



THE GODHEAD

TEACHER'S GUIDE

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PART 1

SPECIAL POINTS PRESENTED

(**Teachers:** I recommend you go over this material for the express purpose of marking certain scriptures you feel could be deleted without losing the overall effectiveness of the study. This should be done ahead of time so you would be prepared to teach it as a shorter study in cases where you are given a limited amount of time.)

ROMANS 1:20

(20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

- This explains the purpose for having a Godhead study.
- The Godhead is without excuse, and we must understand this in order to receive the full revelation of who God is.

THREE BASIC THEORIES OF THE GODHEAD

(USE STUDENT CHART)

(**TEACHERS:** Make sure they learn how the terms apply in reference to God because that is the key to being able to understand the scriptures.)

JOHN 17:17

(17) Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

- Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is Truth. We must let the Bible be the basis for all establishment of truth.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE IS GOD?

SPIRIT

JOHN 4:23-24

(23) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

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

- God is a **Spirit**. When you see the term God, it is referring to a Spirit.

ACTS 7:48-49

(48) Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

(49) Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

- God is not a little figure or a person off in heaven somewhere. God is a Spirit that fills heaven and earth, because heaven is His throne and earth is His footstool.

OMNIPRESENT (EVERYWHERE)

Psalms 139:7-10

(7) Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

(8) If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

(9) If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

(10) Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

- God is a Spirit that is everywhere. You cannot hide from God.
- Wherever two or three are gathered together in His name there He is. Why? He is everywhere.

1 KINGS 8:27

(27) But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built?

- The **heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain three**. Why? He is everywhere.
- A place or body can contain the fullness (or quality) of God, but cannot contain all of the quantity of God.

DEUTERONOMY 4:35, 39

(35) Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.

(36) Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he showed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

(37) And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

(38) To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

(39) Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

- The Lord He is God—there is **none** else beside Him.
- The term “LORD” used in all capitals always refers to God or deity (the omnipresent Spirit).
- Verse 39: Only one God that is in heaven above and the earth beneath.
- One God or Spirit that is everywhere.

PROVERBS 15:3

(3) The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

- Eyes of the Lord are everywhere (omnipresent). You cannot make God out to be a human, or He would be all eyes according to this scripture. It is simply saying that He is an omnipresent Spirit.

JEREMIAH 23:24

(24) Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

- Cannot hide from the Lord. Fills heaven and earth.
- If there is only one, where are the other three? (Refer to chart.) We are establishing the fact, not the theory that there is only one God (not two or three), and that He is a Spirit.

INVISIBLE

JOHN 1:18

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

- No man has seen God at any time. Some say Moses saw the hinder part of God. He saw the manifestation of God, but not the Spirit itself. God can manifest Himself as anything. You can see the manifestation (burning bush, dove, etc.), but you cannot see the Spirit itself, because it is invisible, and no man has ever seen it.

JOHN 5:37

(37) 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.

- They had not seen His shape nor heard His voice. What they did see was the manifestation of God.

COLOSSIANS 1:15

(15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

- Jesus is the image of the **invisible** God. He is all of God we will see, and we will cover this later in the study.

IMMORTAL (EVERLASTING, CANNOT DIE)

1 TIMOTHY 1:17

(17) Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Eternal, **immortal**, invisible, the only wise God. Immortal means God (the Spirit) can never die. This is important to know so you can later understand about the crucifixion of Christ.

1 TIMOTHY 6:14-16

(14) That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

(15) Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

(16) Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

- Jesus will show who is the only King of kings and Lord of lords, and He who only hath immortality.
- He is also invisible. Since He is an invisible, omnipresent Spirit that fills the atoms of the universe just like a thick fog, so if the Spirit would become visible (even after we get to heaven) we would all be blind. He will never cease to be an omnipresent Spirit, so the only way we will ever see God is in the face of Jesus Christ (who is the visible image of the invisible God).

PSALMS 90:1-4

(1) A Prayer of Moses the man of God. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

(2) Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

(3) Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

(4) For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

- We dwell in the presence of God, and He is from everlasting to everlasting.
- Flesh is not eternal, but God is eternal.

LUKE 24:39

(39) Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

- Spirit does not have flesh and bones. God is not an old man up in heaven. He is an immortal, everlasting Spirit. Flesh gets old; but a spirit does not.

