



Knowing Christ

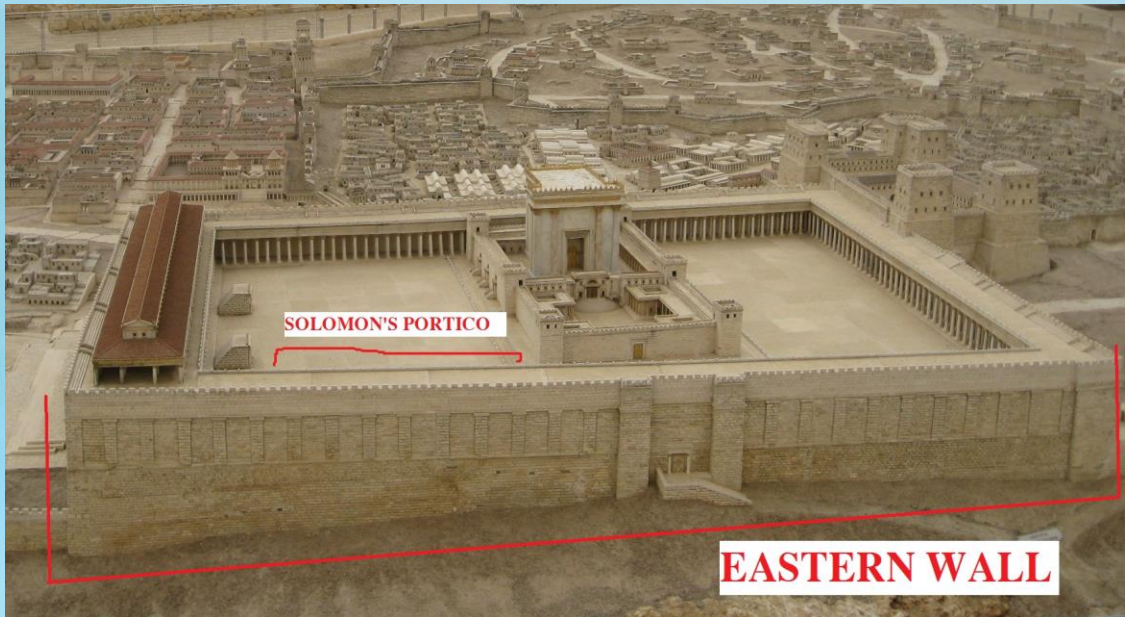
The Lord is One

Overview

Setting the Stage

- ^{NAS} **John 10:22** At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; ²³ it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.
- Hannukah: “The festival signified renewal or restoration. King Antiochus IV of Syria had desecrated Jewish practice and worship in 168/167 B.C. This brought about the Maccabean revolt. The Maccabees recaptured the temple in Jerusalem, and they cleansed it and rededicated it. The event is what was celebrated in the Feast of Dedication”.

-> *Life in Spirit NT Commentary*





Who is Jesus?

- The Christ

➤ ^{NAS} **John 10:24** The Jews therefore gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; *the works that I do in My Father's name, these bear witness of Me.*

- God

➤ ^{NAS} **John 10:33** The Jews answered Him, "... You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God." ... ³⁷ "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸ but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, *believe the works, ...*

Deja Vu

- ^{NAS} **John 10:31** The Jews took up stones again to stone Him.
- ^{NAS} **John 10:39** Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.
- ^{NAS} **John 5:18** 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.
- ^{NAS} **John 8:59** Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.
 - ^{NAS} **John 10:18** "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again..."

Faith vs Unbelief

- ^{NAS} **John 10:26** "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷ "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
- ^{NAS} **John 6:64** "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father."
- ^{NAS} **John 3:5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

The Focal Point

Forever the Lord's

- ^{NAS} **John 10:27** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ "I and the Father are one."... ³⁸ ... believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

Two Questions

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Why are we secure forever?

Who is Jesus?

- NAS **John 10:30** "I and the Father are one." ... ³⁸ ... the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

One in Purpose

- ^{NAS} **John 10:30** "I and the Father are one."...
- ^{NAS} **John 4:34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.
- ^{NAS} **John 5:19** Jesus therefore 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.
- ^{NAS} **John 6:38** "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

One in Nature

- ^{NAS} **John 10:30** "I and the Father are one." ...
- ^{NAS} **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ^{NAS} **John 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I Am."
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 2:6** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 1:3** And He [Jesus] is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His [God's] nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power ...

One, The God of Israel

- NIV **Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
- NAS **James 2:19** You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.
- NIV **Mark 12:28** One of the teachers of the law came and ... asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one...' ³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.
- NAS **John 10:30** "I and the Father are one."...

Why are we secure forever?

- ^{NAS} **John 10:28** ... and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.
- ^{Lit} **John 10:28** ... and I continually give to them life eternal, and there is absolutely no possibility they will perish unto eternity; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has fully given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is powerful enough to snatch them out of the Father's hand.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:30** and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Applications

Danger and Tribulation are Strong

- ^{NAS} **John 10:28** ... no one shall snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "...no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.
- ^{ESV} **Romans 7:18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.
- ^{NIV} **1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

God is Faithful

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.
- **NAS Lamentations 3:22** The LORD's lovingkindnesses [mercies] indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."

Conclusions

Secure Forever in the Love of the Lord

- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Lord is One

- ^{ESV} **Deuteronomy 6:4** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.