

# Fundamentals Of The Church

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## The Godhead

(Ro 1:20)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
  - a. Greeting...
2. There are many names found in scripture.
  - a. Many have important lessons tied to them
  - b. The Hebrew name for Godhead is Elohim
3. This is a fascinating name for God.
  - a. It is the "main" name of God found 2,596 times
  - b. It is a "...unique development of the Hebrew Scriptures and represents chiefly the plurality of persons in the Trinity of the godhead..." (from Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament. Copyright © 1980 by The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. All rights reserved. Used by permission.)
4. Let us look at Elohim or Godhead from three points of scripture
  - a. Creation; Redemption; and Heaven
  - b. Keep in mind that all three have almost unanimous equality.
    - i. In other words they all did part or some of each point.

### I. The Godhead In Creation

#### A. God the Father

1. The "creative" personality
  - i. **Rv 4:11** "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."<sup>1</sup>
  - ii. **Ps 33:6** "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth."
2. The all knowing personality
  - i. **Is 46:10** "Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'"
  - ii. **Mk 13:32** "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

#### B. God the Son

1. The "productive" personality
  - i. **Jn 1:3** "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."
  - ii. **Co 1:16** "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

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<sup>1</sup> All scriptures are in the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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2. The sustainer/upholder of the universe
  - i. **He 1:3** "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high" (ESV)
  - ii. **Co 1:17** "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (NASB95)
- C. God the Spirit
  1. The "beautifier" personality
    - i. **Gn 1:2** "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."
      - a. **Ps 104:30** "You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth."
    - ii. **Gn 1:26** "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.""
      - a. **Jb 33:4** "The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life."
    - iii. **Jb 26:13** "By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent."
  2. The giver of the mind of God
    - i. **I Co 2:10, 16** "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God...16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."

## II. The Godhead In Redemption

- A. God the Father
  1. The "giving" of His Son
    - i. **Jn 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
  2. The "joy" of giving His Son
    - i. **Is 53:10** "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand."
- B. God the Son
  1. The "giving" of His life
    - i. **Ph 2:7-8** "but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

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2. The "learning" of obedience
  - i. **He 5:8** "though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered."
3. The "joy" of giving himself
  - i. **He 12:2** "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
4. Will "comeback" and get the faithful
  - i. **I Th 4:13-17** "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

## C. God the Spirit

1. The "giving" of the scriptures
  - i. **I Pt 1:12** "To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into."
2. The "seal" of our salvation
  - i. **Ep 1:13** "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise"

## III. The Godhead In Heaven

### A. God the Father

1. He will be there on His throne being worshipped
  - i. **Rv 4:2-11** "Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living

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creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

## B. God the Son

1. He has prepared it for us
  - i. **Jn 14:2-3** "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."
2. He is sitting at the right hand of God
  - i. **Co 3:1** "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God."

## C. God the Spirit

1. Though little is said concerning the Spirit we would be safe in assuming he has helped in the beautification of heaven since He had a part in all as well

## CONCLUSION

1. The Godhead is made up of three personalities but God is one.
  - a. **Zc 14:9** "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be — "The Lord is one," And His name one."
2. Let us always remember and worship the Lord "our" God.
3. Invitation
  - a. God's Plan of Salvation
    - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
    - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
    - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
    - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**