EPHESIANS 4:4-6

(4) There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

(5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

(6) One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- One God and one Spirit (refer to chart). There is one God who is through all and in you all. That is why the Spirit in you is called the Holy Ghost or Christ in you. There are three offices of God, but not three Gods:
 - (1) Father – Spirit as creator and ruler.
 - (2) Son – Flesh which Spirit dwelt in, making Him God.
 - (3) Holy Ghost – Spirit of God, as it deals with man.
- (COMMENT: I am a father, son, and husband, but I am not three persons, and I only have one name.)

MARK 12:29-37

(29) And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

(30) 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.

(31) And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

(32) And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

(33) And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

(34) And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

(35) And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David?

(36) For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, the LORD said to my LORD, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

(37) David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

- First commandment: The Lord our God is One Lord. Spirit prophesying through David. God and man dwelling in Christ. If the scripture says there is one, who has the right to say there are three?
- Jesus went on to quote Psalms 110:1 to the Jews and asked them how the Messiah was going to be David's son and David's Lord. The (flesh) that was born of Mary was of the lineage of David according to the promises God had made to Abraham, as recorded in the first chapter of Luke and Matthew. (Lineage is recorded all the way to Mary and Joseph with David and his sons included.)
- (COMMENT: The God that David prayed to was the same God that dwelt inside that human body, making Jesus both David's Lord and his son. Look at the words "Lord"—the first is all capitals and the second is not. It lets us know that this is the Spirit speaking about the flesh.)
- Right hand of God will be covered later, but it refers to the power of God. Spirit set up flesh and gave Him all power.
- The Son did not exist from the beginning, except in the plan of God, but Jesus was from the beginning. How? The term "son" refers to the flesh of God, but the **name** Jesus includes both flesh and Spirit. The Spirit of God that was in Jesus did exist in the beginning. We must realize this to understand how the terms are applied in scripture.

1 TIMOTHY 3:16

(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.

- God (deity) was manifest in the flesh.
- God was seen of angels. When did the angels see God? When the flesh was born in Bethlehem. When will we see God? When we get to heaven and see the glorified body of Jesus.
- Flesh could not do anything without the Spirit that dwelt in it, because Jesus said the Words He spoke was not Him, but the Father dwelling in Him was doing the work.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

(19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

- God was in Christ reconciling the world back to Himself. Why? There was no other God to reconcile Him to. That is why He said He would swear by Himself, because there was no other God up there to swear by. There is only one God (Spirit).

JOHN 3:34-35

(34) For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

(35) The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

- Spirit in Christ given without measure. If He was a co-equal God, He would not have to be given anything. He was a man who had to have the Spirit of God in Him to be able to do the works of God.

MATTHEW 1:18-25

(18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

(19) Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

(20) But while he 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.

(21) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

(22) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

(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.

(24) Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

(25) And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

- Verses 18-20: Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost, making Jesus the Son of the Holy Ghost. So unless the Holy Ghost and the Father are the same Spirit instead of co-equal persons, then Jesus would be Son of the Holy Ghost instead of the Son of the Father, or else He would have two fathers. We realize from this that they are only offices of the one Spirit of God, and that the Spirit is called the Holy Ghost here because it is dealing with man.
- Verse 21: His name shall be called "Jesus" which means "Jehovah has become our salvation." An angel named Him, not Joseph, because, it was prophesied in the Old Testament that the Lord would give Him a new name. Keep this in mind because we will cover it later in the study.
- Verse 23: Jesus was God (Spirit) with us. He was God manifest in the flesh.

COMPARING SCRIPTURES OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Scriptural comparisons, concerning the prophecies about Jehovah of the Old Testament being fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament (proving they are the same).

(TEACHERS: Continually refer back to the chart on the 10 points about God and establish these points in their minds as you compare the next scriptures.)

ISAIAH 43:3, 10-15, 25

(10) Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

(11) I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior.

(12) I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

- (13) Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?
- (14) Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.
- (15) I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.
- (25) I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

- Verse 3: Lord thy God is the Holy One (not 2 or 3), and the Saviour.
- Verse 10-15: There was no God formed before Him, nor after Him. Yet the doctrine of the Trinity indicates the Son proceeded out from the Father in eternity before the world was. According to this scripture that would not be possible.
- There is no Saviour other than this **one** God that is speaking in these scriptures, so when the Saviour comes to the world, it will be this one God of the Old Testament.
- Called our Redeemer, Holy One, Saviour, Creator, and King, which are terms that are applied to Jesus in the New Testament.
- Verse 25: It is the one God that will blot out or remove our sins.

ISAIAH 44:6, 8, 24

(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.

(7) And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them.

