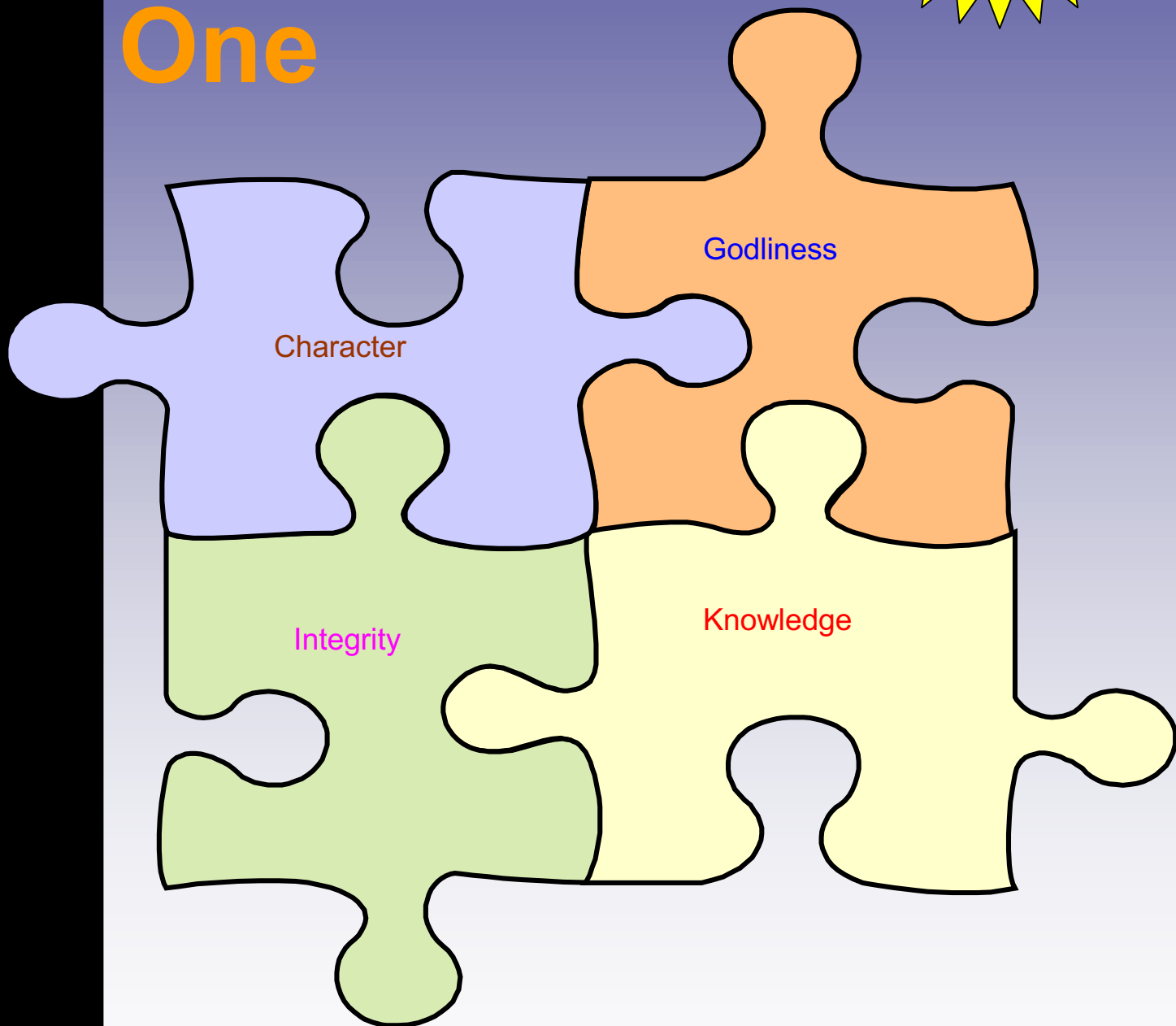


Bible Fundamentals One

The
Seal
Of
Excellence
Award



The JP Steadman Theological Seminary Bible College

It is important as a student of the Word of God that you find your mind, body and spirit bent in prayer before approaching the subjects contained in this manual.

Jesus says:

John 16:13

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 shew you things to come. (KJV)

It's necessary in your development that you heed to Jesus' word.

Paul says:

1 Cor 2:14

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (KJV)

Mark says, that the Word or the seed that is planted is always challenged. See Mark 4. You must approach the subjects here seriously. You must watch as well as pray. These things will help build character and assist in bringing you God-ward.

God Bless you,

The President,

UNIT ONE

SCRIPTURES

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LESSON ONE

DOCTRINE

MEANING OF DOCTRINE The word “doctrine” means “teaching” or “truth”. It is impossible to teach the bible without teaching doctrine. Doctrine is the backbone and framework of all preaching and teaching. It gives strength, form, and beauty to the message we proclaim.

IMPORTANCE OF DOCTRINE The importance of bible doctrine may be seen in the following Scriptures:

- Acts 2:42 - continued in apostles' doctrine.
- 1 Tim 4:13 - attendance to reading, to
- 1 Tim 4:16 - doctrine.
- 1 Tim 5:17 - to thy doctrine.
- 2 Tim 3:16 - labour in the word and doctrine.
- 2 Tim 4:2 - profitable for doctrine.
- 2 John 9 - long suffering and doctrine.
- abideth not in the doctrine of Christ.



PRINCIPLES TO BE REMEMBERED IN UNDERSTANDING DOCTRINE

Truth cometh by Divine Revelation.

There is no better teacher of divine truth than the Holy Ghost, the author of the Bible. Many truths are mysteries, which are hidden from the unregenerate mind and can only be understood as the Spirit makes them clear.

John 16:13 - “When he the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth.”

1 Cor. 2:14 - “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.”

- (b) Next to the Holy Spirit Scripture is the best interpreter of the Bible.
- (c) Truth is in agreement with the whole tenor of Scripture. Doctrine should never be established on one isolated passage of Scripture unless that doctrine is at the same time in harmony with the entire Bible.
- (d) Truth is always well balanced and sound. Extreme viewpoints are more likely to be in error than the middle of the road belief.
- (e) Truth always exalts Christ. Any teaching that degrades Jesus is erroneous.
- (f) Truth always has a sanctifying effect in the life of a believer. A man's daily walk will tell whether or not he is a believer of true doctrine.

IMMUTABILITY OF DOCTRINE The Word of God does not change and is absolutely eternal and unchangeable in its nature.

Psalm 117:2 _ "The truth of the Lord endureth for ever."

This means that there is no true doctrine apart from that taught by the apostles and there is the great necessity of continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine Acts 2:42.

THE PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARDS DOCTRINE The proper approach to the study of God's Word is to have a healthy hunger to know TRUTH for the sake of TRUTH alone. There are many motives for the study of the Bible but above all others this should be the most important.

SUMMARY

Doctrine is in agreement with the whole tenor of scripture. Truth is always well balanced and sound. It is impossible to teach the Bible without teaching doctrine.

Many truths are mysteries, which are hidden from the unregenerate mind and can only be understood as the Spirit makes them clear. The Word of God does not change and is absolutely eternal and unchangeable in its nature.

LESSON TWO

THE BIBLE

NAMES AND TITLES OF THE BIBLE

- (a) **THE BIBLE** - “Bible” is derived from the Greek “biblia” and means “the books”. Ancient books were written upon the biblus or papyrus reed and from this custom came the Greek word, which finally came to be applied to the sacred books.

It is not merely a book - it is the book, which stands as high above all other books as the heaven is high above the earth.

REFERENCE Mark 12:26; Luke 3:4; Luke 20:42; Acts 1:20; Acts 7:42; Psalms 40:7; Heb. 10:7.

- (b) **SCRIPTURE** - is derived from Latin and means “the writings”.

REFERENCE Matt 22:29; Luke 24:27; John 5:39; Acts 17:11; Romans 1:2; 2 Tim. 3:15; 2 Peter 3:16.

- (c) **WORD OF GOD**- This term is most significant and complete. It expresses the thought that the Bible is God speaking to man.

REFERENCE Mark 7:13; Rom. 10:17; Heb 4:12. Both “Word of God” and “Scriptures” were favorite titles with our Lord.

- (d) **OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS** - “Testament” means “Covenant” and is the term by which God was pleased to designate the relationship that existed between Himself and His people.

Old Testament - calling and history of the Jewish nation.

New Testament - history and application of the redemption wrought by the Lord Jesus Christ.

REFERENCE Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 9:15; Heb. 12:24.

SYMBOLS OF THE BIBLE

- (1) A critic or discerner - Heb. 4:12. Who would dare to be a critic of the Bible when it is our critic.
- (2) A lamp or light - Psalms 119:105 & 130; Proverbs 6:23.
Like the Star in the East it will lead any honest seeker to Jesus.
Like the seven-branched candlestick in the tabernacle it shines with a perfect light upon divine things. Like the fiery pillar it lights up the whole pathway of the child of God throughout his wilderness journey. 2 Peter 1:19 - shineth in a dark place.
- (3) A mirror - 2 Cor. 3:18; James 1:25.
- (4) A laver - Eph 5:26
- (5) Food - Job 23:12; Matt. 4:4.
 - (I) Milk for babes - 1 Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:12-13.
 - (II) Bread for the hungry - Deut. 8:3; Isa. 55:1-2.
 - (III) Strong meat for men - 1 Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:12-14.
 - (IV) Honey - Psalms 19:10; 119:103.
- (6) Gold - Psalms 19:10.
- (7) Fire - Jer. 20:9; 23:29.
- (8) Hammer - Jer. 23:29.
Some men's hearts are as hard as rock and it takes the steady beating of the word to break them.
- (9) Sword - Eph. 6:17.
- (10) Seed - Luke 8:11; Isa. 5:10; 1 Peter 1:23.
 - (I) We should flow in all places (Isa. 32:20).
 - (II) We should sow at all times (Ecc. 11:6).
 - (III) Soil should be prepared by love and compassion (Psa. 126:6).
- (11) Rain and snow - Isa. 55:10-11.



SUMMARY

The word "Bible" is derived from the Greek, which came to be applied to the sacred books. The scriptures are called "writings." The Word of God expresses the thought that the Bible is God speaking to man in written form.

LESSON THREE

HOW WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN

THREE TIMES GOD WROTE we have a record of Deity writing only three times.

- (a) Ten Commandments - on tables of stone - Ex 31:18
- (b) On Belshazzar's wall - Daniel 5:5
- (c) on the floor of the Temple by our Lord - John 8:6

First was with the giving of the law - broken by man. Last a special act of grace - trampled under foot by man.

HOW WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN? by inspiration.

2 Tim 3:16 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God. "***Given by inspiration of God***" comes from one Greek word meaning "God-breathed"

2 Peter 1:20, 21 But above all remember that no prophecy in
- Scripture will be found to have come from the prophet's own prompting. For never did prophecy come by human will but men sent by God spoke as they were impelled by the Holy Spirit (Weymouth)

DEFINITION OF INSPIRATION "Inspired" means literally "God-breathed." It comes from the Greek word "theopneustos" or God breathed out. It is the strong conscious inbreathing of God into men qualifying them to give utterance to truth. It is God speaking through men, and the Bible is therefore just as much the Word of God as though God spoke every single word of it with His own lips. The Scriptures are the result of divine inbreathing just as human speech is uttered by the breathing through a man's mouth. "Holy men of God" qualified by the infusion of the breath of God wrote in obedience to the divine command, and were kept from all error whether they revealed truths previously unknown or recorded truths already familiar. (Evans)

DEFINITION OF REVELATION "Revelation" is that act of God by which He directly communicates truth not known before to the human mind. Revelation discovers new truth while Inspiration superintends the communicating of that truth. All in the Bible has not been "revealed" but all "inspired".

DEFINITION OF ILLUMINATION “Illumination” is the influence of the Spirit upon the minds of men that they might understand spiritual things.

REFERENCE 1 Cor. 2:14; Matt. 16:17.

Revelation - a divine revealing of the mind of God.

Illumination - a divine action on the mind of men.

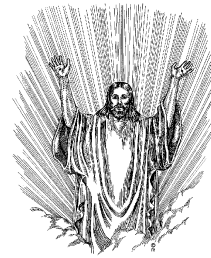
WHY WE BELIEVE IN THE FULL INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

- (a) Jesus gave the Old Testament His full sanction (Matt. 5:18).
- (b) It is the product of one Master Mind. Although it contains 66 books written by 40 writers over 1600 years it has ONE AUTHOR.
- (c) The types symbols and ceremonies reveal it as divine. e.g. Christ in the tabernacle.
- (d) Bible Prophecies stamp it as divine (1 Peter 1:10-11).
- (e) Moral standards of the Bible prove it to be divine (1 Peter 1:16).
- (f) Creator of man is the Author of the Bible - reveals man to himself .
- (g) It reveals the only way of Salvation - so plain but yet deep.
- (h) By its fruits we know the Book is divine (Romans 11: 33). It always brings good.
- (i) Bible will outlast the universe (Psalms 119:89; Matt. 5:18).
- (j) The world recognizes it as divine. It is “THE BOOK”. It has been translated into more languages than any other book. Whole libraries have been written to interpret it.

SUMMARY

Deity wrote three times. The bible was written by inspiration, which literally means God-breathed. Revelation is that act of God by which he directly communicates truth not known before to the human mind. Illumination is the influence of the Spirit upon the minds of men that they might understand spiritual things.

LESSON FOUR VERBAL INSPIRATION



DEFINITION OF VERBAL INSPIRATION Verbal Inspirations means that each word was inspired in the original writings. Mistakes could have been made by the translators but impossible in the original. If the Bible is verbally inspired there should be, there can be - no errors in it; God could not make a mistake.

If on the other hand it is not fully and verbally inspired then the assumption is that some parts are from God while other parts are purely human; in these latter parts we should naturally expect to find errors. If the thoughts only are inspired then the Bible contains the Word of God but is not such in its essence. This of course is error, we believe absolutely in Verbal Inspiration.

REASONS FOR VERBAL INSPIRATION

(a) The writers themselves say so.

Moses - Exodus 20:1 - God shake these words.
- Exodus 24:4 - Moses wrote all the words of the Lord.
- Exodus 35:1 - These are the words which the Lord hath commanded.

David - 2 Sam 23:2 - His Word was in my tongue...

Isaiah - Isa. 1:2 - The Lord has spoken...

Jeremiah Jer. 1:4 - The Word of the Lord came unto me...

Jer. 1:9 - I have put my words in thy mouth...

Ezekiel Ezek 1:3 - The Word of the Lord came expressly to..

Amos Amos 1:1 - The words which he saw concerning Israel.

John Rev. 1:1 - The Revelation of Jesus Christ Which God gave him.

(b) The writers often did not understand what they wrote God gave the words but not necessarily the thoughts.

1 Peter 1:10-12 - The prophets have inquired. They were not ministering unto themselves but unto us.

- Daniel 12:8-9 - Daniel did not understand all he wrote.
- Ps. 22:18, 16 - Did David understand about the parting of the garments and the piercing of the hands and feet?
- (c) The Bible would be incorrect if it were not verbally inspired.
- (i) Importance is Placed upon simple words. e.g. Heb. 12:27 quoting from Hag. 2:6 - "Yet once more,"
 - (ii) Importance is placed upon the tense of a verb e.g. Luke 20:37 - 'I am.'
 - (iii) Importance its placed upon a mere letter e.g. Gal. 3:16 - "S."-seed not seeds.
- (d) Science of the Bible is absolutely correct although m any of the popular ideas of that day were incorrect, e.g. Earth flat etc.
- (e) The testimony of Christ proves that the Bible was verbally inspired Matt. 5:18 - "jot or tittle" - crossing of a "t" or dotting of an "i". Luke 24:44- all thing must be fulfilled which were written
- (f) If part of the Bible is divine and part human who can tell which is which ?

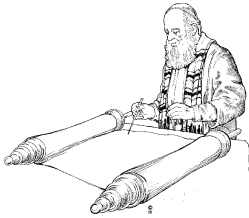
SUMMARY

Verbal inspiration means that each word was inspired in the original writings. The writers themselves said so.

LESSON FIVE

HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE

MANUSCRIPTS The Bible was originally written on long sheets of Parchment and then rolled on wooden rollers. These were called manuscripts, meaning “written by the hand.” The men who copied the Word of God on these manuscripts were called scribes. These manuscripts were very expensive and had to be read to the congregation. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament was written in Greek.



SEPTUAGINT About 277 B. C. a Greek translation of the Old Testament was made by 70 scholars at Alexandria. This translation was widely circulated and was used in following translations.

VULGATE This was a Latin translation of the Septuagint version of the Old Testament and of the original Greek of the New Testament. It means “to make common or public.” (vulgar) It was made in North Africa and was revised in the 4th century by Jerome. For a thousand years this was the standard Bible in the catholic church. The common people could not read Latin. The leaders read to the people. During the dark ages God’s Word was locked up in the Latin language.

FIRST ANGLO-SAXON TRANSLATION Venerable Bede translated Psalms and Gospels into Anglo-Saxon. Alfred the Great ordered the whole Bible translated but did not live to see it done.

CHAPTERS In 1250 Cardinal Hugo divided the Bible into chapters for the purposes of a Latin concordance. Some divisions are unfortunate but this been refined in all following translations.

FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION John Wycliffe was the first to translate the Bible into English from the Latin Vulgate. It took him 22 years. One copy cost 40 pounds and took 10 months to write. He was opposed by the Roman Catholics. In 1384 he died of paralysis. Forty years later Roman Catholics dug up his bones and burned them, scattering the ashes on River Swift.

INVENTION OF PRINTING was invented in Europe by Gutenberg about 1450. It was introduced into England by Cantton.

WILLIAM TYNDALE In 1525 Tyndale, one of the Protestant reformers, made another English translation and was the first to publish an English New Testament in print. He had to do this partly at Cologne and partly at Worms. The Testaments were smuggled into England in bales of cotton, sacks of flour, etc. Catholics made every effort to prevent it and burned thousands of copies. He translated from Greek and his translation was accurate. He also translated the Pentateuch and Jonah into English. In 1535 he issued a revised version of the New Testament from original Greek. In 1536 Tyndale was strangled and burnt at the stake.

ENGLISH BIBLE IN PRINT The whole Bible was first printed in English in 1535 by Miles Coverdale.

FIRST AUTHORIZED VERSION OF THE BIBLE Thomas Cromwell induced Henry VIII to grant a license for the issue of the Bible in English. This was done by John Rogers and was known as Matthew's Bible". It was unpopular because of comments in the margins spoke against the Roman Catholic church. In 1539 a reprint was brought out by Coverdale and others without marginal comments. The King gave his approval and this became the first authorized version. This was known as the Great Bible because of its size. It was ordered to be in every parish church and chained to the pulpit where the people flocked to hear the Word of God read.

GENEVA BIBLE In 1560 the Geneva Bible appeared prepared by reformers at Geneva it was translated from original Greek and Hebrew. It was smaller in size and became popular. It was the Bible used by Shakespeare, Cromwell, John Bunyan and was brought to America by the Pilgrims. It was important for the following reasons:

- (a) It divided the text into verses
- (b) It used the more easily read Roman type
- (c) It was the first to use italics for those words the translators added for the sake of English idiom

DOUAY BIBLE In 1582 Roman Catholics translated the New Testament at Rheims. In 1610 they translated the Old Testament at

Douay. It includes the Apocrypha. It was translated from the Latin Vulgate and contains gross errors. What is the Apocrypha? It is fourteen books included in the Roman Catholic Bible and are not in the Protestant Bible “Apocrypha” means hidden or secret. They are not included in our Bible because:

- (a) Scriptures are self-contained and absolutely complete with nothing lacking.
- (b) There is no reference to the Apocrypha in the New Testament.
- (c) There are three solemn warnings against adding to the Bible.
 - (i) Moses - Deut 4:2
 - (ii) Solomon - Prov 30:6
 - (iii) John Rev. 22:18-19
- (d) The Apocrypha is not acknowledged by orthodox Jews or the Christian church as being inspired.
- (e) The Apocrypha contains a great deal of legendary nonsense and some gross historical errors.

KING JAMES VERSION In 1611 appeared the King James version. This is the translation now used by most English speaking people. Forty-seven scholars, authorized by King James made an exhaustive study of earlier versions. Ancient Hebrew and Greek texts were studied in order to obtain the best results. It has held first place for three hundred and fifty years.

REVISED VERSION 1881, one hundred scholars from different denominations from England and America worked for over ten years. King James Version was used with the most ancient copies of the Scripture.

AMERICAN STANDARD VERSION 1905. This took fifteen years to do and it divided the Bible into paragraphs.



REVISED STANDARD VERSION In 1929 the copyright of the American Standard Version was transferred to the International Council of Religious Education. A body related to 40 major Protestant denominations. This council appointed a committee of scholars from 20 seminaries and universities to revise the Standard Version. The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was published in 1946 and the

complete Bible was issued in 1952. This version reflects a liberal theology. We see this in the translation of the word “virgin” etc.

There are other translations into modern English that one may use Moffatt, Weymouth, Amplified etc. These help in the study of the Bible and may be used as a source of reference. However it is wise to keep to the King James version as the main text of the Word of God as this is the version that God has used above all others in the salvation of souls.

SUMMARY

The bible was originally written on long sheets of Parchment and then rolled on wooden rollers called manuscripts. Septuagint is a greek translation of the Old Testament. Vulgate a Latin translation of the Septuagint version of the Old Testament. John Wycliffe translation from the Latin Vulgate. Tyndale the first to publish an English New Testament in print.

LESSON SIX

SUPPOSED CONTRADICTIONS

The Bible if correctly interpreted never contradicts itself. We are listing here A few of supposed contradictions with the proper explanations. This is another proof of the infallibility of the Bible.

GENEALOGIES OF OUR LORD

- (a) Matthew 1 - This is traced back on Joseph's side to Abraham to show Christ as the legal heir to the throne of Israel.
- (b) Luke 3 - This is traced back on Mary's side to Adam emphasizing Christ's true humanity and to show Him as the promised seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15).

TWO ACCOUNTS OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- (a) Matthew 5:1 - Jesus went up into the mountain
- (b) Luke 6:17 - He came town with them

There were TWO sermons - one preached in the mountain - the other in the plain - one preached to the disciples - the other to the crowd.

- (a) Matthew 9:9 - Matthew was not at the first sermon
- (b) Luke 6:15 - Matthew was at the second sermon

INSCRIPTION ON THE CROSS

Matt	This is Jesus	the King of the Jews
Mark		the King of the Jews
Luke	This is	the King of the Jews
John	Jesus	of the King of the Jews
	Nazareth	

Total expression- ***This is Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews.***

Undoubtedly the total inscription was written and only part of it recorded in the various gospels

PAUL'S SUPPOSED MISTAKE

Numbers 25:9 - 24 000 died.

1 Cor 10:8 - 23 000 died.

Paul writing under inspiration stated that 23,000 died in one day

MATTHEW'S SUPPOSED MISTAKE

Matthew 27:9 - spoken by Jeremy the prophet saying...Zech 11:12,13.

Matthew writing under inspiration wrote that Jeremiah spoke these words. Could not this be just as correct as Jude 14 regarding the prophecy of Enoch's although a similar prophecy is in Zechariah 14:5. Jeremiah could have spoken it as well as Zechariah.

DAVID NUMBERING THE PEOPLE

2 Samuel 24:9 and 1 Chron 21:5 Samuel tells us that the valiant men that drew the sword were 800,000 while Chronicles says that all Israel were 1,100,00.

MATTHEW 28:19 AND ACTS 2:38

There is not a contradiction. Jesus did not tell His disciples to baptize using the words Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. He told them to baptize in the NAME of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The words Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not names but titles pointing to ONE PERSON who has ONE NAME. That name is JESUS.

There are other supposed contradictions and mistakes, but those given in this lesson are sufficient to prove that the Bible is absolutely accurate and infallible. How important that we study the Bible and understand the message it contains. We should never attempt to change the Word of God in the slightest manner. Three times are we solemnly warned against this:

Deut. 4:2 - ye shall not add unto the word...

Prov. 30:6 - Add thou not unto his words...

Rev 22:18-19 - If any man shall add..

UNIT TWO

ONE GOD

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GOD LESSON ONE

GOD AFFIRMS God does not attempt to prove the truths of the Bible, nor does He argue with the Human family. HE AFFIRMS.

“In the beginning God... “Gen. 1:1. The opening word of the Bible announces the existence of God. Scripture does not attempt to prove the existence of God; it asserts, assumes, and declares that the knowledge of God is universal. Scripture recognizes that men not only know of the existence of God, but have also a certain understanding as to who God is.

Romans 1:9-20 “For God hath shewed it unto them. 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”

THE BEGINNING OF FAITH Man everywhere believes in the existence of a supreme Being to whom he is morally responsible. The heathen recognize the existence of a supreme Being. This belief is innate in man and comes from rational intuition.

It is this fact that Satan challenges and it is on this point that we find the greatest battle in the world to day the struggle between faith and unbelief.

It is here that man's faith begins. He must accept this inherent recognition of Deity and declare it, that it might become an active force in his life.

Hebrews 11: 6 “For he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

- (a) INFIDEL One who disbelieves in some religion, especially Christianity.
- (b) SCEPTIC One who takes a questioning attitude towards religion.
- (c) AGNOSTIC One who neither affirms nor denies the existence of God.
- (d) ATHEIST One who denies the existence of God.
- (e) PANTHEIST One who identifies the universe with God, which denies the Personality of God.

THE BIBLE'S DESCRIPTION OF AN ATHEIST

Psalms 14:1 "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."

Here is the Bible's description of a professed atheist. No one but a fool will deny the fact of God. Whether or not there are any true atheists is questionable. Even professed atheists such as Kruschev have been heard to refer to God in their conversation. Nevertheless every atheist is a fool. To deny that there is a God is to state that the very root of man's nature is a lie. God has wrought this truth of Himself in the very "Warp and Woof" of every man's nature.

THE RESULT OF A DENIAL OF GOD The knowledge of God uplifts, cleanses, and sanctifies man. The greater the revelation that man has of God the holier he will be. The contrary is true. When man rejects the knowledge of God he opens the gates wide for a flood of immorality and uncleanness. We see this happening in America today. With the removing of God from our schools we see a generation of agnostics and sceptics being raised and the result is a complete breakdown in standards and morals. Romans, chapter one very clearly states this fact.

LESSON TWO

ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

UNIVERSALITY OF BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD The fact that everywhere men believe in God is a strong argument in favour of its truth. This universal belief comes from within man being born with it.

ARGUMENT FROM CAUSE COSMOLOGICAL There is a cause for everything. How did it come about? Man and the universe are effects; there must be a cause. The world did not come into existence by itself any more than this set of Bible notes. It would be more sensible to waltz into a library with thousands of books on the shelves and to claim there were no authors than to state this world did not have a creator. Man exists; but he owes his existence to some cause. Man is an effect; he has not always existed. He was created.

ARGUMENT FROM DESIGN TELEOLOGICAL The structure of a watch proves not only a maker but also a designer. The universe and nature prove a superintending and originating intelligence and will.

ARGUMENT FROM BEING ONTOLOGICAL Man has an idea of an infinite and perfect Being. This idea did not come from ourselves. Therefore such a Being must exist and it cannot be just a mere thought.

MORAL ARGUMENT ANTHROPOLOGICAL Morality is obligatory, not optional. Man has an intellectual and a moral nature, a conscience and emotional nature and only a Being of goodness power love wisdom and holiness can satisfy such a nature. As a result there must be a creator who is an intellectual moral Being a Judge and Lawgiver.

ARGUMENT FROM CONGRUITY If we have a key that fits the lock, we have the right key. Belief in a self-existent, personal God is in harmony with our mental and moral nature, and all the world around us. If God exists, all questions regarding creation, religions nature,

and human history are answered. Atheism leaves all these matters without explanation.

ARGUMENT FROM SCRIPTURE The history of the Jews and fulfilled prophecy would not be explainable without God.

The above arguments are arguments of logic and are all quite sound. However, it is the writer's opinion that the following argument is far more effective.

ARGUMENT FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE: Every Christian can testify of many experiences that he has had with a personal living God. This alone is sufficient proof that God lives. These experiences may be divided under four main headings:

- (a) God answers prayers. The fact that man prays and prayers are answered is proof of the existence of God.
- (b) God saves the soul of a sinner. This is not just a little religious emotion but the power of God is experienced in having sins remitted sinful habits broken and in being born again.
- (c) God heals sick bodies. Each time a miracle takes place in the healing of a sick body we have proof of the existence of God. .
- (d) Man has fellowship with his God. This undoubtedly is the strongest argument of all and all the proof that is needed. That man is able to experience the real presence of God in his soul leaves no room for further argument. In answering an atheist the best approach is to ask him what atheism has done for him. It is an easy matter to testify of what a living faith has done for us and what unbelief has cost him.

LESSON THREE

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

ONE TRUE GOD There are over fifty passages of Scripture that teach that God is only and that there is no other. No other truth of Scripture receives more prominence than that of the Oneness of God.

Deut. 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord".

Isaiah 44:8 "Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. "

1 Tim. 2:5 "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. "

James 2:19 "The believest, that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. "

Further references Isaiah 45:5; 1 Cor. 8:4; Isaiah 46:9;
Rev. 4:2; Mark 12:32

A multiplication of Gods is a contradiction; there can be but one Supreme Being: ONE GOD. Such a Being cannot be multiplied, nor pluralized. There can be but one ultimate all-inclusive God.

The Oneness of God is the great truth and message of the Old Testament. The Jews sought to stone Jesus because He laid claim to Deity; and said, "For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy and because that thou being a man, makest thyself God." The truth taught in the Old Testament is never contradicted in the New Testament but rather fulfilled.

THE TRINITY EXAMINED The word "Trinity" is not in the Bible. The doctrine called the Trinity was introduced by the Roman Catholic synod at the beginning of the third century at the Nicean Council in 325 A. D. The Athanasian Creed later made the Trinity a fundamental tenet. It kept company with other Roman Catholic tenets such as: Transubstantiation, Indulgences, Mariolatry, Infallibility of the Pope, Purgatory, etc. Unfortunately, when Protestants repudiated the above fallacies they held on to the error of the Trinity maintaining a

vital link with the false and unscriptural Creeds of the Roman Catholic church.

The word “Persons” when used regarding the Godhead does violence to the absolute Oneness of God. Dividing God into three persons makes three Gods which is Tri-theism regardless of how it may be argued otherwise. God is the “three in One”; not the “One in Three”. The doctrine of the Trinity leads to much confusion and contradiction.

ELOHIM Elohim is a Hebrew word in the plural form translated “God” in our Bibles. Trinitarians will argue that this means a plurality of persons in the Godhead. To answer this we shall quote from Smith’s Bible Dictionary. “The plural form of Elohim has given rise to much discussion. The fanciful idea that it referred to the Trinity of Persons in the Godhead hardly finds now a supporter among scholars. It is either what grammarians call the plural of majesty, or it denotes the fulness of divine strength, the sum of powers displayed by God.”

The question might be asked ‘Why did the Jews, knowing that Elohim was plural, cling so tenaciously to the Oneness of God?’

Elohim is applied to Christ in the following Scriptures:

Zech. 11:4, 12, 13 - Elohim was sold for thirty pieces of silver

Zech 14:5 - Elohim is coming back as King.

Zech. 12:10 – Elohim was pierced at Calvary.

The true significance of Elohim is a plurality of attributes and powers.

LESSON FOUR

GOD IS SPIRIT

John 4 24 “God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth. “

The Samaritan woman asked, “Where is God to be found? On Mt. Zion or Mt. Gerizim?” To this question Jesus answered that God is not to be confined to any one place.

Acts 7:48 “Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet Heaven is my footstool: what house will ye build me? “

I Kings 8:27 “Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee “

God must be worshipped in spirit as distinguished from place, form or other sensual limitations; and in truth as distinguished from false conceptions and wrong teachings

Study carefully 1 Cor 2:6-16 we cannot understand or know God otherwise than by the leading and help of His Spirit.

GOD IS INVISIBLE Apart from Jesus Christ the Eternal Spirit cannot be seen.

Exodus 33:20 “And he said Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me and live.”

John 1:18 “No man hath seen God at any time.”

Luke 24:39 “For a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”

Col. 1:15 “Who is the image of the invisible God.”

I Tim. 1:17 “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever.

IMAGES FORBIDDEN Images were forbidden because

- (i) No one had seen God;
- (ii) Nothing on earth can resemble Him.

References: Deut. 4:15-23; Isa. 40:25; Exodus 20:4.

Jesus Christ is the express image of his person (Hebrews 1:3). As such God can only be seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

ANTHROPOMORPHIC EXPRESSIONS God is spoken of as having hands and feet, arms eyes and ears. He sees, feels, walks, etc. As such expressions as relating to the Father, the Eternal Spirit, are to be understood only in the sense of being human expressions used in order to bring the infinite within the comprehension of the finite. Only by means of human expressions can we understand God.

However, all this we have in Christ. Man is body, soul, and spirit, but he is just one man. Even so God has been manifested to us as the Father, and then in the flesh as the Son, and now in the power of His Spirit. Neither three Gods nor persons - this is an unscriptural term and ought never to be used when referring to God - but one God in threefold manifestation.

Therefore in Christ God does have hands, feet, arms, etc. and sees, feels, walks, etc. However this is only true of God in Christ Jesus, God manifested in the flesh

SUMMARY OF THIS TRUTH Apart from the person of the Lord Christ, God, the Eternal Spirit, is -

- (i) Spirit
- (ii) Invisible
- (iii) Incorporeal
- (iv) Without parts
- (v) Without body
- (vi) Free from an limitations
- (vii) Apprehended not by the senses but by the soul
- (viii) Above sensuous perceptions
- (ix) Not a material Being

LESSON FIVE

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

DEFINITION OF ATTRIBUTES By attributes we mean the characteristics and qualities of God. As Water is wet and Fire is hot, so God is eternal, immutable, holy, etc. These attributes are classified into two classes: the Natural, and the Moral. As it is not our intention to go into a comprehensive study of the divine attributes we shall simply name a few of the most familiar ones and not classify them.

THE OMNISCIENCE OF GOD This means that God is perfect in knowledge; He knows everything. He has perfect knowledge of all that will transpire among the human family and nations. Daniel chapters 2, 8, and 12.

Acts 15:18 "Known unto God are all His ways from the beginning of the world. "

Read Isaiah 46:9-10

References: Job 11:7-8; Isaiah 40:26-27; Job 37:16; Matt. 10:29- 30; Psalm 139:2 - 3; 1 John 3:20; Proverbs 15:3; Proverbs 5:21

NOTE: We must not confuse the foreknowledge of God with His fore-ordination, The fact that God knows a thing makes that thing certain but not necessary. Man still has the responsibility for his own acts. Also note that there is one thing that God does not know which is another God beside himself.

THE OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD This means that God is perfect in power. God's power admits no bound or limitations.

Job 42:2 "I know that thou canst do anything."

Gen. 18:14 "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Now Satan only has power over God's children as God permits. God raises up a standard against Satan just as He sets a bar to the waves of the sea (Job 1:12; 2:6; Luke 22:31-32).

THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD This means that God is everywhere at all times. His center is everywhere; His circumference is nowhere. Jer. 23:23-24 “Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

“

Speak to Him for He-listens and is nearer than hands and feet. God is never so far. He is within. Our spirit is the home He holds most dear. The omnipresence of God is not only a detective truth; it is also protective (Detective to the sinner, but protective to the saint.)

References: Psalm 139:17-18; Matt 28:20; Gen. 16:13; Acts 7:48; 2 Chron. 2:6; Acts 17:24-28

Grouping the above three attributes

Psalm 139:1-6 The omniscience of God.

Psalm 139:7-12 The omnipresence of God,

Psalm 139:13-19 The omnipotence of God.

Christ has these attributes proving His Deity:

John 3:13	on earth and in heaven	omnipresence of Christ
Matt. 28:18	There is no other power	omnipotence of Christ
John 16:30	also John 21:17	omniscience of Christ

THE HOLINESS OF GOD This is the attribute with which God would have us remember Him more than any other. The visions, which God gave to Job, Moses and Isaiah, show this very definitely. Some thirty times does the prophet Isaiah speak of God as “The Holy One”.

It is because of this attribute more than others that God cannot fellowship with sinful man. It is not God's omnipotence and man's weakness, which hinders fellowship, nor yet the fact that God is perfect in knowledge and man is limited in knowledge. It is rather because of God's holiness and man's sinfulness. It is because of this that God desires us to remember Him by His attribute of holiness.

