Godhead in the Bible

Note: The following study is a compilation of Bible verses only. The Spirit of Prophecy compilation is in a separate study. Here I am not addressing the established fact that there are three personalities in the heavenly trio, but rather who each Person is in relation the each other and to us.

The Supreme God = the Father

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. Deut. 6:4

Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God. John 8:54

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. John 17:3-5

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Acts 7:55

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Acts 2:32-33

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. 1Cor. 8:6

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 1Cor. 15:24

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 2Cor. 1:3

That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 15:6

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: Eph. 1:17

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and (or “even”) the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Eph. 5:20

Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. James 3:9

Note: The expression God the Father is unique, only to the Father (in the next few verses). There is no expression “God the Son”, or “God the Holy Spirit” in the Bible.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. John 6:27

Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) Gal. 1:1
Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 1:3

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 6:23

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:11

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1Th. 1:1

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. 2John 3

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Jude 1

**Jesus referred to God as His Father**

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21

  Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matt 10:32

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Matt 11:27

And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. Matt 26:39

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. Mark 8:38

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? Luke 2:49

All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Luke 10:22

And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. John 2:16

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. John 6:32-33

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Rev 3:5

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Rev 3:21
The preeminence of the Father

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” John 3:17

“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.” John 5:30

“But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.” John 5:36-37 (see also John 8:16 and 18)

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John 4:14

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. John 5:26

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. John 14:28

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. John 8:42

As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. John 17:2

Go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God. John 20:17

And the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 1 Cor. 11:3

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father: when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. 1 Cor 15:24-28

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: Eph. 1:17

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:6

The Father is the Source of ALL

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. John 6: 57

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. John 14:10

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. John 15:26
That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 15:6

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The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. 2 Cor. 11:31

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. Ephesians 1:17

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1Pet. 1:3

Christ is God's Son.

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matt. 3:17

Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. Matt. 14:33

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 16:16-17

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. Matt. 17:5

But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. Matthew 26:63-65

He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. Matt. 27:43

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; Mark 1:1

Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. Luke 22:70

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1:18

And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. John 1:34

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:16-18
And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. John 5:16-18

Note: The reaction of the Jews to Christ's claim to Sonship shows that this was not taken by them as though He had made it in a metaphorical or figurative sense. It was not taken either in the sense of role-playing (pretending to be a son). The sense was obviously accepted as literal – else why did they want to stone Him because of it – also why would they say that by His claim He was “making himself equal with God”? To say that Christ's claim to Sonship was only metaphorical (to show the love between two of the persons of the Godhead) is not reasonable to assume. The Jews knew that a claim to be the Son of God was the same as claiming to be equal with God.

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. John 10:36-38

She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. John 11:27

The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. John 19:7

“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” John 20:30-31

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: Rom. 1:4

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh” Romans 8:3

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:32

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. 2Cor. 1:19

Who (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. Col. 1:15-17

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. Heb. 4:14

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 1John 2:22-23
In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1John 4:9-10

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 1John 4:15

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 1John 5:5

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:9-13

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; Rev. 2:18

Satan, the demons and others called Jesus the “Son of God”

And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Matt. 4:3

And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Matt. 4:6

And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? Matt. 8:29

Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. Matthew 14:33

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. Matt. 27:54

And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. Mark 3:11

“But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.” Mark 5:6-7

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. Luke 4:41

Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. John 1:49
And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Acts 8:37

And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. Acts 9:20

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**Christ was the Son before incarnation**

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God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: Heb. 1:1-10

**Father & Son only - before and after sin**

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. Zechariah 6:12-13

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Rev 21:22-23

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. Rev. 22:1

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him. Rev 22:3

**Proverbs 8:22-31**

Note: The translation of the various hebrew words will be included.

“The LORD possessed [acquired] me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up
[poured out as a libation/cast/anointed] from everlasting [time out of mind], from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth [in travail, twist and whirl]; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth [in travail, twist and whirl]: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up [nurtured as a child/building up a continuing trust relationship – as a master craftsman] with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him: Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights [enjoyments] were with the sons of men [the people's of the earth].” Proverbs 8:22-31

Note: These verses are a beautiful expression of the father-son relationship that has existed from eternity between God and Christ. To say that the words Father and Son are only metaphorical (figurative) - as many claim today, is to totally destroy this beauty.

Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth (origin, family decent) have been from of old, from everlasting (eternity, ancient days). Micah 5:2

Christ is God in the highest sense - divine by birth

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. Rom 9:5

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. Phil 2:5-6

But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Hebrews 1:8

The Holy Spirit

"The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life." Job 33:4 (hebrew parallelism)

“Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.” Psalm 51:11 (hebrew parallelism)

“Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?” (hebrew parallelism) Psalm 139:7

"For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” Matthew 10:20

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but
ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.” John 14:16-20

“Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.” John 14:28

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” Romans 8:9

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Note: In His humanity, Christ could only dwell among men but not be in them. For Him to come in a form that is both invisible to the world and that can also dwell within a person – it then necessitated that He should come in a different nature or form. The limitations of His humanity would have to be “stripped-off” in order to fulfill the role of the promised Comforter. Divested and independent of the personality of humanity, Christ in His divinity, then comes as “another Comforter”. He would come in a spiritual manifestation to His people, in His divine person, as the Holy Spirit. In this manifestation, Christ is both invisible and omnipresent.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Galatians 4:6

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love... Ephesians 3:16-17

**Human Spirit - in the same manner as the Holy Spirit**

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit [ruach] will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit [ruach] within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.” Ezekiel 36:26 -27

“Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.” Mark 14:38

“And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.” Luke 1:47

“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;” Romans 1:9

“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” Romans 8:16

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:1

“In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.” 1 Corinthians 5:4-5
“For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” 1 Corinthians 6:20

“For they have refreshed my spirit and your's: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.” 1 Corinthians 16:18

“I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.” 2 Corinthians 2:13

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

Note: The Scriptures refer to the Holy Spirit as displaying all the attributes of a person. This is why many regard Him to be a person. So too the Bible writers depict the human spirit as displaying all the attributes of a person yet strange to relate, our spirits are never regarded as a separate personage other than ourselves so why should we believe differently regarding God’s Spirit (the Holy Spirit)? Looking at this another way, because we regard our spirit as belonging to us (not separate from us), why should we not regard God’s Spirit as belonging to Him (no separate from Him)? The spirit is the “knowing” part of a person.

The spirit includes all of that which constitutes the ‘inner’ person (the character) of each individual. In other words, the spirit that is returned to God is who and what a person is (in my case what makes ‘me’ what I am and in your case what makes ‘you’ what you are). To put it in brief it is each individual’s ‘personal identity’.