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Introduction

Over the past few weeks, we have been surveying how the authors of the New Testament frequently and unashamedly portrayed the relationship between Jesus and God in terms of Jesus demonstrating faithfulness, trust, and obedience to God.

The Bible does not teach that God and Christ are coequal divine persons. God and Christ are consistently distinguished figures; even children recognize that these two figures are not one and the same figure.

In this week's episode, we will explore how the author of Hebrews, the first epistle of Peter, and the Book of Revelation portrayed Jesus Christ as having faith in God, believing in God, trusting in God, and being faithful to God.

In what ways did Hebrews, 1 Peter, and the Book of Revelation illustrate Jesus as having faith in the only true God?

I. Jesus was Faithful to God in Hebrews

- A. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." (Heb 2:11-13)
 - 1. Isa 8:17
- B. Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also "was faithful in all God's house." (Heb 3:1-2)
- C. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. (Heb 5:7)

II. Jesus was Faithful to God in 1 Peter

- A. When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. (1 Pet 2:23)

III. Jesus was Faithful to God in the Book of Revelation

- A. and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (Rev 1:5)
- B. Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus. (Rev 14:12)

Thanks for listening to this week's episode!

Join us next week as we examine how the NT authors illustrate Christ obeying God. Not only does this portrayal distinguish God and Jesus, rather than collapsing the two, but it also demonstrates how God is greater than Jesus.

Please look forward to our next episode.

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