This guideline is useful when folks claim either Jesus is not God or that we worship multiple Gods. In the case of the latter problem it is incomplete.

#### Jesus praying to the Father

The Father is Jesus's God

- ✓ Mark 15:34
- ✓ Matt 27:46
- ✓ John 20:17

Jesus is praying to the Father Jesus is NOT the Father and he is NOT the Holy Spirit – God is three distinct persons.

Prayer does not mean just worship - communication, intimate fellowship, communion, invoking, asking and worship.

## Glorifying and Magnifying

We should expect this if he is a separate person and an intimate part of the GodHead.

We should expect the Father to pray to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, however we cannot accept praying to other than the GodHead. (In the Qu'ran there are verses where Allah prays to something other than himself. Refer to: )

Even in his glory he refers to his Father (see verses).

- ✓ 2 Co 1:3
- ✔ Ephesians 1:17
- ✔ Hebrews 1:9
- ✔ Revelation 1:6
- ✔ Revelation 3:2,12

Mark 1:11 Voice from Heaven (the Father says)

11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."





Hebrews 1:8-12 to the Son the Father says .....lay the foundations of the heavens and all creation.

<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

<sup>10</sup> And,

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

<sup>13</sup> And to which of the angels has he ever said,

"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

# **Holy Spirit prays**

#### Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 16:14-15

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine





and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 13:31-32

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

### John 17:1,2 The High Priestly Prayer

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

John 8:54

<sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'

Do we see all three persons praying to one and another - all three engage in prayer.

Jesus is the Man that God intended him to be the second Adam, a perfect Man.

What would the perfect Man look like in the eyes of God?

Why is it strange that the perfect human being worships God...

John 7:18

<sup>18</sup> The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood..

John 8:28-29

<sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup> And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

Perfect Human Son.

John 12:49-50





<sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

The Perfect Human Being perfectly obeys God and honors him.

#### John 14:31

but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

#### John 14:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

#### John 15:9-10

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.