(8) Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

(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;

- Verse 6: He is the Lord, King, Redeemer, the First and the Last, and beside Him there is no God.
- Verse 8: If there is another God, He does not know about it.
- Verse 24: He is the God that made all things, created the heavens and earth alone, by Himself, and there was no other God with Him.

ISAIAH 45:5, 6, 15, 18

(6) 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 else.

(15) Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

(18) For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

- All these scriptures simply reemphasize the fact that there is only one God that is the Saviour and Creator, and there is no other God beside Him.

ISAIAH 45:21-24

(21) Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me.

(22) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

(23) I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

(24) Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

- He is the only God and Saviour there is, and unto Him every knee will bow and every tongue will confess.

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

(9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

(10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

(11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- The name of Jesus is above every name, and at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. This is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. It proves that Jesus is the one God of the Old Testament.

JESUS AS THE FATHER

Isaiah 9:6-7

(6) 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, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

(7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- The son to be born is referred to as The Mighty God and The Everlasting Father, which proves again that Jesus is the one God of the Old Testament that came in human flesh to redeem man from the penalty for sin through the death of His flesh on Calvary. This also makes Him our Saviour and Redeemer, which fulfills the other prophecies concerning the One True God of the Old Testament.

JOHN 3:13

(13) And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

- Jesus was on earth talking to Nicodemus, yet He said He was in heaven also. This proves He is man, and yet God that is everywhere according to the deity, that lives in His flesh. Not a separate person, but the same one Spirit of an omnipresent God.

1 CORINTHIANS 8:4-6

(4) As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

(5) For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

(6) 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.

- There is but one God, the Father (term "Father" as pertaining to God always refers to the omnipresent Spirit) and one Lord Jesus Christ. (Use this in referring to the next scripture.)

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

(17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

- The Lord (Jesus) is that Spirit. When compared with the previous scripture, this proves that Jesus is the same one God as the Father (Spirit).

JOHN 10:30

(30) I and my Father are one.

- Jesus said, "I and my Father are one". How are they one? When the Spirit was put in flesh, they became one person. He was fully God and fully man in one person. This statement caused the Jews to try to stone Him because they could not accept Him as the one God of the Old Testament. This eventually resulted in their being cut off and God turning to the Gentiles to take out a people for His Name's sake.

JOHN 14:5-10

(5) Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

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

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

(8) Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

(9) 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, Show us the Father?

(10) 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.

- Jesus told the disciples from henceforth you know the Father and have seen Him. Since the Father is an invisible Spirit that no man can see, the only way they could see Him was in the face of Jesus Christ. He proves this on His next point.
- Phillip asked to see the Father and it would satisfy him. Jesus seemed surprised that He had been so long with Phillip and Phillip still had not recognized that Jesus was the Father. He let Phillip know that when you see Jesus you have seen the Father. (The body of Jesus Christ is the only visible part of the Father you can see.)
- He revealed that it was the Father (Spirit) that was in Him who was doing the works of the Spirit.

JOHN 8:24, 27

(24) I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

(27) They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

- Jesus was speaking of the Father in all of these verses, letting them know they would die in their sins if they did not believe that He was the Father. Why? Because they would never be baptized in His name for the remission of sins as commanded by the apostles.

COLOSSIANS 1:14-20

(14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

(15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

(16) 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:

(17) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

(18) 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.

(19) For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

(20) 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.

- Verse 14: We have redemption through His blood. (This lets us know that these scriptures are referring to Jesus Christ).
- Verse 15: Image of the invisible God. Jesus is the only physical part of God we will ever see, and He is also the perfect image of God spiritually because He is God in flesh.
- Verses 16-20: Jesus is the Creator of all things, which means He has to be the one Creator that Isaiah prophesied about saying there was no other God beside Him.
- He reconciled all things to Himself, because there is no other God to reconcile it to. (Flesh reconciled all things to the Spirit.)

COLOSSIANS 2:8-12

(8) 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 fullness of the Godhead bodily.

(10) And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

(11) In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

(12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

- Paul warned against philosophy, vain deceit, tradition of men, and rudiments of the world.
- Verses 9-10: The fullness of the Godhead bodily is in Jesus Christ. The body of Jesus does not contain all of the quantity of God, but all of the fullness of the quality of God. The body of Jesus is God's headquarters.
- Ye are complete in Him, because He is the head of all principality and power.
- Verses 11-12: Old Testament circumcision was a cutting away of flesh made with hands, which was a type of New Testament circumcision made without hands, which is the putting away of the sins of the flesh by baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ (for the remission of sins).

MATTHEW 28:17-20

(17) And when they saw him, they worshiped him: but some doubted.