The holiness of God demanded that the blood of millions of lambs, goats, bullocks, turtle, doves and etc be shed whereby man might approach unto God. In the New Testament we can only approach God through the blood of the man Christ Jesus.

The construction of the Tabernacle with its holy and most holy place into which the High Priest entered once every year with blood; the ten commandments with all their moral commands; the laws of clean and

unclean animals, all speak to us of the holiness of God. God is apart from all evil and there is absolutely nothing unholy in Him.

1 John 1:5 "God is light and in him is no darkness at all. "

God hates sin and to Him it is vile and detestable. The infinite distance between the sinner and God is because of sin. The sinner and God are at opposite poles of the moral universe. Herein lies the need of atonement whereby this awful distance is bridged.

We shall have right views of sin when we get right views of God's holiness. The approach to a holy God must be through the merits of Jesus Christ and on the ground of righteousness, which is Christ's and which in the natural we do not possess (Phil. 3:9).

References: Isaiah 59:2; Isaiah 41:14; Isaiah 6:3-5; Acts 3:14;
1 Peter 1:15; Rev. 4: 8

THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD This means that God does not change. Time and change are together denied of God. There is no past, present, or future with God. Everything is one great living present. It is not possible that God should possess an attribute at one time that He does not possess at another.

James 1:17 "The Father of lights, with whom is no
variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Malachi 3:6 "I am the Lord I change not..."

THE ETERNITY OF GOD This attribute is closely connected to that of immutability. It simply means that God dwells in eternity and time has no effect upon Him. With Him there is neither past nor future but one eternal present.

Psalms 90:2 "From everlasting to everlasting, thou are God."

Habakkuk 1:12 "Art thou not from everlasting O Lord my God? "

Exodus 3:14 "I am that- I am..."

The past, present, and future lie in these words for the title of Jehovah. I AM the eternally present One; the self-existent One.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD AND THE ETERNITY OF GOD There is a direct relation between space and time. This may be worked out scientifically. Actually God could not be omnipresent if He were not the I AM. Filling the universe with His presence He sees the past as now. How we should rejoice that

our past is blotted out under the blood of Jesus. Otherwise our sins would continuously appear as happening now in the eyes of our God.

DOES GOD REPENT? If God is immutable how can God repent? Genesis 6:6 “And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.”

Actually God never changes His mind. There is no necessity for this for His foreknowledge tells Him beforehand of every act upon the part of man. God’s character never changes but His dealings with men change as they change from ungodliness to godliness and from disobedience to obedience. When a man bi-cycling against the wind, turns about and goes with the wind the wind seems to have changed although it is blowing just the same as it was before. It was the man who changed; not the wind.

GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4:16 “God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. “

It would appear that love is more than an attribute. It expresses the very essence of God’s nature. It should be considered along with the statements, “God is light” 1 John 1:5, and “God is Spirit” John 4:24. These are not just characteristics but the very essence of God’s Being.

The love of God is greater than human comprehension. It is beyond measure and understandings. The love of God is of such a nature that it is extended to all men everywhere at all times. He loves every man regardless of color nationality, and culture. He does not love the sins and habits of man, but He loves the soul of man and He constantly has the physical and spiritual welfare of man at heart.

The Cross of Calvary is the highest expression of the love of God for sinful man.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life “

Romans 5:8 “But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us “

References: Isaiah 38:17; Isaiah 63:9; Isaiah 49:15-16; I John 4:9-10

DOES GOD HATE?

Proverbs 6:16 “These six things doth the Lord hate: yea seven are an abomination unto him. “

The nature of love demands a hatred for that which would injure or destroy the object of that love. God loves the sinner but hates sin. There is nothing inconsistent here. Rather God would not love the sinner if He did not at the same time hate that which is hurting the sinner. This hatred along with God’s anger is not a carnal human emotion but rather the reaction of a holy God to sin, which is expressed in terms that man can understand. God’s nature is not vindictive but rather vindictive.

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS AND JUST These attributes are further expressions of God’s holiness. In the fact that God is righteous we see His love for holiness; in the fact that He is just we see His hatred for sin. Because God is righteous there is an imposing of righteous laws and demands upon his children; because God is just, there is an executing of penalties which are attached to these laws. God always does that which is right and His justice is free from all passion and vindictiveness. It is these attributes that demand a propitiation for sin before the sinner can be justified.

References: Psalm 116:5; Psalm 145:17; Ezra 9:15;
Jeremiah 12:1

LESSON SIX

GOD IS CREATOR

GOD IS THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE AND MAN:

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. "

Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image. "

John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

The universe did not exist from eternity, nor was it made from existing matter. It did not proceed as an emanation from the infinite but was summoned into being by the decree of God. The true record of creation is given in the first chapter of Genesis. Evolution as taught in our schools is a false theory, which cannot be proven and is aimed at destroying the faith in God's Word. God spoke the world into being and created from that which does not appear.

Hebrews 11:3 "Through faith we understand that the worlds, were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. "

GOD SUSTAINS CERTAIN RELATIONS TO THE UNIVERSE AND MAN

Hebrews 1:3 "...upholding all things by the word of his power..."

Col. 1:17 "...and by him all things consist. "

Psalm 104:27-30 "...that thou mayest give them their meat in due season..."

Psalm 75:6-7 "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west."

- (a) He holds all things together; if not, this old world would go to pieces quickly. Not blind chance, but a personal God is at the helm.
- (b) The physical supplies for all God's creatures are in His hand: He feeds them all.

- (c) God has His hand in history, guiding and shaping the affairs of nations.
- (d) God's care is described with great detail: The sparrows, the lilies, the hairs of the head, and the tears of His children.

MAN CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE

Genesis 1:26-27 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him."

Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life."

We shall be studying this subject again and at that time shall be dealing with it in greater detail.

Undoubtedly man being created in the image of his creator has reference more to the intellectual and righteous nature of God than to a physical likeness. However, God had a body in which He was going to manifest Himself, a body, which was only in His mind and plan until it was conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary when the Word was made flesh. In other words if there is any reference to a physical likeness it would be to the Son of God, the man Christ Jesus.

THE MEANING OF THE PERSONAL PRONOUNS "US" AND "OUR"

Actually, verse twenty-seven makes the meaning very clear. The singular personal pronouns, "His" and "He", states clearly that creation was the work of ONE Divine Person. Also verses 3 and 10 of the first chapter of John's gospel make this clear. "The world was made by Him" (Jesus).

The meaning of "us" and "our" here must have the same explanation as in Gen. 3:23-24 and Isaiah 6:1-8. In these verses the personal pronouns clearly refer to God and the cherubim, and to God and the seraphim's. In each case the plural pronouns referred to God and the angels. He did not counsel with the angels in the sense of seeking instruction (Isaiah 40:12-14). However He did take them into His confidence. Creation was not done in secret.

UNIT THREE

GOD MANIFESTED

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GOD IS ONE PERSON LESSON ONE

ONE PERSON There is a difference of understanding in the definition of the word, “person”. Some understand person to mean the body or appearance, the visible expression. If we accept this definition, then clearly God, the Father, is not a person, for He is Spirit.

On the other hand others understand person to be associated with personality, individuality, self-consciousness, self-determination, etc. If we accept this definition, then God, the Father, is a person. However, this still will not make two or three persons in the Godhead. There is only one God and only one personality of Deity. This personality is the one and the same whether seen as Jehovah in the Old Testament or as Jesus in the New Testament.

PERSONALITY OF GOD In both the Old and New Testaments man is able to have fellowship with God. Man is able to talk to God and have communion with His Maker. We must never think of God as being just an impersonal force or influence. He is a personal God who loved us and manifested Himself in flesh to die for us. As such He has personality but He is still one God, one Divine Person.

MAN IS BODY SOUL AND SPIRIT, BUT ONE PERSON The titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, are freely used in the Scriptures but this fact does not make three persons nor three Gods. The Bible declares that Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is one person.

1 John 5:7 “There are three that bear record in heaven,
the Father the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and
these three are one. “

To understand this truth let us consider man. He is spirit, soul, and body; but he is one person, and bears one name. The three titles do not make three persons anymore than body, soul, and spirit make three persons. In Col. 1:3 we read these words: “We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... “

Please note: “God and the Father”; does this make two persons?

GOD MANIFESTED

1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...”

The Amplified New Testament reads: “He (God) was made visible in human flesh.” This is one of the key verses that can only be understood by revelation and yet must be understood if we are to grasp an understanding of the Godhead.

In the past God has manifested Himself in many ways to man. In creation on Mt. Sinai (in the Theophanies in the tabernacle) God manifested Himself in a measure to man. Which gave man a limited knowledge of God. However in the one Scripture that speaks of God being manifested we have the greatest knowledge of God ever given for in the incarnation. Christ is the express image of the invisible God (Hebrews 1: 3).

On this thought let us quote from Adam Clarke’s Commentary on his note on John 17:6.

“A little of the Divine nature was known by the works of creation; a little more was known by the Mosaic revelation; but the full manifestation of God His nature and His attributes came only through the revelation of Christ.” - Adam Clarke.

THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS The mystery of godliness is God manifesting Himself in flesh; the mystery of iniquity is flesh manifesting itself as God. These are contrasted in the Scriptures and man has his choice. If he does not accept the mystery of godliness he will be compelled to accept the mystery of iniquity.

LOGOS

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”

“Word” is translated from the Greek “Logos”. This Greek word Logos” means not only the expression of an inward thought but also the thought itself. This word might be better left not translated but for the sake of understanding we might attempt to define the meaning of “Logos”. we might say that the meaning of LOGOS is “*DEITY*”

EXPRESSED.” In other words the “Logos” is the expression of the invisible God. The Schofield Bible says “Deity told out”.

Just as a man’s thinking and expression of that thinking cannot be separated from the man himself and is in essence part of his very being, so it is with God. The Scripture written by the apostle under inspiration to safeguard against the error of another person clearly states: THE LOGOS WAS GOD.

DUAL NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST Jesus Christ in the incarnation possessed a dual nature: divinity and humanity. Note well that Jesus Christ was neither two persons nor did He possess two personalities. But He was God-man the Word Incarnate God manifested in flesh. As a human being He was the Son; as God He was the Father. As the Son many times He spoke and acted as man; as the Father many times He spoke and acted as God. Once this truth is understood the door is open to a clear understanding of just who Jesus really is: THE MIGHTY GOD IN CHRIST: JEHOVAH-SAVIOUR.

JESUS CHRIST IS NOT THE ETERNAL SON The “ eternal Son” theory is not Scriptural. It came as the result of the Trinitarian theory and teaches a second person in the Godhead. Jesus Christ in the flesh was the begotten Son (John 3:16). The words “begotten” and “eternal” mean the very opposite and contradict each other.

Let us quote from Adam Clarke’s Commentary on his note on Acts 13:33 - “Thou art my Son this day have I begotten thee”:

“The human nature of our blessed Lord was begotten by the energy of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the blessed virgin; for as to his Divine nature which is allowed to be God, it could neither be created nor begotten...the doctrine of the eternal Sonship of Christ is absolutely irreconcilable to reason and contradictory to itself. Eternity is that which has had no beginning nor stands with any reference to time:

Son supposes time generation and father; and time also antecedent to such generation, therefore the rational conjunction of these two terms Son and eternity is absolutely impossible, as they imply essentially different and opposite ideas. “-Adam Clarke Also quoting from his note on Luke 1:35:

“...the doctrine of the eternal Sonship of Christ is in my opinion anti-scriptural and highly dangerous. . . This doctrine of the eternal Sonship destroys the deity of Christ. . . This doctrine of the eternal Sonship I must and do consider as an awful heresy. “ - Adam Clarke

LESSON TWO

THE INCARNATION

INCARNATION

John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh (human incarnate) and tabernacle among us”. - (*Amplified New Testament*.) The dictionary meaning of “to incarnate” is given as “to embody in flesh”. In the incarnation the Logos became flesh (John 1:14) and God was manifest in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16).

This is correct Scriptural terminology. God could not be born of Mary but He did manifest Himself in the flesh born of Mary. The flesh born was the Logos incarnate. This does not make two persons because the Logos was God. We are able to say with Charles Wesley “veiled in flesh the Godhead see! hail the Incarnate Deity!”

QUOTATION FROM THE WRITINGS OF BROTHER ANDREW URSHAN The thought of the incarnation can be explained clearly by quoting here a paragraph written by our late Brother Andrew Urshan:

“Our Lord before He came in the flesh; He eternally existed as “God-and-Word” notice: He was not only the Word of God (Logos) but also the very God just as His beloved apostle said ‘In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was -God. “

Here our Lord is declared to be both God and THE WORD. The reader must also notice that God did not become flesh and God was manifested in that flesh. So to say “God incarnate” is not right; for God cannot be begotten nor can He be born of a woman but to say the Word incarnate and God was in that personified Word reconciling the world unto Himself yet remaining in His Heavenly habitation without any change, whatever in His glorious and omnipresent Being, is scriptural teaching. Hence Jesus Christ was not only that limited human personality, He also was the Son (the Word) but infinitely more He was “the mighty God and the Everlasting Father.” see Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1- etc.

Herein lies the great mystery of Godliness. “God was manifested (not by the flesh) but in the flesh, justified in the Spirit

seen of angels preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world received up INTO GLORY. “*The Witness of God*” December 1958.

WHERE?

Micah 5:2 “But thou Bethlehem Ephratah. . . everlasting. “

Bethlehem is one of the oldest towns in Palestine, it was called Ephratah while the Gentiles controlled it. We note that “Bethlehem” and “Ephratah” are linked together for the “incarnation”. This shows that both Jew and Gentile are brought together in the plan of redemption.

Bethlehem is approximately six miles from Jerusalem. This is David’s native town and the story of Ruth took place here. Benjamin was born here and Rachel died here.

LESSON THREE

THE PERFECT HUMANITY OF CHRIST

PERFECT HUMANITY Jesus Christ was God-man: very God and perfect man. We do not use the word “perfect” with Deity for there are no degrees of perfection with God but there are degrees of perfection with man. Accordingly we say that Jesus was very God and perfect man.

Jesus was a perfect man but such statements as: “Mary was the mother of God Almighty” and “The Blood of Calvary was the Blood of God” are incorrect and must be qualified. There is a truth embraced in such statements for God was manifested in the flesh, which was born, died and that “**Word-Incarnate**” was God. However God Almighty could neither be begotten nor die.

There is no Scripture to prove that the flesh of Jesus was not the same as ours only in that the Lord took on flesh and blood like the children (Heb. 2:14). This passage proves that the Father God manifested Himself in flesh in order to save His children.

HE IS CALLED A MAN No less than eighty times in the Gospels does Jesus call Himself “The Son of Man”. References are made to:

- (i) The Seed of Abraham;
- (ii) The Seed of David;
- (iii) The Lineage of David;
- (iv) The Seed of the Woman

Some other references:

1 Timothy 2:5 “There is one God and one mediator between God and men the man Christ Jesus. “

Phil. 2:8 “And being found in fashion as a man... “

Matt. 2: 11 “. . . the young child with Mary his mother. . . “

HE HAD THE APPEARANCE OF A MAN

Johns 4:9 “How is it that thou being a Jew? “

Luke 24:18 “Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem? “

John 20:15 “She supposing Him to be a gardener. “

HE EXPERIENCED ALL THE INFIRMITIES OF MAN EXCEPT SIN

Hebrews 4:15 "...was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin."

Matthew 26:38 "My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death."

Matthew 4:2 "... he was afterward an hungred."

Matthew 8:24 "... but he was asleep."

John 4: 6 "... being wearied with his journey."

John 11: 35 "Jesus wept."

John 19:28 "Jesus...saith, I thirst."

AS A MAN HE WAS THE SON Sonship denotes beginning. Also, a relation to time and place. Only as He became a man was He able to become the only begotten Son. (John 3:16) Not an eternal son nor a created son but a son that was conceived in the womb of Mary. As a son He grew and nurtured and was subject to the Father. As a son He tasted of our infirmities and weaknesses and was tempted in every point.

PURPOSE OF HIS HUMANITY AND SONSHIP The Purpose of the Sonship was

- (a) That He might become our Redeemer. The necessity of the atonement demanded that there be a sinless sacrifice offered up in our stead. Only God could provide such a sacrifice (Hebrews 2:14).
- (b) That He might become our Mediator. Our Mediator knows our weaknesses through His omniscience and also by way of actual experience (Hebrews 4:15).
- (c) That He might become our King. In order to have a Kingdom there must be a King. He reigns now in our hearts but soon He shall come to reign on this earth (Matthew 26:64).
- (d) That He might be our Judge (Acts 17:31).

LESSON FOUR

THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

HE WAS CALLED GOD

- John 1:1 "The Word was God. "
- Hebrews 1:8 "But unto the Son he saith Thy throne O God is forever and ever. "
- John 20:28 "My Lord and my God. " Absolute Deity is here ascribed to Christ. This is not an expression of amazement but a confession of Faith. Jesus accepts this confession and worship from Thomas.
- Romans 9:5 Titus 2:13 "God blessed for ever. "
- Jude 25 "The great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. "
- I John 5:20 "To the only wise God our Saviour. "
- "This is the true God and eternal life. " This verse reveals to us the mystery that was hid from ages but now is revealed to us: God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself and Christ in you the hope of glory (Col. 1:27).

HE WAS CALLED THE SON OF GOD

- Matt. 16:16 "Thou art the Christ Son of the living God. " It was upon this revelation this truth of His Deity that Jesus said He would build His church.
- Matt. 8:29 "Jesus, thou Son of God? " This shows that the demons know who He was.
- Matt. 14:33 "Of a truth thou art the Son of God."
- Luke 22:70 "And they all said, You are the Son of God, then? And He said to them, "It is just as you say; I am." - *Amplified New Testament*

HE WAS CALLED THE FIRST AND THE LAST This title was given to Jehovah in the Old Testament and to Jesus Christ in the New Testament. The Trinitarian doctrine states that Jesus is the second person in the Godhead. The Bible clearly refutes this by saying that Jesus is both the first and the last, showing that He is the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost.

- Isaiah 48:12 "I am the first I also am the last. "
- Isaiah 41:4 "I the Lord the first and with the last: I am he. "

Isaiah 44:6 “I am the first and I am the Last; and beside me there is not God.”

Rev. 1:8 “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.”

Rev. 1:17 “I am the first and the last.”

Rev. 22:13 “I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end the first and the last.”

JESUS IS THE “I AM”

John 8:58 “Before Abraham was I am.”

That is to say: Abraham was dependent upon Jesus, not Jesus upon him for existence. Abraham came into being at a certain point of time but Jesus is the eternally present One; the self-existent One dwelling in the eternal present. This title **“I AM”** is positive indisputable proof that Jehovah in the Old Testament is Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

PRE-EXISTENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”

Hebrews 7:3 “. . . having neither beginning of days nor end of life.”

Note well that it was His deity, not His humanity, which pre-existed. Before the Holy Ghost overshadowed Mary, the Son existed only in the mind and plan of God. There is absolutely no Scriptural foundation for the Eternal Sonship theory.

DIVINE ATTRIBUTES POSSESSED BY JESUS CHRIST The divine attributes of Omnipotence Omniscience and Omnipresence are possessed by Jesus Christ. Are there two omnipotent beings? Are there two persons in the Godhead who are omniscient and omnipresent? We know that this is impossible Jesus Christ cannot possess those three attributes of Deity unless He is Deity.

(a) OMNIPOTENCE

Matthew 28:18 “All power is given unto me in heaven and earth.”

Power over disease...Luke 4:38-41

over death ... John 11

over nature...John 2
over tempest...Matthew 8:23-27
over demons...Luke 4:35, 36, 41
over all things... Hebrews 2:8

(b) **OMNISCIENCE**

John 2:24-25 "He knew all men...for He knew what was in man."

John 16:30 "Now are we sure that thou knowest all things..."

Colossians "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and
2:3 knowledge.

(c) **OMNIPRESENCE**

Matthew "For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
18:20 there am I in the midst of them."

DIVINE PREROGATIVES POSSESSED BY JESUS CHRIST

There are three divine prerogatives possessed by Jesus Christ that we shall mention here:

- (i) The right to be worshipped;
- (ii) The right to forgive sins;
- (iii) The right and power to create.

If Jesus Christ possesses these three prerogatives then He is God. There is actually no need to continue our study further. This fact alone is conclusive proof of the Oneness of the Godhead in spite of all the arguments of sceptics and unbelievers to the contrary. Does Jesus Christ possess these prerogatives? The following notes will show that He does:

(a) **JESUS CHRIST ACCEPTED WORSHIP AND ENCOURAGED IT**

Matthew 14:33 "Then they...worshipped him."

Matthew 15:25 "Then came she and worshipped him."

Luke 24:52 "And they worshipped him. "

There is not the slightest reluctance on the part of Christ to accept worship, therefore either Christ is God or He was an impostor. It was He who said "Worship God only" and He had no right to take the place of God if He were not God. Even the angels are commanded to worship Him (Hebrews 1:6; Philippians 2:10).

(b) **JESUS CHRIST FORGAVE SIN**

All sin is against God and therefore only God can forgive sin. It was for this reason that the Pharisees charged Jesus with blasphemy. If Jesus Christ can forgive sin then it is evident that He must be God.

Genesis 39:9 “How then can I. .. sin against God? “

Psalms 51:4 “Against thee only have I sinned... “

Luke 7:41-42 “Jesus shows that sins are committed against Himself . “

Luke 7:48 “And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. “

(c) **JESUS CHRIST IS CREATOR** Jesus showed He is the Great Creator by:

(i) turning water into wine ...John 2:1-11

(ii) feeding the five thousand.. John 6:1-13

(iii) walking on the waterJohn 6:19

(iv) quieting the stormMark 4:39

John 1: 3 “All things were aside by Him “

Are there two Creators? There is only One - Jesus Christ.

References: Psalms 104; Proverbs 30:4; Col. 1:16-17; Hebrews 2:10.

LESSON FIVE

THE MIGHTY GOD IN CHRIST JESUS

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

Once we can understand the truth expressed in this Scripture the revelation of the Oneness of the Godhead and the Deity of Jesus Christ becomes clear. We see Jesus Christ as both God and man, God manifesting Himself as flesh, and God in that human temple to reconcile the world Himself. Are there two persons who are reconciling us to them? No, certainly not. "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to HIMSELF by Jesus Christ."

FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD DWELLS IN JESUS CHRIST

Colossians 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Let us quote two other versions of this Scripture:

"For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead continues" to dwell in bodily form. " - Amplified New Testament.

"For it is in Christ that the complete being of the Godhead dwells embodied." - The New English Bible.

Actually we need no other Scripture apart from Col. 2:9 to prove conclusively the Oneness truth. Anyone who argues for the theory of the Trinity must first clip this Scripture from his Bible.

Let us examine this Scripture by asking ourselves a few questions:

- (i) Is Jesus in the Godhead or is the Godhead in Jesus? The Trinitarians say that Jesus is in the Godhead. The Bible says that the Godhead is in Jesus. Whom shall we believe?
- (ii) Are there THREE fullness' of the Godhead? Certainly not.
- (iii) There is only one fulness of the Godhead who dwells in Jesus Christ.
- (iv) Is there only a part of the fulness of the Godhead in Jesus?
- (v) The Bible says ALL THE FULNESS not just a part of the fulness. What does this Scripture tell us? It tells us that all the offices and manifestations of God, His attributes and the essence of His entire Being, are all in Jesus Christ. It tells us

that the only place we can find the Father is in Jesus Christ. Likewise the only place we can find the Son and the Holy Ghost is in Jesus Christ.

ONENESS OF THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST

John 10:30 "I and my Father are one."

John 14:9 "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

John 17:22 "That they may be one, even as we are one."

The Jews understood Jesus far better than most people today. They understood that He claimed oneness with the Father and it was for this reason they were going to stone Him. Jesus told Philip that when we see Him we see the Father. Shall we see the Father apart from Jesus Christ? No, NEVER!

JESUS CHRIST IS JEHOVAH

(a) SAUL OF TARSUS SAW JESUS AS JEHOVAH

Acts 9:5 "And he said Who art thou Lord (Jehovah)? And the Lord (Jehovah) said I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. "

Here Jesus testifies that He is Jehovah of the OLD TESTAMENT.

(b) STEPHEN SAW JESUS AS GOD:

Acts 7:59 "And they stoned Stephen calling upon God and saying Lord Jesus receive my spirit. "

How many did Stephen see? Certainly only one. Whom did Stephen see? What name did Stephen give God? Lord Jesus. Many would like to think that this Scripture proves trinitarianism. However it shows the Oneness truth conclusively.

LESSON SIX

THE ONENESS TRUTH ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS

THE ERROR OF THE TRINITY DOCTRINE LEAVES CONFUSION

The erroneous teaching that there are three distinct persons in the Godhead leaves many questions unanswered. There is confusion and contradiction in this man-made doctrine, which was formulated, in the early days of the Roman Catholic Church. The reason for this of course is that it is not built on Scripture but upon man's natural reasoning. We shall mention just a few of the questions that trinitarianism does not answer:

- (i) Who was the father of the babe in Bethlehem's manger? The Father or the Holy Ghost? Did the Christ child have two fathers?
- (ii) How can the Father be greater than the Son if they both are equal? John 14:28 "My Father is greater than I. "
- (iii) Does God pray? How can He be God and need to pray?
- (iv) Can God die? If the Son be God how could he die?
- (v) Is Mary the mother of God? What then could be wrong with the term: "The blood of God"?
- (vi) If there are three persons already in the Godhead what could be wrong in adding a fourth? Why not deify Mary?
- (vii) Who are we to worship?
- (viii) To whom are we to pray?
- (ix) How many shall we see in Heaven? How many thrones are there?
- (x) Why does not Jesus know when He will return? Mark 13- 32
- (xi) How can He be a Son and have no beginning?
- (xii) Are there three spirits abiding in the heart of the Spirit filled Christian?

These questions may be continued indefinitely but it would be foolish to do so. The correct answers and explanations to all the above questions prove Oneness. The attempt on the part of Trinitarian's to answer the above statement simply lead to contradiction and confusion.

ONENESS TRUTH ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS Because of the Oneness Truth being built upon the Word of God the answers to all questions are clear and easily understood and in harmony with all Scripture. Let us briefly examine a few questions that might be asked:

WERE THERE NOT THREE AT THE BAPTISM OF JESUS?

It was necessary for Jesus to be baptized that He might fulfill all righteousness. He certainly was not baptized for His sins but that He might fulfill the Old Testament Scriptures and set an example for His church. In like manner it was necessary for him to be anointed as the priests and kings were anointed in the Old Testament. However, remember that Jesus Christ was the Word-Incarnate from the conception in the womb of Mary. The anointing was there for the same purpose as the baptism, in fulfillment of Scripture.

Let us remember that these manifestations (audible and visible) were for the benefit of John the Baptist (John 1: 33).

It is sum questionable whether or not any other person hears the voice or saw the symbol. On the day of Pentecost there were two manifestations in the Upper Room (audible and visible) tongues of fire and speaking in tongues. Would we say that there were two persons there? If so which person was the tongues of fire and which person spoke in tongues.

An audible and visible manifestation at the same time does not make two persons any more than the smoke from an exhaust and the sound of a motor make two engines.

In Gethsemane Jesus was both the priest and the sacrifice. What would hinder Deity from manifesting Himself in two or three ways at the same moment?

No, there was only ONE at the baptism of Jesus.

HOW CAN JESUS CHRIST BE AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD?

God is spirit and invisible. Apart from Jesus Christ there is no physical body and therefore no right or left hand to Deity. Apart from Jesus Christ God cannot be seen for Jesus Christ is the EXPRESS IMAGE of the invisible God (Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3). Therefore, it is

clear that the Scriptures, which refer to Jesus Christ sitting or standing at the right hand of God, do not mean a physical right hand. What is meant by the right hand of God? The Scriptures refer to the right hand of God as the power and glory of God. This is what is meant by this term. Jesus Christ sits down in the place of Power and glory (Exodus 15:6; Mark 16:19; Heb. 1:3; Heb. 8:1).

There is only one throne in Heaven (Rev. 4:2). There its only ONE who sits upon the throne.

HOW CAN JESUS CHRIST PRAY? Jesus Christ is man and He is God. As man He prays. The answer to this so-called problem is clear; humanity prays to Deity. If the trinity theory were correct, then we find a God praying to another God. If a God needs to pray, is He any longer God? Can Deity at any time be needy of prayer? Also if the second person in the Godhead prays to the first person in the Godhead God is divisible and we have at least two Gods. The explanation is very clear: Jesus Christ prayed as a man.

WAS NOT JESUS CHRIST FORSAKEN BY GOD ON CALVARY? Again it was the flesh, the humanity of Christ, that cried out "My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me? " We may see the reason for this as we read 2 Corinthians 5:21. "For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin." He laid upon Himself the iniquity of us all. He became our scapegoat carrying the awful load of sin and paying the price for sin.

The humanity of Christ had to taste of this awfulness to the full. Sin separates us from a holy God. Jesus Christ had to experience this terrible sensation of a separation from God. It was the flesh which suffered and died; it was the flesh which cried out. Actually, God was there all the time and the true nature of Christ did not at any time change. In other words there, was no moment when Jesus Christ was not God manifested in flesh.

Again referring to the trinity argument if one person in the Godhead can forsake another person then certainly God is divisible and there are at least two Gods. We know that this cannot be.

WHAT WAS THE GLORY THAT CHRIST HAD BEFORE THE WORLD WAS ?

John 17:5 “And now O Father glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

Here Jesus is praying for glorification, which is still future as far as time, is concerned but which was in the plan and mind of God from the beginning. Remember when Jesus prayed it was the human nature of Jesus praying to the Divine - humanity to Deity. Just as Christ was a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world even so was Christ glorified from the foundation of the world. This Scripture does not make an Eternal Son. Sonship refers to time. God dwells in Eternity.

KEY TO ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE GODHEAD

The key is simply this: Jesus Christ possesses a dual nature - humanity and Deity. He was and is very God and perfect Man. As God He dwells in eternity; as man He dwells in time. The Sonship limited to the element of time is for the THREEFOLD PURPOSE:

- (I) Redemption;
- (ii) Mediation;
- (iii) Millennial reign and judgment.

UNIT FOUR

GOD IN EMANATION

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THE HOLY SPIRIT LESSON ONE

THE HOLY SPIRIT The Holy Spirit is not the third person in the Godhead. God is Spirit and there is only one Spirit (Eph 4:4). The title “Holy Spirit” is used to designate another manifestation of God another office as He works and moves in the hearts and lives of men and women.

Man possesses a spirit and by this means is able to commune with God; in like manner God communes with man by means of the Holy Spirit. In neither case does it make two persons.

The writer has one daughter who is still at home. To her he is father and also pastor but this does not make two persons.

GOD IN EMANATION The word “emanate” means to “flow forth from” to “proceed from”. The writer must confess that he is not altogether satisfied with the use of the word here but he uses it for the lack of a better. The Holy Spirit is God flowing forth in blessing salvation and power. The Holy Spirit is spoken of as falling upon believers (Acts 10:44) and being poured out (Acts 2:17). Actually, the Holy Spirit is everywhere already present and these terms are used to show that the Spirit of God is moving forth into the hearts of believers.

ONE SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:4 “There is one body and one Spirit
The Spirit filled believer is filled with God, Christ and the Holy Ghost.
Are there three Spirits that fill a believer’s heart? Certainly not.
There is one Spirit.

Ephesians “...that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. “
3:19

Colossians “...Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
1:27

Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost “

PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT This is Jesus Christ dwelling within us in the power of His Resurrection life (Col. 1:27). “Christ in

you, the hope of glory.” The personal pronoun “He” is used several times referring to the Holy Spirit not as an additional “Person” or “God”, but as another manifestation of the One True God, “The Holy One”. This is made clear in the Baptismal formula: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is manifested to us in our Lord Jesus Christ.

ONENESS OF THE SPIRIT WITH JESUS CHRIST

John 4:24 “God is a Spirit. “
2 Cor 3:17 “Now the Lord its that Spirit.“
John 14:18 “I will come to you.“
Romans 8:9 “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ . . “
Col. 1:27 “Christ in you the hope of glory “

Further proof of the Oneness of the Holy Spirit with Jesus Christ may be seen when consider creation.

Job 33:4 “The Spirit of God hath made me.“
Genesis 1:2 “And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters”.
Col. 1:16 “For by him were all things created...all things were created by him, and for him.”

Are these Scriptures contradictory? NO! NEVER!

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE AUTHOR AND THE INTERPRETER OF THE SCRIPTURES

This is further proof of the Oneness of the Godhead. Study carefully the following Scriptures:

2 Peter 1:20-21	2 Timothy 3:16
John 16:13	1 Corinthians 2:9-14

TYPIFIED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

- (a) In the cloud - Exodus 13:21; Exodus 14:19; 2 Chron. 5:14.
- (b) Descent of fire upon Elijah’s sacrifice - 1 Kings 18:29.
Elijah is the prophet of fire and his counter part is John the Baptist - Matthew 11:14.
Matthew 17:13 “Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.”

SYMBOLS USED IN SPEAKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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| (i) Fire | Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:3 |
| (ii) Oil | Matthew 25:1-13; Luke 10:34 |
| (iii) Wine | Matthew 9:17; Luke 10:34 |
| (iv) Water | John 4:14; John 7:38 |
| (v) Dove | Matthew 3:16 |
| (vi) Wind | Acts 2:2 |
| (vii) Seal | Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 4:30 |

TITLES USED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

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| | Luke 11:13 | Holy Spirit |
| | Matthew 3:11 | Holy Ghost |
| | Hebrews 10:29 | Spirit of Grace |
| John 14:17; John 15:26; John 16:13 | | Spirit of Truth |
| | Romans 8:2 | Spirit of Life |
| | Ephesians 1:13 | Spirit of Promise |
| | Matthew 3:11-12 | Spirit of Burning |
| | 1 Peter 4:14 | Spirit of Glory |
| 1 Corinthians 3:16; Romans 8:9 | | Spirit of God |
| | Romans 8:9 | Spirit of Christ |
| | Isaiah 11:2 | Spirit of Wisdom and Knowledge |
| | 1 John 2:20 | Unction |
| | John 14:16 | Comforter |

HOLY SPIRIT PROMISED

(a) OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Joel 2:28 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.”

Peter quotes this prophecy in the second chapter of Acts showing that the Pentecostal experience was the fulfillment of this prophecy. “Upon all flesh” has been literally fulfilled in that God has baptized with His Spirit millions of men and women of every race, color, and creed.

(b) PROPHESED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:11 “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire “

(c) PROMISED BY JESUS CHRIST

John 14:15-26 “I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter... “

Note in verse 16 the use of the word “another” and also in verse 23 the use of the word “we”. The pronoun “we” of course refers to the offices and ministries of Father and Son. The word “another” does not refer to another person or God but to another office or ministry.

The Holy Spirit was doing a new thing in coming as the Comforter to baptize believers and abide in their hearts. This is clearly seen when we compare John the Baptist with the Spirit-filled believer.

John was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother’s womb (Luke 1:15), yet the least in the Kingdom is greater than he (Matthew 11:11). Did John have a different Spirit dwelling in him? Were there two Spirits, one for John the Baptist and one for the church? Certainly not! The same Spirit dwelt in John the Baptist that dwells in the church but in a new office and ministry.

MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LESSON TWO

CONVICTS THE SINNER

John 16:8-13 "...he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment."

This is the first step in the sinner being saved. The Holy Spirit anoints the Word that is being preached, quickens it to the heart and conscience of the hearer, awakens him to an awareness of his lost condition, and causes him to see himself a sinner. He can never repent until he first experiences Holy Ghost conviction of sin. Salvation is the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of a man from beginning to end.

REGENERATES

John 3:5 "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Titus 3:5 "...by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

The work of regeneration is the changing of a sinner into a saint causing a man to become a new creation in Christ Jesus. This is only accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit coming into the life of a man.

INDWELLS THE CHILD OF GOD

Romans 8:9 "... if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you."

1 Cor. 6:19 "...your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you..."

The Holy Spirit fills the temple and moves in to dwell and abide there.

SEALS

Ephesians 1:13 “In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promises”

Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed...”

