

## Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings



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Father, thank you that you are the only true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:3). We know we can be strong in you Father, and the power of your might (Ephesians 6:10). Father, *You are not a man, that you should lie; neither the son of man, that you should repent: hath you said, and shall you not do it? or hath you spoken, and shall you not make it good* (Numbers 23:19)? Father, thank you for by two immutable things, you cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18). Father, thank you for the integrity of your Word. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20), Amen.

In the [May 2021](#) teaching, we defined the phrase "One God." We saw in God's Word that "One God " refers to the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We learned from God's Word there are two gods: The one true God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the devil or the false god of this world. In this teaching, we learned from God's Word we are now in the Grace Administration. To be born again of God's Spirit (see Romans 10:9), we must confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus and believe in our hearts that God has raised him (Jesus) from the dead. In this manner, we shall then be saved (born-again of God's Spirit). Finally, we learned from God's Word the number seven represents permanent spiritual perfection. We discussed what the number seven represents in God's Word as "One God" is listed seventh in Ephesians 4:6 and read a few examples.

In this month's teaching Part 2 of "One God," we will search the scriptures for some examples of the Greek word *Theos* for our English word "God." The English word "God" is the Greek word *Theos* which occurs 1,343 times in God's Word as documented in Matthew through Revelation.

*Theos* or God is a name reclaimed from the heathen and used in the New Testament for the true God. However, over time, *Theos* lost the meaning of the one God came to mean "a God" or only one of the many gods. Thus, it

became necessary in the New Testament to distinguish it by the article "the" or the God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light. The Bible tells us to know Him (the God) that has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light is "life eternal." The God is "the fountain of life" and "in his light alone can we see light."

In the Septuagint (the Hebrew Bible -the Old Testament), *Theos* is (with very few exceptions) the translation of the plural *Elohim*. It is used frequently for *Jehovah*. The root word has several meanings: 1. to be strong, powerful, 2. to take precedence, be first, and 3. God as the mighty one, the one above all, the first, combining the idea of inspiring awe and adoration. Please note: The source for all Greek-English words is E. W. Bullinger's Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament (1975).

Because of the huge number of scriptures {1,343} associated with *Theos*, we are going to review the first and last usages for the Greek word *Theos* as documented in the Gospels, Church Epistles, and Revelation. I encourage you to please read the contexts of these scriptures in order to receive more understanding.

Matthew 1:23:

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God [Theos - the God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light] with us.*

How was God with us? By His only begotten son Jesus' service to mankind. The name *Emmanuel* is one of the names given to Jesus meaning "God with us" (See above Matthew 1:23). The name *Jesus* means God our savior. It should be noted in God's Word the name *Joshua* means Jehovah is salvation. There are some churches which teach that Jesus and God are the same. However, if Jesus is God, then Joshua is God!

The word *Christ* identifies the name of Jesus' changed position. In other words, Christ signifies Jesus is raised from the dead and exalted in glory! We are in Christ in the Church Epistles, representing our position, blessing, and

standing before God our Father! There is one true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father!

Let's look at some of the representations of *Theos* in the Bible. Matthew 27:54 tells us:

*Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, truly this was the Son of God [Theos].*

Mark 1:1:

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God [Theos].*

Mark 16:19:

*So then after the Lord [Jesus Christ] had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God [Theos].*

Luke 1:6:

*And they [Zacharias and Elisabeth] were both righteous before God [Theos], walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.*

Luke 24:53:

*And were continually in the temple [Jesus's disciple], praising and blessing God [Theos]. Amen.*

John 1:1:

*In the beginning, was the Word [logos], and the Word [logos] was with God [Theos], and the Word [logos] was God [Theos].*

John 21:19:

*This spake he [Jesus], signifying by what death he should glorify God [Theos]. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, follow me.*

Acts 1:3:

*To whom also he [Jesus Christ] shewed himself alive after his passion [death] by many infallible proofs, being seen of them [the apostles whom he had chosen] forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God [Theos].*

Acts 28:31:

*Preaching the kingdom of God [Theos], and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him [Paul].*

Romans 1:1:

*Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God [Theos].*

Romans 16:27:

*To God [Theos] only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.*

1 Corinthians 1: 1:

*Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God [Theos], and Sosthenes our brother.*

1 Corinthians 15:57:

*But thanks be to God [Theos], which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 1: 1:

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God [Theos], and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God [Theos] which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia.*

2 Corinthians 13:14:

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God [Theos], and the communion of the Holy Ghost [holy spirit], be with you all. Amen.*

Galatians 1:1:

*Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God [Theos] the Father, who raised him from the dead;).*

Galatians 16:16:

*And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God [Theos].*

Ephesians 1:1:

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God [Theos], to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 6:23:

*Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith [Pistis or believing], from God [Theos] the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:2:

*Grace be unto you, and peace, from God [Theos] our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 4:20:

*Now unto God [Theos] and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Colossians 1:1:

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God [Theos], and Timotheus our brother.*

Colossians 4:12:

*Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God [Theos].*

1 Thessalonians 1:1:

*Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God [Theos] the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God [Theos] our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23:

*And the very God [Theos] of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Thessalonians 1:1:

*Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God [Theos] our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Thessalonians 3:5:

*And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God [Theos], and into the patient waiting for Christ.*

Revelation 1:1:

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God [Theos] gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.*

Revelation 22:19:

*And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God [Theos] shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

We looked at some of the scriptures for examples of the Greek word *Theos* which represents our English word "God." It was a great joy and rejoicing for me to read God's Word concerning *Theos* and understand this word to mean the God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light. God our Father is all powerful. He is first. He is the one above all. He is *Elohim*,

the Creator. He is *Jehovah*, representing His connection to what He created. And He is *El Shaddai*, Almighty God! Only in God's Word can we know our heavenly Father!

Father, thank you for your Word which provides instructions to your children about who you are to us; our Father, the one supreme God with whom is the fountain of life and light. Thank you, Father, for your Word which tells us you are all powerful, first, the one above all, *Elohim*, the Creator, and *Jehovah*, representing your connection to what you created. Thank you for teaching us that you are called *El Shaddai*, Almighty God! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

All that is within my spirit, soul, and body, bless the one supreme God with whom is the fountain of life and light! Glory, honor, and praise be to God our Father for His Word which is His Will! We sure do love you. Bless your hearts. You are the best!

Next month's teaching, we continue with the eighth and final unity of the Spirit documented in Ephesians 4:6 - Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

In the Lord,

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Son of God through Jesus Christ  
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