



Unlocking the mystery behind the Godhead

- ◆ Who is God?
- ◆ Is God One or Three?
- ◆ What is God's Name?
- ◆ How does God reveal Himself to us?

Understanding the Godhead

Who is God?

- ◆ John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

- ◆ Leviticus 11:45

“For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

God is spirit and His spirit is holy.





God is Holy and Spirit

- ◆ Since God (the Father) is **spirit**, and
- ◆ God (the Father) is **holy**, we can conclude that
- ◆ **God (the Father) is a holy spirit AND that He is the Holy Spirit for He said there is none beside him.**

(“beside me there is no God”. Isaiah 44:6)

- ◆ 1 John 5:7 “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

The Holy Spirit and God the Father are one and the same.



Is God One or Three?

- ◆ This question has plagued Christianity for centuries. Some believe there are 3 co-equal and co-eternal persons: a father, a son and a holy ghost that form a mysterious union as God.
- ◆ Others believe that One Eternal God (the Father) became flesh (the Son) and that this one God poured out His Spirit (the Holy Ghost) upon all flesh. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not persons, but positions or manifestations of God revealing Himself to man.
- ◆ Let's look at what the scriptures say!

Is God One or Three?



- ◆ Deuteronomy 6:4 ÷Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORDö.
- ◆ Mark 12:29-30 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.



Is God One or Three?

What does God say of Himself?

- ◆ Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and **beside me there is no God.**
- ◆ Isaiah 45:5-6
ōI am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the West, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none elseö.

God Declares Himself



- ◆ Isaiah 43: 3 “For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour”:
- ◆ Isaiah 43:11 “I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour, .. therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD that I am God”.
- ◆ Isaiah 49:26 “and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.”

Is God One or Three?

- ◆ Isaiah 45:21-22 ..“and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else**”.
- ◆ Isaiah 43:14 “Thus saith the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;” ..
- ◆ Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

*God declares Himself one, your savior
and your redeemer.*





Are any other persons in God?

- ◆ Isaiah 43:15 ÷I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.ö
- ◆ Isaiah 44:8 ÷Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.ö

What did Jesus have to say?

- ◆ John 10:28-31 ÷And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.



God Reveals Himself in Christ

◆ John 14:6-11

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. *Jesus replied í*



God Revealed in Christ

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

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. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

God Revealed in a Body of Flesh

◆ 1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. *Who was preached unto the gentiles?*

◆ Colossians 2:8-9 *Paul warns us to beware of worldly thinking that keeps us from understanding the deity of Jesus Christ.*

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.



God Manifest in Christ Jesus



- ◆ 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.
- ◆ John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- ◆ 1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: ..
.. Who laid down his life for us?

Understanding His flesh

Historically the temple had a veil separating man from the presence of God (in the Holiest of Holies).

The only way to God's presence was through that veil.

The terms õwayö and õveilö are significant.

Mark 15:37-38

And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.



Jesus: The Veil and Door to God

Heb 10:19-20

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ..

In John 14:6 ðno man cometh unto the Father, but by meö. Jesus is the Way and the veil is his flesh.

In our humanity we cannot enter Holy God's presence except by the veil of Jesus. Jesus said: ðI am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,.. (John 10:9)



Christø's Two Natures

- ◆ People mistakenly confuse Christø's two natures calling it persons -- separate beings.
- ◆ Scripture reveals One God took on the form of human flesh, the form of human nature, while simultaneously being completely divine in nature.
- ◆ Two things to keep in mind re: Christø's flesh or human nature: (1) Time, (2) Humanity.
- ◆ Two things to keep in mind re: Christø's divine nature: (1) Eternity, (2) Deity.

These dwelled together in one flesh (body).



Two Natures: Human and Divine

- ◆ As a man he is touched by our helpless plight. As divine, He has an abundance of strength and power to provide for our needs, even to the saving of our souls.
- ◆ As a man he lived, grew up, wept and prayed. He suffered obedience surrendering to death on the cross and yet as God, He raised the dead, healed the sick, cast out demons, forgave sin, and calmed the wind and the waves.
- ◆ As a man he said: ðI thirstö. As God, He said:öif any man thirst, let him come unto me and drinkö.
- ◆ As a man he walked beside the sea. As God, He walked upon the sea.
- ◆ As a man he died. As God, He rose from the dead.
- ◆ Who raised Jesus from the dead?





Who Raised Jesus from the Dead?

- ◆ Acts 2:32 says it was God who raised Jesus up.
ōThis Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnessesö.

And we see ..

- ◆ Jesus said, ōDestroy this temple (referring to His body) and in three days I will raise it upö

John 2:19

Jesus: Creator and Image of God

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- ◆ **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
 - ◆ **John 1:3,10** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
 - ◆ **Colossians 1:14-20**
In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who 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. (see next)



Jesus is the Beginning

◆ Colossians 1:18-20

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Christ Jesus: Lord from Heaven

- ◆ 2 Corinthians 5:19

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, ..

- ◆ 1 Corinthians 15:45-47

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.



Jesus Made the Worlds

◆ Hebrews 1:1-3

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 (or His flesh), 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, ..