To be sealed will have the following meanings

- (i) Ownership The child of God now belongs to Jesus Christ.
- (ii) Security The child of God is secure and safe as long as the Holy Spirit abides there and the seal is unbroken.
- (iii) Approval The seal places God’s approval upon the life.
- (iv) Finished Work The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the last act in the work of regeneration in the life of the believer. However, the work of growth and sanctification continue.

ENDUES WITH POWER

Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.”

This word “power” comes from the same root as the word “dynamite”. This is actually the power of God coming into the life of an individual giving him the power to overcome and live victoriously over sin, and power to witness to souls of the saving grace of Jesus.

BAPTIZE INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Cor. 12:13 “By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. “

The child of God is placed into the body of Christ and at the same time Christ comes into him. This may be illustrated by placing an empty cup into a pail of water. The cup is in the water and the water is in the cup.

GUIDES THE CHILD OF GOD The Holy Spirit guides the child of God as to an understanding of the Scriptures and to the will of God. By speaking and checking He guides in every detail of our lives.

References: John 16:13; Romans 8:14;
 Acts 13: 2-4 Acts 16: 6- 7

SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

LESSON THREE

RESISTING THE HOLY GHOST

Acts 7:51 “Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost as your fathers did, so do ye.”

This is the sin of rejection and it is committed by the sinner when the Holy Spirit deals with him. When this happens there is no longer any hope of salvation for him. God’s Spirit will not always strive with man (Genesis 6:3).

DESPISING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Hebrews 10:29 “...and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace.”

A study of the context makes clear that the backslider commits this sin. He has contempt for what God has done for him. This sin may be illustrated by that of Esau’s. He despised his birthright and therefore found no place of repentance (Hebrews 12:17). The backslider who has committed this sin may never be restored.

BLASPHEMING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matthew 12:31-32 “All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.”

This is the “Unpardonable Sin”. It is committed by word of mouth but we should read on to verse 34 for here Christ makes clear that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Matthew 12:34).

It would seem that this sin must be done by speech that is prompted by a heart that despises the Holy Spirit (See Paragraph two above). It actually is attributing to Satan the work and manifestation of the Holy Spirit. The entire context makes this clear. In this there is a solemn warning to every man to be careful how he judges the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

It is quite evident just how this sin becomes the unpardonable sin for salvation is entirely of the Spirit of God. When a man blasphemes the Spirit who withdraws from his life then by what means can he be saved? There is none. Undoubtedly this is the “sin

unto death” for which we are not to pray (I John 5:16). It is useless to pray for it for there can be no answer.

The question often arises whether or not a sinner can commit the unpardonable sin. This is doubtful but there could be a possibility of it if first of all he had a clear knowledge of the moving and manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Before his conversion the apostle Paul was a blasphemer but he did not commit the unpardonable sin for he blasphemed in ignorance and unbelief (I Timothy 1:31).

GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God...”

This has to do with fruit bearing and the life of holiness. The Holy Spirit is easily grieved with any careless worldly living. When the Holy Spirit is grieved He is made sad or sorrowful.

QUENCHING THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Thess. 5:19 “Quench not the Spirit.”

This has to do with the operation of the gifts of the Spirit, with the ministry and service. “To quench” means to put out the fire. This is done by refusing to allow the Holy Spirit to have His way in the ministry, in witnessing, in the gifts of the Spirit, etc.

LYING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 5:3-4 “...Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost.”

This has to do with consecration and surrender. It is professing a consecration which we know is not being done. Ananias died not because he kept back part of the price but because he said he brought it all while keeping back part of it. This also is said to tempt the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:9)

LESSON FOUR

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law “

Ephesians 5:9 “For the fruit of the Spirit is in a goodness and righteousness and truth “

First, we should note two important facts: The word “fruit” is in the singular form. There are not nine fruits, all separate one from the other, but rather ONE FRUIT.

Even as a bunch of grapes is one fruit so this cluster of graces is one fruit. If one of these graces is born in a life all may be born. This is the fruit OF THE SPIRIT. This is not the Christian’s fruit but the fruit which is born by the Spirit. This is not what Jesus referred to in John 15:8. The much fruit there is soul winning and that is the fruit of the Christian.

THREE GROUPS Although it is one beautiful cluster of graces, ONE FRUIT, for the sake of study we may divide them into three groups:

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| (i) In relation to God | Love, joy, peace |
| (ii) In relation to our fellow man | Longsuffering, gentleness, goodness |
| (iii) In relation to ourselves | Faith, meekness, temperance |

Schofield divides them like this:

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| (i) Character as an inward state | Love, joy, peace |
| (ii) Character in expression toward man | Longsuffering, gentleness, goodness |
| (iii) Character in expression toward God | Faith, meekness, temperance |

PRINCIPLES TO BE REMEMBERED The Holy Spirit abiding in the heart of the Christian is there to do a definite work, to meet a definite

need. When we keep this in mind it will help us to understand the following principles:

- (i) Although the fruit of the Spirit does adorn the life of a saint, yet the fruit is not there just for show and display only.
- (ii) Although the fruit of the Spirit does bring enjoyment to the heart of the saint, yet the fruit is not to be played with as a toy or enjoyment.
- (iii) The fruit is born on demand. When a definite need arises the Holy Spirit will faithfully bear the fruit to meet that need. When someone has harmed us, the Holy Spirit will bear the fruit of love for that person. When there is sorrow and distress the Holy Spirit will bear the fruit of joy and Peace. Remember we are not speaking of natural graces in the life of an individual but fruit that is born by the Holy Spirit. Because it is the fruit of the Spirit all nine graces may be born as the need arises.

COMPARISON WITH THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

(a) Similarities:

- (i) Both are nine in number.
- (ii) Both are of the Holy Spirit.
- (iii) Neither are for display purposes, just to be played with and shown off, or to reveal the spirituality of a saint, etc.
- (iv) Both are born on demand to meet a definite need, to minister to the church or the individual.

(b) Differences:

- (i) The fruit of the Spirit is collective - ONE FRUIT.
The gifts of the Spirit are separate and individual.
- (ii) The fruit of the Spirit is born in the life of each Spirit-filled saint; the gifts of the Spirit are in the body (church) and are given to individual members as the Lord wills.
- (iii) The bearing of the fruit is the work of the Spirit inward.
The operation of the gifts is the work of the Spirit outward.

LESSON FIVE

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

THE GIFTS ENUMERATED

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

- (i) word of wisdom (note: not wisdom but word of wisdom)
- (ii) word of knowledge
- (iii) gifts of healing (note: the plural “gifts”)
- (iv) faith
- (v) working of miracles
- (vi) Prophecy
- (vii) discerning of spirits
- (viii) divers kinds of tongues
- (ix) interpretation of tongues

These nine gifts are divers, given to every man severally as the Lord wills, and given to profit withal (verses 7 and 11).

DEMONSTRATION AND MANIFESTATION One may demonstrate because of the blessing of God. He may shout, laugh, sing, clap, dance, jump and run because of blessings. The way he reacts to the blessing of God upon him will depend largely upon his own emotional disposition and the way he has been taught.

The reaction to the blessing of God is different in different parts of the country and among different nationalities. It is the same blessing, the same Spirit of God moving but the reaction is human. However, manifestation is the operation of the gifts of the Spirit as a direct result of the exercising of the spiritual gifts.

MEANING OF THE WORD “GIFTS”

The word “gift” in the New Testament is a translation from four different words in the original text.

- (i) Gratitude or giving to a pauper, used when mention is made of the gift of salvation (John 4:10; Acts 2:38).
- (ii) Present or offering (Ephesians 2:8) The faith to believe is God’s gift

- to us in the same way that a present is given.
- (iii) Distributions. The church, which is His body, has many members and in order that the manifestation of the Spirit of Christ be in the body, the Lord distributed the multiple workings of the gifts to all the body (Ephesians 4:7).
 - (iv) Endorsement of miraculous faculty. This is the word used for the gift of prophecy and gifts of healing where that which is given enables one to speak with divine unction (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11). This is a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy (Acts 2:18).

GROUPING THE GIFTS INTO THREE GROUPS

- (a) Gifts of Knowledge (to know): word of wisdom
word of knowledge
discerning of Spirits
- (b) Gifts of power (to act): faith
working of miracles
gifts of healing
- (c) Gifts of utterance (to speak): Prophecy
divers kinds of tongues
interpretation of tongues

GROUPING THE GIFTS ACCORDING TO 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7

- (a) Diversities of gifts: gifts of healing
prophecy
divers kinds of tongues
interpretation of tongues
- (b) Differences of administrations word of wisdom
word of knowledge
discerning of spirits
- (c) Diversities of operations faith
working of miracles

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY The great commission was given to the disciples by their leader Christ to evangelize the world (Matt 28:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8).

The gift of prophecy was bestowed upon the apostles and preachers of that day; with it they preached the word with signs following.

New Testament Prophecy is a forth telling of scriptural truths kept strictly within the framework of the Bible. This prophetic gift has a threefold manifestation:

- (a) Speaking with tongues
- (b) Interpretation of tongues
- (c) Prophecy

The first one is a supernatural utterance by the Spirit speaking through the believers in other tongues, and in order that the message be understood one is given by the same spirit the interpretation of the message. There is also prophecy, or speaking by inspiration in one's own native tongue. Good sound spirit anoints preaching becomes New Testament prophecy along with anointed testimony from the laity.

SPEAKING WITH TONGUES It might be called a vocal miracle.

1 Cor 14:2 says no man understandeth him. Verse 14 says "My understanding is unfruitful,"

At least three different ways in which speaking in tongues is used are found in the Scriptures:

- (a) When receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6). Every baptized believer has had this experience.
- (b) Speaking to God in worship, or prayer, or in song (1 Cor. 14:2, 14-15)
- (c) Addressing the church coupled with interpretation (1 Cor. 14:13-27). Speaking in tongues at will does not say that we have the gift of tongues. One may receive the ability to speak with tongues at the same time he gets the baptism, but the proper use of same is always by the moving of the spirit whether he receives the gift or whether he just speaks as unto God (1 Cor. 14:2, 14).

This gift stands connected with the gift of Prophecy along with the interpretation of tongues and should be operated in strict connection

with interpretation - read 1 Cor 14:27, 28. Interpretation of tongues is by Divine Illumination. The Christian who is used along this line does not understand the language of the tongue he interprets. In the original the word interpret does not mean to translate but to explain (1 Cor. 12:10, 30; 14: 13, 26).

The one who receives this gift then explains the sense of the message in tongues, yielding to the Spirit in the giving forth of the message.

THE GIFTS OF HEALING In 1 Cor. 12:9 this is mentioned in the plural. The reason for this is probably because of the many causes of sickness and the different phases of the gift by which some should be treated.

Some ailments caused by demon activity may be through oppression obsession or possession. This calls for discerning of spirits and defeating the devil before praying for healing. Perhaps the sickness is organic, maybe this cause for correction of living habits before the Lord will heal, etc. In Mark 16 the healing of the sick comes through laying on of hands - also in James 5:15.

DIFFERENCES OF ADMINISTRATIONS This is the second division among the gifts and it deals with the administrative ministry of the Holy Ghost. There is plenty of opposition to our service for God and for this reason the Holy Spirit has placed in the church these differences of administrations.

- (a) **The Word of wisdom** - enlightening with the word of knowledge or illuminating with the discernment of spirits.

This is not wisdom but the word of wisdom - an example of this may be drawn from the experience of Christ (Mark 12:15). The Pharisees tried to catch Jesus in his words. His answer confounded them because it was the word of wisdom. He promised his disciples similar aid (Matt 10:19-20).

- (b) **The Word of Knowledge** - not a profound knowledge of the Word for some has this without having the gift or manifestation.

Examples of this gift operating can be found in scripture. Pre-understanding comes in this category - e.g. Peter knows that three

men from Cornelius was to see him (Acts 10:19). This was the Word given to Peter by the Spirit. Paul gave information on the outcome of the shipwreck on the Island of Melita. God counsels His own through the Spirit by the Word of Wisdom and enlightens them with the Word of knowledge, giving him an Armour against the devices of man and devil. Often God impresses with a need to go, stay, speak or keep silent. This goes to show that the Holy Spirit is an administrator.

