Law (Rom. 8:4) Such holy living is a work of the spirit and a result of salvation; it is not in any way the basis for our being saved.*











**Salvation – Election**

- A. Mark 13:27
- B. I Peter 1:2
- C. Ephesians 1:4-5
- D. John 15:16

**Salvation – Predestination and Foreknowledge**

- A. Romans 8:29-30
- B. John 6:44

**Salvation – Justification**

- A. Romans 3:20
- B. Romans 5:8-9

**Salvation – Sanctification**

- A. I Corinthian 6:11
- B. 2 Peter 3:18

**Salvation - Glorification**

- A. I John 3:2
- B. I Thessalonians 5:9

*“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”*

*Proverbs 3:6*

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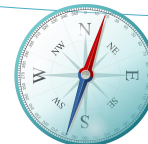
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# Can You Handle It!

## The Doctrine of Transformation

“be ye “transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Romans 12:2b

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### **I. A Definition – Transformation**

1. To change in form or appearance. 2. To change in condition, nature or character. *Webster’s Dictionary (1998)*

In the Greek understanding of the word it means, “metamorphose”- (change, transfigure, transform.)

Metamorphose means to subject to or undergo metamorphosis or metamorphism.

Metamorphosis means:

1. A change in form from one stage to the next in the life of an organism, as from pupa to butterfly.
2. A change of form, structure, or substance, as by magic.
3. A remarkable change, as in appearance.

Metamorphism means a change in the constitution of a rock by natural means, as pressure and heat.

### **II. Focus Scripture: Romans 12:1-2**

1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

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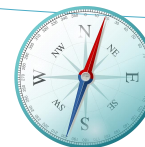
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**III. Transformation: Meanings in Context**

- a. Spiritual Change. This is a change that come from our accepting Jesus Christ into our life as savior and Lord. This can be seen as an increase in awareness, spiritual growth and knowledge.
- b. Physical Change. This is a change in our physical being. We can lose weight, gain weight, build muscle, change clothing, hair styles and the tone of our skin.
- c. Emotional Change. This is a change that reflects a change through our emotions. Every thing we are involved with will affects us emotionally. We feel something and that feeling my cause us to react differently to various human situations. We make a lot of decisions base upon how we feel about it.
- d. Mental Change. This is a change that reflects how we view and understand things. It may change our perception and attitude about things.

**IV. Transformation Discussion**

- a. In Biblical terms, transformation means a change in the spiritual, emotional and mental nature of individuals and nations. When one is changed they have the ability to understand and see life from different views.
- b. Transformation is a process that happens through time, includes larger issues and involves the total person. The Lord is in the business of transforming His people from where they are to what they should be.

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*“The object of prayer is not to alter God’s will and bend it to ours, but to bring our will into harmony with God’s will.” --Elder James Whitehead, Jr. (YPWW Editor)*

Prayer is powerful in its affect. It moves the heart of God. It changes the world. But most of all it changes us. --Rodney J. Buchanan

“Effective prayer must be private before it is public.” --Calhoun

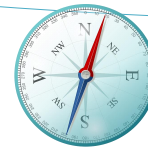
**II. Types of Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession:** This is when we confess our sins in order to receive forgiveness. *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” John 1:9*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** This is when we express gratitude to God for blessings received; happening or that will come. *“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.” Philippians 4:6*

**Prayer of Intercession or (intercessory):** This is when a prayer is offered on behalf of a given situation to God or when one seeks God on behalf of another individual. *“...but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26 and “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.” 1Tm:2:1*

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### III. Prayer in Worship

- The Call to Prayer** – Opening to pray, “Let us Pray”
- The Invocation** - We are inviting the present of Lord in worship
- The Pastoral Prayer** – Main prayer of worship; praise and needs
- The Silent Prayer** – Observing a moment in silent
- The Bidding Prayer** – Praying for specific concerns or needs
- The Litany** – Fixed and frequent responses are made
- The Offertory Prayer** – Dedication of gifts, offerings and tithes
- The Benediction** – The commending of ourselves to God’s care and announcing His blessings upon the people.

