"One God and One Lord"

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." (1 Cor. 8:6)

The distinction between the Father and His Son here in this text is clear. The Father is the one God "of whom are all things."

Even Christ belongs to God the Father.

1Corinthians 3:23

And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

"...Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor. 1:24)

"The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old." (Prov. 8:22)

"...he [Father] giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." (Acts 17:25)

"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." (John 5:26)

Therefore unto us, there is but one God, the Source of life to all.

"One God and Father of all, who is 'ABOVE ALL,' and through all, and in you all." (Eph. 4:6)

But unto us, there is also but one Lord, Jesus Christ "by whom are all things."

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath 'MADE' that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both 'Lord' and Christ." (Acts 2:36)

The Father "made" Jesus "Lord," or kurios in Greek which means "supremacy."

And this supremacy was given to Christ when He sat at the right hand of God after His ascension, which was the glory He had before the world was (John 17:5).

So even before the world was, the Father "made" His Son, "Lord," and if the Father made Him "Lord," it implies that before that, He was not "Lord." Supremacy was invested in Him by His Father before the world was.

"But to us there is but... one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." (1 Cor. 8:6)

This verse already provides us the reason for the Supremacy invested in Christ, it said, "by whom are all things."

"...God, who created all things BY Jesus Christ." (Eph. 3:9)

"For 'BY HIM' [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created 'BY HIM,' and 'FOR HIM.'" (Col. 1:16)

This is why we have one God the Father because we recognize Him as above all because He is the Great Source of all.

This is why we have one Lord, Jesus because the Father made Him Supreme over all creations, by making Him our Great Creator.

What is the implication of the invested supremacy in Christ over all creation?

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is 'Lord,' to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:9-11)

If the worship of the Son is for the glory of the Father, then this must be included in the context and proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the first angel's message in Revelation 14:6,7.

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." (Rev. 14:7)



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