(18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

(19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

(20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

- All power in heaven and earth was given to Jesus. If He was a co-equal God, then why would He have to be given anything; but humanity had to receive power from Deity. This is the Father setting the Son up on the throne as prophesied.
- Baptize in the Name (singular) of the Father (not in the name Father, but in the name of the Father). Jesus said I come in my Father's name. The name of the Father is Jesus.
- Name of the Son – She shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call His name Jesus. Jesus is the name of the Son.
- Name of the Holy Ghost – He promised to send the Holy Ghost in His name. The name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus.
- Since Spirit (Father, Holy Ghost) and flesh (Son) are in the same person of Jesus, the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is Jesus. If the apostles use the name Jesus in baptism, then we will know that this is the correct meaning and fulfillment of this scripture.

ACTS 2:38

(38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

- The Apostles (who received direct revelation from Jesus) baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sin.

ACTS 10:48

(48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

- The first Gentile saved was commanded to be baptized in the Name of the Lord. Peter had just preached to them that they could receive remission of sins through Jesus' name.

ACTS 4:10-12

(10) Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

(11) This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

(12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

- Jesus is the only name under heaven given among men that will save you. Where was the name given in the plan of salvation? Baptism for the remission of sins. That is why Jesus said, "Unless you believe that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."

1 JOHN 5:5-8

(5) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

(6) This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

(7) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

(8) And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

- There are three that bear record in heaven. He bears record of three offices or manifestations, but it does not say that there are three separate persons in existence. That would contradict the other scriptures on the Godhead. These three witnesses are one. The three earth bearing witnesses (blood, water, and Spirit) are said to **agree** in one, not **are** one.

1 JOHN 5:13

(13) 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.

- You can have eternal life through believing in the name of the Son of God.

1 JOHN 5:20

(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.

- Jesus Christ is the true God and eternal life.

JEREMIAH 10:10

(10) But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

- The Lord (Jehovah) of the Old Testament is stated as being the true God. Since there is only one God, the Jesus of the New Testament must be the Jehovah of the Old Testament.

ZECHARIAH 12:1

(1) The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

- The one Lord that created heaven and earth is doing the speaking in these chapters.

ZECHARIAH 12:9-10

(9) And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

(10) And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

- They will look upon **me** whom they pierced...who was it that was pierced on Calvary? Jesus. This proves again that Jesus was the one Lord of Israel.

ZECHARIAH 13:6-9

(6) And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

(7) Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

(8) And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

(9) And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

- This speaks of a time when the God of the Old Testament will return to the Jews, and they will ask Him about the wounds in His hands. Who had the nail prints in His hands? Jesus.
- He will destroy two thirds of Israel, but He will spare the third part when they recognize Him and call upon His name. (The name of the One with the nail prints.) He will then answer and say, "It is my people," and they shall say, "The Lord is my God." (Jesus is our God.)
- If He refuses to spare the Jews who have not recognized who He is, what makes us believe He will spare the Gentiles who refuse to recognize Him as the one God of heaven and earth?

ZECHARIAH 14:1-5, 9

(5) And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

(9) And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

- The Lord's feet will touch the Mount of Olives. The feet of Jesus are the only feet God has because a Spirit does not have flesh and bone.
- Lord God will come and all of His saints with Him.
- Verse 9: He will be King over the whole earth. There will be one Lord and His name **one**. The whole world will recognize that Jesus is the **one** true and living God.

ACTS 1:9-12

(9) And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

(10) And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

(11) Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

(12) Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

- Jesus left from the top of the Mount of Olives and an angel told the apostles he would return in like manner. So this also confirms that Jesus will be the God whose feet touch the Mount of Olives.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13

(11) Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

(12) And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

(13) To the end he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

- This states that Jesus is The One coming with His saints (fulfilling the prophesy of Zechariah 14:5) proving again that Jesus is the Jehovah of the Old Testament.

NAME OF THE ONE COMING BACK

REVELATION 19:11-16

(11) And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

(12) His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

(13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

(14) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

(15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

(16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

- He had a name written no man knew, but He Himself. He was called The Word of God. We will find out the name of the Word in our next scripture reading.
- He is also THE KING OF KINGS and THE LORD OF LORDS.

JOHN 1:14

(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.

- Word was made flesh. Everyone realizes this scripture is saying Jesus is called the Word.

MATTHEW 1:21

(21) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

- Thou shalt call His name Jesus. (The name "Jesus" means "Jehovah has become our salvation.")

