

#101 UNDERSTANDING THE GODHEAD

Q: I received Jesus as my Savior, but I don't understand how Jesus can be God? If God the Father is God, and Jesus is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, then that is three, so how can we say we only have one God? Who is God?

Matthew 16:13 "When Jesus came...He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?"

A: Jesus asked His disciples to answer the same question. The true doctrine of God agrees with scriptures from Genesis through Revelation.

John 1:1, 14 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us..."

A: Jesus claimed to be God. Jesus is God's word, like your word is your word. The very important difference is that Jesus is the Spirit who gives life, while you were created from the dust and quickened to life by His Spirit.

John 14:8-10 "Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.' Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet thou hast 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 (not of human origin) but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works."

Philip was confused about the physical reality of the Father God in Jesus. Very simply, Jesus **IS** the self-existent Eternal One in flesh, the Messiah, just as He said through the prophets!

Isaiah 43:10-11 "...believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside Me there is no Savior."

Isaiah 44:24 "Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth BY MYSELF."

Psalms 33:6 "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

God's spoken Word, who created all things by Himself alone, is the **INVISIBLE BEING** of the Father's person, sent to earth to do His will.

Philippians 2:5-7 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

When we speak our own word, it is just air expressing thoughts from our human brain. When God speaks His Word, it is His own life-giving invisible Spirit going out to perform His will, which then returns back to Himself.

Isaiah 55:11 "So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Q: I understand how God sends His word to accomplish His will, like when I sent my word and the movers brought our furniture, but how can God's word be made flesh? How can Jesus be Almighty God? Wasn't He born to a regular mom and dad just like the rest of us?

Luke 1:34-35 "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be seeing I know not a man?' 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 that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Colossians 1:15 "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."
(Firstborn refers to birthright.)

A: Jesus Christ is the Spirit who is the Father made visible in human form (the image we can see of the invisible God). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father who lives in our hearts. The human body of Messiah, Christ, was conceived of the Holy Spirit of the Father, and became in form, the human baby born of Mary.

Q: How can one God be an us?

Genesis 1:1,2,26 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters...And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness..."

A: Remember that God speaks from eternity where there is no beginning and no end, where the conception, birth, death, burial and resurrection of our Savior were finished but not manifest before the physical world began.

1 Peter 1:19-20 "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: ²⁰who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

A: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were in form as Spirit, when 'Us' spoke to Isaiah, regarding the fullness of times when the Messiah, the image of the invisible God would be begotten in flesh, to become visible, to become manifest, on earth.

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."

A: 'Us' did not change when our Lord Jesus Christ was born, for Jesus is still the fullness of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in His body.

Colossians 2:8-9 "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. ⁹ For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Those teaching God is three separate persons, will tell you it is a mystery that no one can understand, because they cannot explain their theology without excusing away scriptures or twisting them; but there is no mystery because the mystery hidden for ages has been revealed!

Colossians 1:25-26 "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; ²⁶ even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints."

A: God in the original Hebrew/Chaldee is translated from #430 Eloheem - plural form of Supreme Majesty, one God plural. God is and always was one person in three dimensions of being, made flesh in the visible image, Who is the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, God created man, in the image of the visible image of God, Jesus!

Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

A: A created man is alive only when quickened by Spirit life from God, to become a living soul, (body + Spirit = living soul). When you unplug a computer from its source power, it is dead. When your body disconnects from its source of power, it is dead. Your spirit lives on at death because God's Spirit life breathed into you in the womb, goes back to God who gave it, until the resurrection. Jesus is the source of power.

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son (God Incarnate) is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor (Holy Spirit), The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father (Father)..."

A: There is only one God on the throne of Heaven, whose Spirit went out from Himself to move upon creation, who spoke from His Spirit to become flesh, died for our sins and raised Himself from the grave, these three are One.

John 2:19-21 "Jesus answered..."Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up...He spake of the temple of His body."

A: Jesus is God with skin on, the only begotten God in flesh. We know God through His visible image, Jesus Christ, Who shed His own blood to redeem us, Who gives us His Spirit to live in us and teach us all things.

John 14:16-18 "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither 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."

There is no other Savior sitting beside the Father, but He Himself - God, is God, is God, the same One Spirit, the same ONE GOD.

Rev 1:7-8 "Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him...I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

PRAYER: Our Father God, Lord Jesus, I ask you to show me, like you showed Philip, the revelation of who you are. Thank you, Jesus, for coming into my heart through Your Holy Spirit, so that I can know God, and grow from glory to glory to be more like You every day, in Jesus name, Amen.

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