

“The Godhead”

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Text: Colossians 2:1-12

Theme: To stress the identity and relationship of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Introduction:

1. About the Godhead, the body of divinity.
2. “Trinity” - many false and strange ideas.
 - a. “Trinity” not a Bible word - I Peter 4:11.
 - b. Use the term “Godhead” Acts 17:29.
3. Let us study the matter and seek the truth -

Discussion:

- I. There are three distinct persons in the Godhead, it is not a body of one -
 - A. The three - I John 5:7 9 (“one” to be considered).
 1. God - Jehovah - the great Father.
 - a. The Father of the material universe - James 1:17.
 - b. The father of Jesus - Luke 2:49; Matthew 7:5.
 - c. Our Father
 1. Physically - Luke 3:38.
 2. Spiritually - I John 3:1; Galatians 3:26,27.
 2. Jesus Christ - the son of God -
 - a. Not just a N.T. character
 - b. Jesus, the central figure of all the Bible - Walter Scott - “The golden Oracle.”
 - c. He is the promised seed - Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:8,16.
 - d. Savior of the world - Matthew 1:21.

3. The Holy Spirit -
 - a. Third member of the Godhead - a personality - not a mysterious influence.
 - b. His mission has been that of organizing - giving both the message of God and confirming it - Genesis 1:2; Joel 2:28-30; Acts 13; John 14:26; 15:26,27.
- B. Must understand the word "God" -
 1. "A general appellation of deities and divinities" *Thayer*, p.276.
 - a. Not necessarily a reference to Jehovah.
 - b. All three members of the Godhead are referred to as "God."
 1. I Corinthians 8:6 - God the Father.
 2. Titus 2:11-13 - Jesus Christ.
 3. Acts 5:3,4 - Holy Ghost.
 4. Proof of the three in the Godhead. Since no others are called "God," they are the only members of the Godhead.
- C. But yet they are "one" - I John 5:17.
 1. This is purpose, mission, and unity of effort.
 2. The Godhead members have always worked together.
 - a. Physical creation.
 1. God was the planner - Genesis 1:26.
 2. But Jesus Christ was the executor - John 1:1-3.
 3. The Holy Spirit the organizer -Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13 ; Psalm 104:30.
 - b. The spiritual creation.
 1. God the planner - Ephesians 3:8-11.
 2. Christ the executor - Matthew 16:18 ; Ephesians 4:25.
 3. The Holy Spirit the organizer - Acts 2.

II. Major false doctrines regarding the Godhead.

A. One God Holiness position.

1. The Godhead is but one member - Colossians 2:9 ; John 14:9.
 - a. Answer: Matthew 3:16; John 3:16 - Did God give himself?
- B. Matthew 19:5; John 17:20,21 Could God send himself?
2. Jesus was a created being - Colossians 1:13-17.
 - a. New World Translation (error) - all *other* things.
 - b. Latest NWT - all [other] things.
 - c. Read from dictionary - “firstborn.”
 - 1) Position of preeminence.
 - 2) Colossians 1:18 ; John 1:1,2.
3. The Holy Spirit is but a mysterious influence.
 - a. Read from Russell.
 - b. But He is a person.
 - 1) 1 Timothy 4:1.
 - 2) Speaks, grieved.
4. God has flesh and bones -
 - a. Read from Mormon books.
 - b. John 4:24 ; I Corinthians 15:50.

Conclusion:

Invitation: