

# ONE GODHEAD: TWO CREATIONS

## INTRODUCTION:

- 1 The study of the Godhead is an interesting and intriguing one indeed. This is a subject which is misunderstood by many because of the lack of the knowledge and study. There are various and sundry doctrines of men which have arisen because of a false conception of the Godhead.
- 2 The Bible teaches there are three distinct personalities which comprise the Godhead. These three are individual beings, yet they possess all the attributes of deity.
  - a In Genesis 1:26 we read: ***"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."*** -- Gen 1:26. Notice, God said let **US** make man in **OUR** image! We see this same teaching when we turn to the pages of the New Testament also.
  - b Matthew records for us the baptism of Jesus. We read: ***"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: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*** -- Mat 3:16-17. We read of the Father speaking from heaven. We read of the Son coming up out of the water and the Spirit of God descending like a dove. There we see the three persons of the Godhead who work together in harmony.
- 3 The second person of the Godhead was not always Jesus Christ the Son. He was The Word which was not subject to the Father.
  - a John records: ***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."*** -- John 1:1-3.
  - b Paul also explains this to us: ***"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."*** -- Phil 2:5-8.
  - c While Jesus Christ is deity, He was not always the Son. We do not need to confuse this matter.
    - He has always been, but there was a time when He was not subject to the Father, but was the Word. We need to try and understand as much as is humanly possible, the great gift His sacrifice was to mankind.
    - We also need to try and comprehend what He gave up in order to die on the cross for me and you. When we ponder these matters, it ought to change our view of Him and cause us to stand in awe of what He has done.

## I THE PHYSICAL CREATION

- A It was the first person of the Godhead who planned the creation.
  - 1 We read of the contribution of each of the Godhead in the physical creation of the world. Moses simply wrote: ***"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*** -- Gen 1:1. Nehemiah records: ***"Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee."*** -- Neh 9:6.
  - 2 Also we read what Moses wrote concerning the creation: ***"For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."*** -- Exo 20:11.

3 Job desired to talk to God concerning his problems. Before God talked to Job, God asked Job some questions. In the asking of these questions, we see the Father's contribution: ***"Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?" -- Job 38:1-5.***

B The Word was the active agent in the creation of the world.

1 John records: ***"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;" -- Rev 3:14.*** As the "beginning" of the creation, He was the active agent in the creation. This does not mean He was the first thing created as some erroneously teach. Rather, He was the one who began the creation.

2 Paul records for us: ***"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: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." -- Col 1:16-17.*** The Word was the person in the Godhead who set the creation in motion.

3 The psalmist said: ***"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." -- Psa 33:6....."For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." -- Psa 33:9.*** Thus the first person of the Godhead planned the creation and the second person actively set it into motion.

C The third person, the Holy Spirit, was the one who organized the creation.

1 Moses wrote: ***"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." -- Gen 1:2.*** The Spirit moved or brooded over the waters and organized what the Word had set into motion.

2 Job records: ***"By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent." -- Job 26:13.*** So we see a harmony in the Godhead concerning the subject of the creation of the world. Each one had a responsibility and each one fulfilled it perfectly.

## II **THE SPIRITUAL CREATION**

The Godhead also created in the spiritual realm. Their creation was the eternal purpose of God in Christ -- Eph 3:11. They created the church of Christ, the place of all blessings and the place where God receives glory -- Eph 3:21. As in the case of the physical creation, they each had a role in this creation.

A The Father once again was the planner. Jesus said on many occasions that He came down to do the will of the Father. For examples: ***"Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him." -- John 5:19-23....."I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." -- John 5:30.*** The Father sent the Son to fulfill His mission.

- B The Son was the active agent in the creation of the church.
- 1 He Himself said: ***"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*** -- ***Mat 16:18.*** Jesus came to earth as a man to die and thus satisfy the justice of God.
  - 2 His sacrifice made it possible for us to live in hope of eternal life. In fact, John writes: ***"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."*** -- ***1 John 5:11.***
- C The Holy Spirit organized the church through His writings.
- 1 Jesus promised the apostles: ***"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."*** -- ***John 16:13.***
  - 2 Through his teachings there is unity and organization: ***"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*** -- ***Eph 4:3....."And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."*** -- ***Eph 4:11-16.***
- D The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, informing them of the evidence of the Godhead: ***"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:"*** -- ***Rom 1:20.***
- 1 As one looked at the creation he was able to see evidence of the harmony in the Godhead as they created the world. As one looks at the church he can also see evidence of the harmony of the Godhead: ***"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,"*** -- ***Eph 3:10.*** The wisdom of God is seen in the church and they are without excuse who build other "churches" or lead the church into apostasy.
  - 2 Paul also wrote: ***"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."*** -- ***Eph 2:18-22.*** What a shame it is today to see men and women who would ignore the clear evidence and try and turn the church into a denomination or try and find some erroneous way to have fellowship with a man-made "church."

- 3 It is also sad to see so many false teachers being held up as sound gospel preachers. These false teachers are leading away brethren from their reward. Peter warned of these: ***"And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." -- 2 Pet 3:15-18.***

**CONCLUSION:**

- 1 May we ever glorify God in the church and not fall for the error of the wicked which will lead us away from the true blessings we have in Christ!
- 2 We are thankful for the Godhead and for the creation of the world and of the church.