

Granville Sharp's Rule

Before we begin, here is an interesting fact:

In the New Testament, three people are recorded ***speaking directly*** to the Almighty in heaven.

These three were Stephen, the Apostle Paul and the Apostle John.

In ***every*** instance, they ***all*** spoke with ***Yahshua!***

The Apostle Thomas spoke to the risen Yahshua and called Him, "My Lord and my God!"

When a person believes in the name Yahshua, he is believing what that name means - that YAH, The Almighty Father is the Savior in human form.

Yahshua ***is*** The Almighty Father

After Yahshua ascended, the apostles stunned both Jew and Roman by proclaiming Yahshua as “**Lord**.”

The apostles did the unthinkable, they ***worshiped*** Yahshua and prayed to ***Him*** as the Almighty.

Stephen prayed, “*Lord Jesus (Yahshua), receive my spirit*” as he was being stoned to death. (Acts 7:59)

Other believers soon joined Stephen, even in the face of death, “*And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*” (Acts 5:42)

The apostles, most of whom were martyred, passed on their knowledge of Yahshua to church fathers who carried on their message into the next generation.

The apostle Paul calls Yahshua...

*“our great **God** and **Savior**.”*

Titus 2:13

The disciples applied titles of The Almighty Father to Yahshua the MessiYah

The apostle John referred to Yahshua as the *“the first and the last”* (Revelation 1:17; 2:8; 22:13); *“the true light”* (John 1:9); the *“bridegroom”* (Revelation 21:2; *“Savior of the world”* (John 4:42; Isaiah 43:3-11). He also attributed to Yahshua the role of *“Redeemer”* in Revelation 5:9.

The apostle Peter called Yahshua the *“rock”* and *“stone”* (1 Peter 2:6-8; Psalms 18:2; 95:1; and *“the Chief Shepherd”* (1 Peter 5:4).

The apostle Paul referred to Yahshua, as the *“rock”* (1 Corinthians 10:4) and the *“bridegroom”* (Ephesians 5:22-33).

The Old Testament role of *‘Redeemer’* (Hosea 13:14; Psalms 130:7) is given to Yahshua by Paul in Titus 2:13-14. Yahshua is the forgiver of sins in Colossians 3:13 and He is *“Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead”* (2 Timothy 4:1).

What is so special about these titles?

All of these titles are unique to The Almighty Father in the Old Testament but ***are given to Yahshua*** in the New Testament!

The disciples were steeped in the Old Testament and would have only applied these titles with great care. If they did not think Yahshua was The Almighty Father manifested in flesh, they would have ***never*** used these words to describe him.

The New Testament opens with a passage concluding that Yahshua is Immanuel (*“God with us”*), which refers to the messianic prediction of Isaiah 7:14.

The very title “Christ” carries the same meaning as the Hebrew appellation “MessiYah” (“Anointed One”).

Did Yahshua claim to be The Almighty Father?

Question: Is Yahshua, The Almighty Father manifested in flesh? Did Yahshua ever claim to be the Almighty?

Answer: Yahshua is recorded in the Bible saying He is the **“I AM”**. The name of The Almighty Father in the Old Testament.

*“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that **I am** [He], you will die in your sins.”*

John 8:24

We should note that the [He] in this verse is in italics, which indicates that it was not in the original Greek, but was added by the translators.

Yahshua was indeed identifying Himself as the **“I AM”** of Exodus 3:14.

We need only to look at the Jews' reaction to His statement to know He was claiming to be The Almighty Father.

They tried to stone Him for this very reason.

“... you, a mere man, **claim to be God**”

John 10:33

It is always important to remember that these Jewish leaders were **strictly monotheistic!**

When they said, “You, a mere man, **claim to be God**”, they were **not** speaking about a ‘second’ person in the Trinity! They were referring to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the “**I AM**”.

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A biblical study demonstrating that Yahshua **is** The Almighty Father comes from the biblical scholar Granville Sharp who noted the construction of a particular Greek idiom, which is now called ‘Granville Sharp's rule’.

According to the rule, when two nouns that are personal, singular, and not proper names are connected in a TSKS pattern (The—Substantive—Kai—Substantive, where 'kai' is Greek for ‘and’) then the two nouns refer **to the same person.**

Passages like Titus 2:13 and 2 Peter 1:1 fit this pattern. Therefore, when Paul says: [Titus 2:13] “The great God and savior, Jesus MessiYah” **he is grammatically identifying**

Yahshua, the MessiYah as the great God. Proper nouns are not used in this phrase.

In his review of over 1,000 years of Greek literature, Christopher Wordsworth confirmed that early church Fathers had this same understanding of the text.

Based on what he correctly perceived to be an otherwise absolute principle of *New Testament* grammar, Sharp argued that there are eight passages in which his rule explicitly affirms that Yahshua ***is*** The Almighty Father.

The eight scriptures are:

Acts 20:28
Ephesians 5:5
2 Thessalonians 1:12
1 Timothy 5:21
2 Timothy 4:1
Titus 2:13
2 Peter 1:1
Jude 1:4

1. Acts 20:28

*“the church of the Lord and God,
which he purchased with his own blood”*

2. Ephesians 5:5

“in the kingdom of Christ and God”

3. 2 Thessalonians 1:12

“the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ”

4. 1 Timothy 5:21

“I charge you before God and Lord Jesus Christ”

5. 2 Timothy 4:1

“I charge you before God and Lord Jesus Christ”

6. Titus 2:13

“the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ”

7. 2 Peter 1:1

“in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ”

8. Jude 1: 4

“our only Lord God and Master, Jesus Christ”

If Yahshua is The Almighty Father manifested in flesh, then the Christian message is that **The Almighty Father Himself** came to earth, allowed men to spit on Him, mock him, and nail Him to a cross as a supreme sacrifice for our sin. The Almighty Father’s perfect justice could only be satisfied by The Almighty Father **Himself** as the payment for our sin and unrighteousness.

No angel or created proxy would suffice. Such an act demonstrates the immensity of The Almighty Father’s love as well as the high value He places upon each of us. And this is exactly what the apostles taught and so fervently preached.

In his parting words to the Ephesian elders, Paul encouraged them to...

*shepherd the church of God,
which He purchased with His own blood.*

Acts 20:28

The Almighty Father manifested Himself in flesh as a man, to do **for us** what we could **NEVER** do for ourselves. **He fulfilled the demands of the Law *as a perfect man of flesh***, so that **He** could be **our perfect sacrifice** and **'kinsman-redeemer'**!



The Almighty Father tells us in Isaiah 43:11

*“there is no other Savior but **Me.**”*

On the cross He took **ALL** of our sins (***past, present and future***) and put them upon **Himself**, paying **our** price and thereby making us ***“holy, blameless”*** and ***“without a single fault”*** in His eyes. (Colossians 1:22)

This is the gospel!

This is the Good News!

Salvation is a **gift** for you

Salvation is a **gift** we receive when we call upon Yahshua MessiYah, ***The Almighty Father manifested in flesh.***

The **gift** of salvation cannot be **earned** by our deeds, works or fruitless *self-righteous* attempts at 'keeping the Law'. We cannot obtain it by being a "good person" or by attending church.

We can only receive our salvation **as a gift** from Yahshua MessiYah... **to us.**

*"For by **grace** you have been
saved through **faith**,
and that **not of yourselves**;
it is the **gift** of God*

Ephesians 2:8

Everyone who calls upon the name of Yahshua will be saved, so call upon Him now. Tomorrow is not assured.

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