ISAIAH 62:2

(2) And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

- The Gentiles would see His righteousness, and kings would see His glory, and He shall be called by a **new** name which the Lord shall name. That is why Joseph did not name Him, but God sent an angel to name Him. The new name is Jesus (Jehovah Savior). This is confirmed in the next scriptures.

MATTHEW 12:18-21

(18) Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

(19) He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

(20) A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

(21) And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

- He is showing here that Jesus is fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah when he wrote "In His **name** shall the Gentiles trust".

ACTS 9:5, 15

(5) And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

(15) But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

- The Lord said His name was Jesus.
- Verse 15: Paul was sent to bear His name before Gentiles and kings. (The fulfillment of Isaiah 62:2.)

REVELATION 2:17

(17) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

- He will give a new name that no man knows except the one who receives it.

GALATIANS 3:27

(27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

- We receive the name of Jesus when we are baptized in His name. That is why the ones who have received it know His name, because you will not be baptized in His name if you do not believe He is the one true God.

REVELATION 14:1

(1) And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

- They have His Father's name written in their foreheads.

REVELATION 3:12

(12) Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

- He will write upon Him the name of God. The name of the city is revealed, but the name of God is not revealed except to say it will be His **new** name. Now, we realize from scripture that the new name is Jesus and remember the name in the foreheads was also the name of the Father, proving that the Father's new name is Jesus. He robed Himself in flesh and became a Son, which made Him Jehovah Saviour or Jesus.
- He is the Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Holy Ghost in His dealings with man, but His name is Jesus

End of Part One

THE GODHEAD

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PART 2

THE KING, THE FIRST, AND THE LAST

ISAIAH 44:6

(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.

- The LORD is the King and the first and the last, and beside Him there is no God.

REVELATION 1:4, 8, 11, 17, 18

(4) John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

(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.

(11) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

(17) 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:

(18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

- Verses 4, 8, 11: Jesus is called the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and last, the one which is, which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Jesus is the Almighty God.
- Verses 17, 18: The first and the last is the one which was dead but is alive forevermore, and has the keys of hell and death. This has to be Jesus, because the flesh is all that could die.

ZECHARIAH 9:9

(9) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

- Israel's King will come to them riding on the colt of a donkey. We see this fulfilled in the next verses.

MATTHEW 21:2-9

(2) Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

(3) And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

(4) All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

(5) Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy king cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

(6) And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

(7) And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

(8) And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way.

(9) And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

- Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah in these verses proving He is the born King of Israel.

MATTHEW 2:2

(2) Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

- Jesus was born King of the Jews.

1 TIMOTHY 6:14-16

(14) That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

(15) Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

(16) Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

- Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT FULFILLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**ISAIAH 35:1-6**

(1) The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

(2) It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

(3) Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

(4) Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

(5) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

(6) Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

- He prophesied that God (remember Isaiah's other prophecies about there only being one God) would come and save them and that they would see the glory of the Lord.
- When this God comes, the blind would see, the deaf would hear, the lame would walk, and the dumb would talk.

ISAIAH 42:5-8

(5) Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

(6) I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

(7) To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

(8) I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

- When He comes He will be a light to the Gentiles, bring prisoners from the prison house, and His glory He will not give to another.

ISAIAH 48:11-13

(11) For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

(12) Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

(13) Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

- He will not give His glory to another.
- I am He; I am the first and the last.
- The Creator is doing the speaking.

ISAIAH 40:3-5

(3) The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

(4) Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

(5) And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

- The voice crying in the wilderness would prepare the way for God, and His glory would be revealed.

MATTHEW 3:10-13

(10) And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

(11) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

(12) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

(13) Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

- He will baptize with the Holy Ghost.
- Then cometh Jesus. He was the Lord for whom John was preparing the way.

LUKE 7:20-23

(20) When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come or look we for another?

(21) And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

(22) Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

(23) And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

- John sent word from prison to ask Jesus if He was the One who was to come. Jesus simply answered him by reminding him of the fulfillment of the prophecy. The blind would see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the gospel is preached.

JOHN 1:14

(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.

- This is the fulfillment of Isaiah 40:5, the glory of the Lord was revealed in Jesus Christ. Remember, He will not give His glory to another.

MALACHI 1:6, 11, 14

(6) A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name.

And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

(11) For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

(14) But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

- This talks of a time when the priest would despise His name and not realize it. It would be during a time when His name would be great among the Gentiles and the heathen (gentiles) would offer incense (prayer) in His name. This has to be speaking of the times of Jesus Christ because that is when this prophecy to the Gentiles was fulfilled.

MALACHI 2:1, 2, 10

(1) And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.