### IV. Prayers in the Bible

*Jesus teaches a prayer*

- 9: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
  - 10: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
  - 11: Give us this day our daily bread.
  - 12: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
  - 13: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
- Matt. 6:9-13***

1: And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

- 2: And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
- 3: Give us day by day our daily bread.
- 4: And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. ***Luke 11:1-4***

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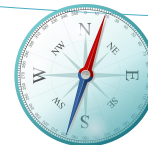
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# *Blessings Inc.*

## *The Doctrine of Stewardship*

*“What shall I render unto the Lord for all His Benefits towards me?” Psalm 116:12*

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### **I. Definition – Steward(ship)**

A person who manages another’s property or finances. 2. A person in charge of running a large estate. 3. An employee in charge of the table. 4. An employee on a ship, train, or airplane who serves passengers. *Webster’s Dictionary (1998)*

“Our culture, indeed many cultures, measure achievement by acquisition. We pretend that acquisition means power. Hence, rich nations are powerful nations. Rich persons are powerful person. Yes, even rich churches can be powerful churches. And power, like possessions, corrupts when seen as earned, self-made, exclusively owned power. The temptation is no less real for us today than it was when offered to Jesus on that high mountain by the devil.. We are to choose who we worship, were our power is, which treasure we value above all.” *John R. Dewey, American Lutheran Church.*

### **II. Stewardship: Meanings in Context**

1. Giving of Money. As Christians we are to support the work of the Lord with the money we earn. By this the ministry of the Lord can go forward, reach outward and make an impact through the world.
2. Protector of the Environment. As Christians we are to be protectors of the environment in which God has provided. We are protectors of natural resources, water, air, forest and soil.
3. Protector of Life. As Christians we are to be the protectors of the sanity of life. This includes wildlife, domestic animals, fish and all animals that have been created for our existence.

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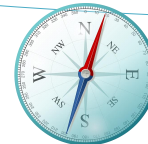
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**III. Stewardship Discussion**

1. Biblical stewardship calls us to God's Word. Effective stewards of God are motivated by the word of God.
2. First of all, we must understand the God has a high regard for humanity to be stewards over His creation. God creation reflects his divine love, and mercy.
3. Secondly, we are administrators and not owners. All that we have, all that we are and hope to be, belongs to God. It is entrusted to our care during our time on earth. The earth belongs to the lord. God never relinquishes ownership. We are administrators and managers. Off all the treasure that has been placed in our care, the most precious is the gospel itself. We are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people."
4. Lastly we are to give an accounting. We will be held responsible for our stewardship of the high trust that God in His grace and goodness has given us. We cannot take our responsibility lightly. When this pilgrimage on earth is ended, an accounting must be made of our stewardship. Christ often reminds us of that time when the workday is finished. "Watch," he counsels, "for you know neither the day nor the hour." that it makes us more than conquerors (Mark 9:23, Acts 3:16 & Hebrews 11:30)

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**IV. God's Stewards**

1. Dorcas gave herself generously to those in need. She had a great compassion for widows and orphaned children. Acts 9 “filled her days with acts of kindness and charity.”
2. Mary, (Mother of Jesus) has inspired majestic art, music and literature. God’s only son was entrusted to her care.
3. Eliezer was Abraham’s steward (Genesis 15:2 ff). Abraham had deep confidence in him and gave him a free hand in ordering his goods and affairs.
4. Joseph, Jacobs’s son, was the kind of steward who could be trusted in all matters. His master, Potiphar, put all that he had under Joseph’s management (Genesis 39).
5. Moses was a faithful steward. God entrusted a nation, his own people , to his steward’s leadership (Exodus 3). Moses led them out of Egypt. Through the wilderness and into the promised land.
6. Isaiah 22:15ff, gives us a picture of an unfaithful steward name Shebna. This man never discovered life’s stewardship principles, but lived in an attitude of selfishness.

**IV. Jesus Teachers Stewardship**

The tread of stewardship in woven into all that Jesus said and did. Jesus emphasized wisdom, faithfulness and accountability. In 17 of 42 total parables, Jesus talked about money and stewardship.