God Makes Himself a Body



- ◆ Hebrews 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:
[Matt 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.]
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- ◆ Jesus said: *ōI and my Father are one.ö* (John 10:30)
- ◆ Jesus said: *ōand he that seeth me seeth him that sent meö.* (John 12:45)

Jesus - Our Mediator



- ◆ 1 Timothy 2:5-6 ðFor there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, .. *that body of flesh created by God which He indwelt, became our sacrificial lamb, our perfect offering, the way, our veil and our mediator.*
- ◆ Philippians 2:5-11 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: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

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Jesus: Name Above All Names

Question: God's name is above every name, right?

- ◆ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*Philippians 2:5-11*).



God in Christ Revealed

- ◆ John 20:27-28 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.
- ◆ Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Jesus is God With Us



- ◆ Matt 1:21-23 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.



God Revealed in Jesus

- ◆ Revelations 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
- ◆ Revelations 1:17-20 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.



God/Jesus: The Lord of Glory

Crucified the Lord of glory

- ◆ 1 Corinthians 2:7-8 òBut we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

The Name of God Revealed



.. ãand suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:ö ..
(Acts 9:1-5)

Who is the Lord of heaven?

What is His Name?



Heavens Family Name

- ◆ Ephesians 3:14-15 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named ..
- ◆ The whole family in heaven and earth is named Jesus.

THE HOLY SPIRIT





Understanding the Holy Spirit

◆ John 14:15-18

If ye love me, keep my commandments. 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.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Who is that comforter who will come to us?



Understanding the Holy Spirit

- ◆ Ephesians 4:30 ã..grieve not the holy Spirit of God..
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 ãFor God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit..



The Name of the Holy Ghost

- ◆ John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

What is the name of the Holy Ghost?

Jesus said the Father would send the Holy Ghost in his name.



The Son Referenced as God

- ◆ Hebrews 1:8,10

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 ..

And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Jesus is the body of God. By him all things were made and He is the image of God's invisible person.



God and Jesus: Both the I Am

- ◆ When Moses asked God what His name was ãGod said unto Moses, **I Am That I Am:**ö .. Exodus 3:14
- ◆ Jesus used identical words telling the Jews, ãBefore Abraham was **I Am** (John 8:58) in essence saying, **I Am** the **I Am** Moses spoke with.
- ◆ John 18:6 ãAs soon then as he had said unto them, **I am he**, they went backward, and fell to the groundö.



The Name of Jesus

- ◆ John 17:6 Jesus said, "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest meö."

What name did Jesus manifest?

- ◆ Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's nameö."
- ◆ He also said that the Holy Ghost would be sent in his name.
- ◆ The entire family name of heaven is Jesus.
- ◆ The name Jesus is applicable to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This is why baptism is correctly administered only in the name of Jesus Christ.

Understanding Titles

Father, Son, Holy Ghost:

- ◆ **ōFatherö** is a title. It refers to one having the ability to create. God is our heavenly Father and we are begotten by the Word. **ōFatherö** is not a name yet the Father (God) has a name.
- ◆ John 5:43 Jesus said: ōI am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: ..ö
- ◆ **ōSonö** or **ōSon of Godö** is a title. It refers to those born of God. **ōSonö** is not a name yet the son of God has a name.
- ◆ Matthew 1:21 **ōAnd she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesusö: ..**



Understanding Titles

- ◆ **ōHoly Ghostö** is a title. **ōGhostö** typically refers to the spirit of a departed one.
- ◆ **ōHolyö** defines what that spirit is.
- ◆ The **ōHoly Ghostö** and **ōHoly Spiritö** are one and the same. Both are holy and both are spirit.
- ◆ John 14:26 **ōBut the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.ö**



Was Jesus really God With Us?



- ◆ Matthew 1:20-23 But while he (Joseph) thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.



Is Jesus Mighty God and Father?

- ◆ Isaiah 9:6 òFor 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, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peaceö.



What about Genesis 1:26

- ◆ “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:” *Note plural terms “us” and “our”.*
- ◆ There were no other deities around as God has declared himself to be one and beside Him is no other. So with whom was God counseling?
- ◆ Ephesians 1:11 says God takes counsel of his own will. When making man God saw himself as he would be years ahead on earth .. speaking of things that were not as though they were. It was necessary for Him to use the plural “us” in creating man to explain His two natures (divine and human). He indeed came in flesh and we are in his image. Note that in verse 27 the single term “his” image is used when God actually created man. “So God created man in his own image, ..” Genesis 1:27 (*not their own image*)



What about sits at the right hand?

- ◆ Several places the right hand of God is mentioned. What does it mean? If heaven is his throne and earth his footstool, (Isaiah 66:1) where would his right hand be? In another galaxy? Right hand is not literal but figurative to describe a position of power and place of power and glory.
- ◆ Exodus 15:6 “*Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy*”.
- ◆ Mark 14:62 “*And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the **right hand of power**, and coming in the clouds of heaven.*
- ◆ See also Matthew 26:64, Luke 22:69, 2 Corinthians 6:7 *the latter referring to the “armor of righteousness on the **right hand** and on the left”, ..*



God is One Lord

õHear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:ö

No where in the Bible does it teach that God is three persons, personages, personalities or people.

God manifests Himself to us as Father of Creation, as Son of redemption (our redeemer), as Holy Spirit of regeneration giving us life and life more abundantly. God has a name and His name is Jesus