(2) If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

(10) Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

- He will place a curse on the priest because they did not give glory to His name nor lay it to their heart.
- Verse 10: We all have one Father and were created by one God and those who were not obeying this were profaning the covenant (that the Lord our God is one Lord) of our fathers.
- This proves that God does care if we understand who He is and that we must lay it to heart to love and teach that truth.

THE CONTROVERSIES OF THE GODHEAD

LAMB – FLESH; GOD – SPIRIT

(COMMENT: We realize there are some scriptures that seem to indicate that God could be a Trinity; however, these scriptures become clearer as to what they are teaching when they are compared with other related scriptures. The purpose of this part of the study is to answer these contentions scripturally.)

REVELATION 5:1-7, 13; 7:10

- (1) And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
- (2) And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
- (3) And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
- (4) And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
- (5) And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- (6) And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
- (7) And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
- (13) And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

(7:10) And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

- Some read this and say there are two up in heaven because the Lamb took the book from Him that was on the throne.
- Remember: Revelation is written in symbolic form simply showing the purposes of God's plan for coming in flesh to redeem man. Remember: the Lamb is the flesh, but God is the Spirit that is on the throne and cannot die. The Lamb is called the Root of David (flesh) which was slain.

REVELATION 5:9-10

- (9) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
- (10) And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
 - Flesh died; humanity died. That is why He was able to open the book. He had been tempted in all points but without sin; yet, He gave His life, a ransom for others to be redeemed by His blood.

1 TIMOTHY 2:5

- (5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

- There is one God (Spirit) and one mediator between God and man, the man (flesh, Lamb) Christ Jesus. The fifth chapter of Revelation is showing this taking place in symbolic form.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-19

(17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

(18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

(19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

- This is a more literal fulfillment of what is symbolized in the fifth chapter of Revelation.

HEBREWS 7:24-25

(24) But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

(25) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

- The man (flesh, Lamb) is able to make intercession to the Spirit (God on the throne in Revelation) for us.

REVELATION 7:17

(17) For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

- The Lamb here is in the midst of the throne, which simply reveals that you cannot divide Him from the Godhead. The Spirit set Him up in this place of power to be God's headquarters. The Father (Spirit) and the Son (flesh, Lamb) became one person in Jesus Christ, making Him God.

LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE

GENESIS 1:26-27; 3:22

(26) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

(27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

(3;22) And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

- Many people contend from these scriptures that God is three persons or a Trinity.
- I contend that God was counseling with His own will in the presence of His angels and by His prophetic wisdom, spoke of things that be not as though they were.
- From this one scripture it would be impossible to tell which is correct, so we must search other scriptures that will allow the Word of God to flow in perfect harmony.
- I contend that for God to be speaking to a Trinity of persons or Gods would contradict the first commandment that the Lord our God is one Lord.
- Some even contend the word "Elohim" translated "Lord" here is a plural term. But, even the Jewish scholars say it means plural in attributes and not in number of persons.
- The next scriptures will reveal which of these points is correct.

GENESIS 11:6-7

(6) And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

(7) Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

- God always used angels to carry out His bidding, so I feel He was speaking to His angels here. (See next scripture also.)

GENESIS 3:22-24

(22) And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

(23) Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

(24) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

- He placed Cherubims at the entrance to the garden. The angels knew the difference between good and evil because Satan and one-third of the angels had already been cast out.

JOB 38:4, 7

(4) Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

(7) When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

- God is speaking of the time of creation. The angels were there because He said the sons of God (angels) shouted for joy. So I contend, God was speaking to His ministering Spirits (angels) who were with Him at creation.

EPHESIANS 1:11; 1:4-11

(11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Ephesians 1:4-11

(4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

(5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

(6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

(7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

(8) Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

(9) Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

(10) That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

(11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

- He works everything after the counsel of His own will.
- Verses 4-11: We were even predestinated according to the good pleasure of His will, which He has purposed in Himself. This says He counseled with His own will not other gods or persons, yet He spoke in the presence of His angels. (Example – Boss on the job counseling with himself in the presence of his men, yet he was the one in authority.)

ROMANS 4:17

(17) (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

- God counseled with His own will in the presence of His angels and spoke of things that be not as though they were.

JOHN 1:1-3

(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

(2) The same was in the beginning with God.

(3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- Word was God. (Word = Logos = Thought, plan. Concept: “Deity expressed.”)
- The Son coming was in the plan from the beginning.
- **(TEACHERS:** Reread this scripture using the word “plan,” and it will help the student to understand.)