1. Mark 12:1-12; Mark 13:34-36
2. Matthew 25:14; Matthew 24:45-51; 25:14-30
3. Luke 12:41-46; Luke 19:11-28

4. Unmerciful Servant. Matthew 18:23-35
5. Unprofitable Servant. Luke 17:7-10
6. Wicked Servant. Luke 16:1-9

**VI. The Apostle Paul: Stewardship:**

One of the most thorough analyses of Christian giving is found in Paul’s Corinthian correspondence 2:9.

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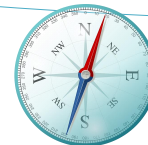
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# I Can See Clearly

## Now!

### The Doctrine of Visions

*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18*

#### **I. A Definition**

(1) The act or power of seeing with the eye, sense of sight. (2) (a) something supposedly seen by other than normal sight; something perceived in a dream, trance, etc. or supernaturally revealed; as to a prophet (b) the experience of having such a perception or revelation. (3) a mental image; esp. an imaginative contemplation (to have visions of power) (4) the ability to perceive something not actually visible, as through mental acuteness or keen

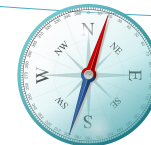
#### **II. Vision(s)**

There are 13 Hebrew concepts in which vision(s) is used in the Bible. Those include aspect, sight, appearance, seeing, a sight, apparition, vision, and the act of seeing, sight and vision.

#### **III. Vision(s) –Its Usage in the OT**

1. Genesis 15:1 ...of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision

2. Genesis 46:2 God spake unto Israel in the visions of the...
3. Number 12:6 ...will make myself known unto him in a vision.
4. Number 24: 4, 16 He...which saw the visions of the Almighty
5. 1 Samuel 3:1, 15; 2 Samuel 7:17
6. 1 Chronicles 17:15
7. 2 Chronicles 9:29; 26:5; 32:32
8. Job 4:13; 7:14; 20:8; 33:15
9. Psalm 89:19 ...thou speakest in vision to thy Holy One...
10. Proverbs 29:18 Where (there is) no vision, the people...
11. Isaiah 1:1; 21:2; 22:1, 5; 28:7; 29:7, 11
12. Jeremiah 14:14; 23:16
13. Lamentations 2:9 ...her prophets also find no vision from the...
14. Ezekiel 1:1, 7:13, 26, 8:3, 4; 11:24; 12:22-24, 27; (13:7) 13:16; 40:2, 43:3
15. Daniel 1:17; 2:19, 28; 4:5, 9-10, 13; 7:1-2, 7,13,15; 8:1-2, 10, 13, 15, 17, 26-27; 9:21, 23, 24, 10:7-8, 14, 16; 11:14; 19:1
16. Hosea 12:10 I have multiplied visions, and used ...
17. Obadiah 1 ...the vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord.
18. Micah 3:6 ...ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be.
19. Nahum 1:1 The book of the vision of Nahum the ...
20. Habakkuk 2:2, 3 Write the Vision, and make (it) plain...
21. Joel 2:28 afterward...your young men shall see visions..
22. Zecharia 13:4









**IV. Spiritual Warfare: Meanings Biblical Context**

Old Testament. Kings are given direction by God through the prophets to fight an enemy. Young King David did battle again Golothia in the Name of the Lord.

New Testament. God through Jesus begins to change the meaning warfare and direction of war. Matthew 26:53

**V. Biblical Examples**

1. Fighting the good Faith. I Timothy 6:10. “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”
2. Putting on God’s Armor. Ephesians 6:10-18
3. Putting on a Breastplate of Faith. I Thessalonians 5:8-9.
4. War a good Warfare. I Timothy 1:18-19

**VI. How Can God’s People fight a good fight of faith**

- a. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ James 5:16, Philippians 4:6, I Peter 4:7
- b. Studying God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Timothy 2:15
- c. Fasting \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 2:37, 2 Corinth. 6:5
- d. Faith - Believing \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 10:17
- e. Stir up Your Gift \_\_\_\_\_ I Timothy 1 6-7

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