

## **The Father And Son**

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Quite possibly, the most significant statement made in the Bible about the relationship between the Father and the Son is in John 10:30. *"I and My Father are one."* There is nothing more simple than that, friends, when it comes to how the two interact with each other. They are unified in intent, purpose, drive, and motivation. But how, specifically, was this accomplished? Let us examine the evidence of their complete unity.

### ***Jesus was not a created being, but was the Creator***

Jesus was not only with the Father at the creation, but was an active participant in it. He was not a created being, as some have asserted falsely, but was a part of the creative force. *"Let us make man in our image"* (Genesis 1:26), says God prior to humanity's first breath. From this verse it is clear that was more than one voice saying, "Let it be so" on that day. Paul writes, furthermore, *"In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins; who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; for by Him were all things created, all that is in heaven, and in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him; and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist"* (Colossians 1:14-17). For those who claim that Christ is a created being, these verse offer immediate correction. He is not the firstborn of the creation in the sense that He was the first man made by God. Jesus Christ is firstborn because He holds the authority, the rule, and the power. He has the distinction of being the only begotten Son of God before we even existed, and were called to God as sons through adoption (Galatians 4:4-5). It was by Jesus Christ that the world was made (Hebrews 1:1-3), and there can be no doubt from these passages that Christ and the Father were together and unified in the act of creation.

### ***Jesus was in perfect harmony with the divine will***

Consider John 5:17-19, which says, *"My Father is working until now, and I myself am also working.' For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. Jesus answered and was saying to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.'" There is perfect unity between Christ and the Father in carrying out the works planned from eternity. Nobody else can claim such things, for we have all fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).*

Consider a few other verses which clearly equate the deeds of Christ with the deeds of the Father. *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me"* (John 9:4). *"If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not. But if I do, though you believe not in Me, believe the works; then you may know, and believe, that the Father is in Me, and I in Him"* (John 10:37-38). *"But I have a greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father has given Me to do, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me"* (John 5:36).

There is a sentiment in Psalm 40:8 that is important. *“I delight to do Thy will, O God; yea, Thy law is within my heart.”* But human will and divine will often are incongruent. We sin. God does not. We are selfish. God is never. We live in the flesh. God is not encumbered by its temptations (James 1:13). What separates Christ from other men is the fact that His will is exactly the same as God’s. What He wants is what the Father wants. His goals, aims, desires, and motives line up perfectly with the will of Him who sent the Son of Man.

***Jesus was God while serving the Father in the flesh***

*“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete...”* (Colossians 2:9-10). Hard to deny, is it not?