ISAIAH 46:9-10

(9) Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

(10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

- He is God; there is none like Him. He declares the end from the beginning, and His council will stand.

REVELATION 13:8

(8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

- Jesus Christ was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. He was slain in the plan of God, but not fulfilled until almost 2,000 years ago.

1 PETER 1:19-21

(19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

(20) Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

(21) Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

- He was foreordained before the foundation of the world (in the plan of God), but manifest in these last times, for us.

ROMANS 5:14

(14) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

- Adam was made in the figure (image) of Him that was to come (Jesus Christ).

ROMANS 8:29

(29) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

- He was foreknown and predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son. (The image that was in His plan and the image in which Adam was made.)

COLOSSIANS 1:15

(15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

- Jesus is the image of the invisible God.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-47

(45) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

(46) Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

(47) The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

- The man Adam was a living soul, but the second Adam (Jesus) was a quickening Spirit.
- The first man was of the earth, earthly; the second man (Jesus) was the Lord from heaven.

GALATIANS 4:4

(4) But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

- When the fullness of time was come (according to the plan), He sent forth His Son. How? Made of a woman, made under the law of dispensation.

2 TIMOTHY 1:9-10

(9) Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

(10) But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

- Grace was given to us in Jesus Christ before the world began (in the plan), but was manifest (put into action) by the appearing of Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 1:2

(2) Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

- We are the elect according to the foreknowledge of God.

THE WISDOM OF GOD

PROVERBS 8:22-30

(22) The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

(23) I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

(24) When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

(25) Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

(26) While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

(27) When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

(28) When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

(29) When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

(30) Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

- Some feel this is the Son speaking here. But to see who is really speaking, let's look at the next two verses.

PROVERBS 8:1, 12; 9:1

(1) Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

(12) I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

(9:1) Wisdom hath built her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

- The Wisdom of God is speaking. Remember, God counseled with His own will, made a plan from the beginning, and spoke of things that be not as though they were. The Son only existed in the wisdom and plan of God, until He was born at Bethlehem.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:23-24

(23) But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

(24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

- Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. He was made from the Wisdom and by the power of God. He is the wisdom and power of God, because it is God that lives in the flesh.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:7-8

(7) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

(8) Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- He was the wisdom of God in a mystery, ordained before the world, and if princes of this world had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. God did not die, but the fleshly body died. The Spirit in Him was the Lord of Glory.

RIGHT HAND OF GOD

ACTS 7:55-56

(55) 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,

(56) And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

- Stephen did not say he saw two people but the glory of God and Jesus on the right hand. He was not speaking of a geographical location. (How do you get on one side of a Spirit that is everywhere) The right hand is a Jewish term that speaks of being in a place of power and authority. He saw Jesus in His exalted position that was prophesied in the scripture. The next scripture will make this clear.
- Right hand is also a place of acceptance with God. Example: At the judgment, sheep (saints) are on the right hand (place of acceptance) by God, goats (sinners) are on the left hand (place of rejection by God).

MARK 14:62

(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.

- He shall be sitting on the right hand of power (not a person). This is describing His exalted position at His return as Lord of lords and King of kings.

COLOSSIANS 1:19

(19) For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

- It pleased the Father (Spirit) that in Him should all the fullness dwell.

MATTHEW 28:18

(18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

- All power in heaven and earth was given to Jesus.

EXODUS 15:6-8, 12-13

(6) Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

(7) And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

(8) And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

(12) Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

(13) Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

- Human terminology is often used in the Bible to describe a spiritual truth. Here we have two more examples of this.
- It says the right hand of God has dashed thy enemy to pieces. A big right hand did not come down and start smashing the enemy, but the enemy was destroyed by the power of God.
- By the blast of thy nostrils, the waters stood up. A big nose did not come out of heaven and blow on the water, but the power of God made the waters divide.
- Verses 12-13: The enemy was swallowed by the power of God, and He has guided Israel in “thy strength” unto a holy habitation.

PSALMS 20:6, 21:8

(6) Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

(21:8) Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

- Verse 6: This speaks of the strength of His right hand, letting us know it is a symbol of power.
- Verse 8: Right hand here speaks of the power and ability of God to find and judge all things.

PSALMS 118:14-16

(14) The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

(15) The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

(16) The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

- These scriptures speak of the strength of God and that the right hand of the Lord is exalted and does valiantly, again meaning it is an exalted place of power with God.

HABAKKUK 2:16

(16) Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.

- Here the cup of the Lord's right hand speaks of the powerful wrath of God.

ISAIAH 48:13

(13) Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

- Here the right hand symbolizes the power of creation.

