



# **NUTS AND BOLTS OF TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY**

**PART – IV**

**BELIEVE IN ONE  
LORD**

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- We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
- **And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. **His kingdom will never end.**

# WE BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- CONTEXTUALLY IT IS A RELIGIOUS CONFESSION
- CALLING JESUS “LORD” IS ACCEPTING HIM AS MESSAIAH AND GOD
- KURIOS = LORD
- SEPTUAGINT USES THE SAME WORD FOR ADONAI IN O.T
- ROMANS 10:9: THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THE LORD JESUS AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

# WE BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- CONTEXTUALLY IT IS A POLITICAL STATEMENT – END OF CEASER WORSHIP
- TO BRING UNITY
- THIS DECLARES THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND
- JESUS IS ABOVE CEASER
- THE KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE STARTS WITH PEOPLE REJECTING GOD AS THEIR KING AND ENDS WITH DECLARING JESUS AS THE LORD
- 1 SAMUEL 8: 6-8: BUT THE THING DISPLEASED SAMUEL WHEN THEY SAID, “GIVE US A KING TO JUDGE US.” SO SAMUEL PRAYED TO THE LORD. AND THE LORD SAID TO SAMUEL, “HEED THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IN ALL THAT THEY SAY TO YOU; FOR THEY HAVE NOT REJECTED YOU, BUT THEY HAVE REJECTED ME, THAT I SHOULD NOT REIGN OVER THEM.
- GOSPEL STARTS WITH CEASER AS LORD AND ENDS WITH JESUS CHRIST AS LORD

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CALL JESUS AS LORD ?

- THIS IS A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO BE OBEDIENT
- THIS IS AN UNIVERSAL MESSAGE OF COMFORT
- PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11: THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THOSE IN HEAVEN, AND OF THOSE ON EARTH, AND OF THOSE UNDER THE EARTH, AND *THAT* EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST *IS* LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.