

ONE GOD, TWO NATURES - PART 1

A LOOK AT THE DIETY OF CHRIST

“In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

- Colossians 2:9

1. The Importance of this Issue

- a. Some seek for new things Acts 17:18-21; others disparage heritage Acts 24:14
- b. It affects our knowledge of God: what kind of God is he?
- c. It affects our perspective of Jesus: which Jesus is he? - 2 Cor 11:4
- d. It affects the preaching of the cross: was it an example, a fraud, or a payment?
- e. *Christ could only die if he was man, he could only die for our sins if he was God.*
- f. It affects the grace life: what is your position, what is the mind of Christ.

2. The Nature of God

- a. Nature *~def.* the essence, qualities of a thing that make it what it is
- b. Qualities: Eternal, immutable Mal 3:6, Jam 1:17, omnipresent 1 Kings 8:27, Psa 139:7-12; -potent Exo 6:3, -science Isa 46:10, holy, true, love, life
- c. Actions: creator, preserver, redeemer, miraculous, judge
- d. It is against God's nature to be or do anything less.

3. The Three in One God

- a. The Biblical doctrine of God: He is one; He exists in three persons - 1 John 5:7
- b. Wrong views of the Godhead
 - i. Modalism (Oneness) = One God wearing three masks
 - ii. Arianism = Jesus is created by God and is a lesser god (JW's)
 - iii. Partialism = The three persons are part of God, but not fully God
 - iv. Unitarianism = There is one God and one person. (Jesus is not it)

4. Jesus' Divine Nature

- a. Jesus was a man, he was also God. We know this by his divine attributes.
- b. Eternal: John 8:58; Immutable: Heb 13:8; Omni: Rev 1:8; Joh 21:17, Mat 18:20
- c. Life: John 1:4, 11:25; Truth 14:6; Holy - Luke 1:23, Heb 7:26; Love 1 John 3:16
- d. Creator of all things Col 1:16, Preserver Heb 1:3, Col 1:17; Redeemer Gal 4:5
- e. If at once God always God: never less, not ceasing, adopting, or diminishing.

5. Why Jesus Needed to Be God

- a. Without being God is death was no greater than the greatest man.
- b. His resurrection could not happen without deity: Joh 10:17-18, 20:27+
- c. His atonement is not eternal without the eternal quality of God – Heb 7:23-27
- d. His payment was not the quality needed if he was not God: 2 Cor 5:19, Rom 5:9
- e. To be exalted above all things and worshipped – Phil 2:9-10, Col 2:10
- f. To fill up all in all, and for all things to be in Him – Eph 1:10, 20-23
- g. To be a mediator between God and Man – 1 Tim 2:5