ISAIAH 63:12

(12) That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

- Right hand here symbolizes the power of God working through Moses to lead the children of Israel from Egypt.

LUKE 11:20

(20) But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

- The finger of God here symbolizes the power of God to cast out devils. If you try to make it literal, you would have Jesus reaching up into heaven, grabbing a big finger, reaching inside people with it and casting out devils. So remember, you cannot make God a human; He is an omnipresent Spirit.

WHO WAS JESUS PRAYING TO?**MATTHEW 27:46**

(46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

- Humanity (the fleshly man that was about to die) was crying out to divinity (Spirit of God which can never die). If God had not allowed that body to die, He could never have been killed.

MATTHEW 26:39-42

(39) And he went a little farther, 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.

(40) And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

(41) Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

(42) He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

- This is another example of the humanity praying to the Spirit. The will of the flesh was to live, but the Son (flesh) knew it was the will of God (Father, Spirit) to die for the redemption of lost souls. If He was a co-equal God, why would He pray to another God when He would already have the power to do anything Himself?

HEBREWS 5:7-10

(7) Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

(8) Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

(9) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

(10) Called of God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

- In the days of His flesh, offered He prayers to God (Spirit). He was a high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

HEBREWS 7:1-3

(1) For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

(2) To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

(3) Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

- Melchisedec was King of righteousness, King of peace, had no father or mother, no beginning of days nor ending of days; so He had to have been God manifest in the flesh as a type of Jesus that was to come. Jesus was God manifest in the flesh.

BAPTISM OF JESUS

MATTHEW 3:16-17

(16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

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

- Some feel that this means God is three persons, but let us examine what we actually have here. We have the body of Jesus (flesh), the Spirit manifesting itself in the form of a dove (God is not really a bird), and the voice of God that speaks. This does not indicate more than one God at all, and we will see the purpose for this explained in the book of John.

ACTS 2:33

(33) 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.

- God (Spirit) exalted the Son (flesh) and anointed Him with His Spirit (Holy Ghost). If He were a co-equal God, this would not have been necessary.

ACTS 1:2

(2) A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

- Spirit of God in Jesus was called the Holy Ghost when it empowered Him to speak to the apostles.

JOHN 1:32-34

(32) And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

(33) And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

(34) And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

- The Spirit manifesting itself in the form of a dove was a sign to John that this definitely was the One who would baptize with the Holy Ghost, so there had to be a visible manifestation of the Spirit that John could see.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

(14) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

- Grace, love, and communion are not three different gods, but functions of the offices of the one true God.

THE END COMES; GOD WILL BE ALL IN ALL

1 CORINTHIANS 15:24-28

(24) 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.

(25) For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

(26) The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

(27) 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.

(28) 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.

- This speaks of a time when the office of the Sonship (mediator, intercessor) will end, and He will be known not as Son, but as the Almighty God; and God will be all in all.

JOHN 17:45

(4) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

(5) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

- Jesus here wants to be glorified with the same glory He had in the beginning. He was the Supreme Lord and ruler who was all in all, unlimited by a fleshly body and Sonship office.

He is praying to someday have that same glory when His work as the Son is finished. He will become this in His eternal reign. He will be one Lord and His name one.

(TEACHERS: In this next scripture reading show how the scriptures bring out the difference in flesh and Spirit, but do not indicate two Gods. Example: Jesus – man approved of God (Spirit) slain (flesh was slain), but God (Spirit) raised Him.)

ACTS 2:21-39

- (21) And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- (22) Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:
- (23) Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
- (24) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
- (25) For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
- (26) Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:
- (27) Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- (28) Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.
- (29) Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day.
- (30) Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;
- (31) He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.
- (32) This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
- (33) 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.
- (34) For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
- (35) Until I make thy foes thy footstool.
- (36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
- (37) Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- (38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
- Peter brings out how Jesus was the fulfillment of a foreordained plan of God that was prophesied in the scriptures; then he tells what the plan was. (Acts 2:38-39)

(Reveal the plan and comment on the name.)

ACTS 4:10-12

- (10) Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
- (11) This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.
- (12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

- There is no other name that will save you. We must believe the Lord our God is one Lord and His name is Jesus. Then we must receive the name in water baptism for the remission of sins.

(TEACHERS: At this point make the student aware that your church does teach that message and invite them to attend. If they are already attending, then talk about what a great truth the oneness of God is and what a thrill it is to have that revelation. This will create excitement in them to receive this beautiful truth. Leave tracts with them about the oneness of God or other doctrinal points if needed.)

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