

## Letters to My Jehovah's Witness Friend 5

My Jehovah's Witness friend does not answer the question I have posed for her in the previous email. I had asked her why the same worship that is given to God in Revelation 4 is also given to Jesus in Revelation 5. Since Jesus had declared, in Matthew 4, that solely God was to receive worship, we are driven to one conclusion, Jesus must be God. Only by being God can Jesus receive the same worship that God receives. The response in her next letter was to suggest that we change the subject to something other than the deity of Jesus Christ. Yet, those who do not believe in the Trinity have some misconceptions concerning the Trinity that I must clear up in the following letter.

Hi my friend

The block work for the basement of our new home is supposed to be laid this week. But it is raining today and will rain all week according to the weather forecast. This is disappointing!

I agree, we can move on to another subject beside the deity of Christ. However, I first want to clear up some misconceptions you may have about the Trinity. Jehovah's Witnesses have asked me, "If God and Jesus are the same, why did Jesus pray to His Father in Heaven?" Let me explain the Trinity. It is not made up of three gods. Nor is it a three headed monster as Jehovah's Witnesses have claimed. The Trinity is one God consisting of three separate and distinct persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Because of this, they can speak to each other. Thus, Jesus the Son can speak (pray) to His Father.

Furthermore, each person in the Trinity claims to do the same thing. For example, the Bible tells us that the Father resurrected Jesus, that Jesus resurrected Himself, and that the Holy Spirit resurrected Jesus. Yet, the Bible also says that God is the One who raised Jesus from the dead!

According to John 2:19-21, Jesus said, "'Destroy this temple, and in three days **I will raise it up.**' The Jews then said, 'It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?' But Jesus was speaking of the **temple of His body.**" Jesus, therefore, claimed that He would raise Himself up.

But, not only does the Bible proclaim that the Son raised Himself from the dead, it also claims that the Father is the One who raised Jesus in Galatians 1:1. Paul states that he is an apostle "through Jesus Christ and **God the Father, who raised Him from the dead.**"

And the Holy Spirit is said to have raised Jesus from the dead. Paul states, in Romans 8:11, "But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, **He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead** will also give life to your mortal bodies **through His Spirit** who dwells in you." The same Holy Spirit who gave life to Christ's mortal body will also give life to our mortal body.

Yet, according to and Romans 10:9, "**God raised Jesus from the Dead**" (see also Colossians 2:12, 1 Peter 1:21, 1 Thessalonians 1:10). How can it be that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit each claim to have raised Jesus from the dead and yet it is God who raised Jesus from the dead? The only possible solution is that all three persons are the one God.

Your friend, Barbara