- (c) **Discerning of Spirit** - wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Satan has an army of demons always on the alert to disorganize the church and the individual Christian. To offset this the Holy Spirit dives into the body the discerning of Spirits by which we become aware of the presence and nature of demon spirits, giving us knowledge on how to deal with their powers and bring deliverance to those who are in captivity (Acts 16:16-18). In the commission in Mark 16 Christ said, "they shall cast out devils". Only the Spirit of God can really prove which one is demon possessed and in its administrative capacity gives discerning of Spirits to the Church so that it is equipped to check any opposition along these lines.

DIVERSITIES OF OPERATIONS This is the third division of the nine fold manifestations .

- (a) **Faith** - A supernatural endowment by the Spirit, by which some special work is wrought.

In Eph 2:8 we read of saving faith. "For by grace are ye saved through faith..." Faith is spoken of as a fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). Faith develops and increases until it becomes evident to others. Acts 3:16 give us a picture of a special endowment of faith. Peter invoking the Name of Jesus over the lame man. This is a special operation of the Spirit and gives the ministry of faith to the believer.

Acts 4:29-30 is an example of a prayer for this endowment.

- (b) **Working of Miracle**. - In the minds of many this is associated with bodily healing -this is not the case.

The meaning of miracle is "a supernatural act on the natural plane" - Got setting aside the law of nature. Examples: Christ

turning water into wine, walking on the water, feeding the five thousand. Philip's translation from the desert to Azotus (15 miles), Peter walking out of prison, Paul and Silas have the prison doors open and shackles fall off. These are done by the operation of the Spirit. All these worketh the one and self same spirit as he will. Let us covet earnestly these gifts.

UNIT FIVE

THE NAME OF JESUS

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THE NAME OF GOD LESSON ONE

GOD'S NAME WAS A SECRET IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Judges 13:17 "And Manoah said unto the angel of the Lord, What is thy name?"
Genesis 32:29 "And Jacob asked him. . . Tell me. . . thy name."
Exodus 3:13 "They shall say to me, What is his name?"
Proverbs 30:4 "What is his name, and what is his son's name. . . ?"
Isaiah 52:6 "Therefore my people shall know my name."

The reason that we see such a constant inquiry regarding the name of Deity in the Old Testament is that His name was withheld from them to be revealed in this dispensation.

FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST IS NOT THE NAME OF DEITY

There are many titles of our God, all of which depict offices and characteristics of our God. Among them are the titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. In like manner a man is body, soul, and spirit but this is not the man's name. Would a bank cash a check which carries the signature, "Body, soul, and spirit? " Certainly not. The check must carry his signature which is his name.

At one time the writer was his son's school teacher and his pastor. To his son he was "Father, Pastor, and Teacher". These were three titles but none of them was his name. Even so Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not names.

THE REAL NAME REVEALED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 1:21 "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Here we find His real name revealed which is JESUS. JESUS means JEHOVAH-SAVIOUR. JESUS is the SAVING name of our God.

JESUS CAME IN HIS FATHER'S NAME

John 5:43 "I am come in my Father's Name."
John 10:25 "The works that I do in my Father's name."
John 17:26 "I have declared unto them thy name."

Acts 9:5 "Who art thou (Jehovah) Lord? And (Jehovah) the
 Acts 9:17 Lord said, I am Jesus"
 Acts 7:59 "The Lord, even Jesus... hath sent me."
 "Stephen, calling upon God... saying Lord Jesus."
 Hebrews 4:8 "For if Jesus had given them rest..." - This verse is
 referring to almighty God and the Israelites."
 Revelation 22:16 "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you."

This Scriptural evidence is conclusive in showing that the Father's
 name is JESUS

JESUS IS THE NAME OF THE FATHER SON AND HOLY GHOST

Matthew 28:19 "Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
 Son, and of the Holy Ghost"

We should note carefully that it is "NAME" not "NAMES". The word is
 in the singular, ONE NAME. What is the "NAME"? The only way is
 to search the Scriptures and find out in what name the apostles
 baptized. There can be no contradiction in Scripture.

Luke 24:47 "Repentance and remission of sins should be
 preached in his name among all nations beginning at
 Jerusalem Jerusalem"

Samaria Acts 2:38 "baptizing...in the Name of Jesus Christ."

Acts 8:12 "preaching...name of Jesus Christ."

Paul Acts 8:16 "baptizing...in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Caesarea Acts 22:16 baptized. . . in the Name of our Lord."

Ephesus Acts 10:48 "baptized in the Name of the Lord. "

Corinth Acts 19:1-6 Here they were rebaptized in the name of
 the Lord Jesus.

1 Cor. 1:13 "Into whose Name were they baptized?"

Again the Scriptural evidence is conclusive showing that the NAME of
 the Father Son and Holy Ghost is JESUS.

LESSON TWO

SOME TITLES OF DEITY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

ELOHIM, PLURAL OF ELOAH The English word "God" is equivalent of the Hebrew "Elohim". This word is applied to heathen gods as well as to our Elohim (God). The plural form expresses a plurality of majesty, powers, and attributes.

EL, (SIGNIFYING STRENGTH):
EL SHADDAI - God Almighty (strength).

JEHOVAH This is derived from four letters: J H V H... "The name of four letters"; "the great and terrible name"; "The peculiar name"; "the separate name".

This was the unpronounceable name of God. The rabbis in reading the Scriptures substituted ADONAI (Lord) from which we get "Lord" in our version.

Jehovah Exodus 6:3 Psalms 83:18 Isaiah 12:2 Isaiah 26:4
Jah This was an abbreviated form (Psalm 68:4).

The meaning of this title is unquestionably given in God's revelation of himself to Moses by the phrase "I am that I Am". It expresses the essential, eternal, unchangeable "Being" of Jehovah.

The primary meaning of the name Lord (Jehovah) is the "Self-existent One". Literally, "He that is who He is, therefore the eternal I Am". He is "the self-existent One who reveals Himself."

It is significant that the first appearance of the name Jehovah in Scripture follows the creation of man. . . . Jehovah is distinctly the redemption name of Deity in the Old Testament.

When sin entered and redemption became necessary, it is Jehovah Elohim who sought the sinning ones (Genesis 3:9-13), and clothed them with coats of skin, a beautiful type of righteousness provided by the Lord God through sacrifice. The first distinct revelation of Himself by His name Jehovah was in connection with the redemption of the covenant people out of Egypt.

COMPOUND TITLES

Jehovah-Jireh	The Lord will provide	Gen. 22:14
Jehovah-Raphi	The Lord that healeth	Exodus 15:26
Jehovah-Nissi	The Lord our banner	Exodus 17:8-15
Jehovah-Shalom	The Lord our peace	Judges 6:24
Jehovah-Ra-ah	The Lord our shepherd	Psalms 23:1
Jehovah-Tsidkenu	The Lord our righteousness	Jer. 23:6
Jehovah-Shammah	The Lord is present	Ezekiel 48: 35

THE REVELATION OF THE NAME OF JESUS PROMISED

Isaiah 52:6 "Therefore my people shall know my name."

Zechariah 15:9 "In that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

These prophecies definitely promise that the name of Jesus shall be revealed and known. How we should rejoice that in this day His Name is not Secret and hidden but is known. The Name of Jesus is above every other name.

(Phil. 2: 9)

In the Old Testament the types and shadows all pointed forward to Jesus Christ. Even so the titles all pointed forward to His name "JESUS" which was to be revealed.

ONE NAME OF DEITY The prophet stated that there is one Lord and His name one. (Zechariah 14:9). If we believe that there are three persons in the Godhead, (three Gods) then we shall have to have three names. A person is identified by his name.

However, the prophet states that His name is ONE. In Matthew 28:19 the name is singular. What is that one name? We find the answer in Acts 4:12. There is no other name. Conclusive proof that there is one Lord and that He is JESUS.

LESSON THREE

TITLES OF JESUS

A title is not a name, however, a title brings out certain attributes, characteristics and aspects of Jesus; each one has a meaning.

Wonderful	Isa. 9:6
Counselor	Isa. 9:6
The Mighty God	Isa. 9:6
The Everlasting Father	Isa. 9:6
The Prince of Peace	Isa. 9:6
Emmanuel	Isa. 7: 14
Son of God	Luke 1:35
Messiah	John 4:25
The Word	John 1:1
The Word of God	Rev. 19:13
King of Kings	Rev. 19:16
Lord of Lords	Rev. 19:16
The Great God and Saviour	Titus 2:13
Father	Matt. 28:19
Son	Matt. 28:19
Holy Ghost	Matt. 28:19
Jehovah	Isa. 40:3
The Lord Jehovah	Isa. 40:10
I Am	Ex. 3:14; John 8:24
Resurrection and Life	John 11:25
Almighty, which is, and which was, and which is to come	Rev. 1:8
Alpha and Omega	Rev. 1:8
First and the Last	Rev. 1:17
Beginning and the Ending	Rev. 1:8
Eternal Life	I John 5:20
Seed of the Woman	Gen. 3:15
Lamb of God	John 1:29
The Bridegroom	Matt. 9:15;
Man of Sorrows	Rev. 21:9
A Nazarene	Isa. 53:3

Light of the World	Matt. 2:23
Light to Lighten the Gentiles	John 8:12
Day-Spring from on High	Luke 2:32
Sun of Righteousness	Luke 1:78
Bright and Morning Star	Mal. 4:2
Bread of Life	Rev. 22:16
Living Bread	John 6:35
The True Vine	John 6:51
Root and Offspring of David	John 15:1
The Way	Rev. 22:16
The Door	John 14:6
Good Shepherd	John 10:7
Chief Shepherd	John 10:11
First Born from the Dead	1 Peter 5:4
First Fruits of them that slept	Col. 1:18
Last Adam	1 Cor. 15:20
The Head of the Body	1 Cor. 15:45
Captain of the Host of the Lord	Col. 1:18
Captain of Salvation	Jos. 5:14
Author and Finisher of Faith	Heb. 2:10
Lion of the Tribe of Judah	Heb. 12:2
Chiefest among 10,000	Rev. 5:5
Shiloh	Song of
Truth	Solomon 5:10
High Priest	Gen. 49:10
Mediator	John 14: 6
Daysman	Heb. 3:1
Advocate	1 Tim. 2:5
Convert from the Tempest	Job 9:33
Rock of Ages (marginal)	1 John 2:1
Builder	Isa. 32:2
Sure Foundation	Isa. 26:4
Stone cut out without hands	Heb. 3:3
Strong Rock	Isa. 28:16
King of Salem	Dan. 2:34
Priest after the Order of Melchisedec	Psalms 31:2
Rose of Sharon, Lily of the Valley	Heb. 7:2
Friend that sticketh closer than a brother	Heb. 5:6
Shadow of a Great Rock in a weary land	Song of
Ancient of Days	Solomon 2:1

Dayspring
Judge

Prov. 18:24
Isa. 32:2
Daniel 7:21
Luke 1:78
Acts 17:31
Col. 3:11

MATTHEW 28:19

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the NAME of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST.”

NAME	Singular
FATHER	Title
SON	Title
HOLY GHOST	Title

Jesus did not tell His disciples to baptize, repenting the words, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. He told them to baptize in the NAME of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The words, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not names but titles pointing to ONE PERSON who has ONE NAME. That name is JESUS.

Shall we obey the command of Jesus or just merely repeat His words?

LESSON FOUR

IMPORTANCE OF THE NAME OF JESUS

THE BIBLE PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE UPON NAMES

All names in the Bible had meanings and because of this were very important. This is made clear in the changing of:

- (i) Abram to Abraham
- (ii) Jacob to Israel
- (iii) Saul of Tarsus to Paul

This is also seen in the naming of John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus.

THE NAME OF JESUS ABOVE EVERY OTHER NAME

Philippians 2:9 “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.”

Jesus is the name of Deity. Therefore His name is above the name of the:

- (i) greatest king who has ever reigned.
- (ii) greatest general who has ever won a war.
- (iii) greatest scientist, inventor, or architect.
- (iv) greatest artist, musician, or poet,
- (v) greatest law giver, physician, or preacher

SALVATION IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. “

Luke 24:47 “Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name. “

Matthew 1:21 “Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

HEALING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Acts 3:6 “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. “

Acts 3:16 “And his name through faith in his name that made this man strong. “

POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Luke 10:17 “Even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.”

Mark 16:17 “In my name shall they cast out devils.”

BLESSING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Malachi 3:16 “A book of remembrance was written...thought upon his name.”

PROTECTION IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Proverbs “The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous
18:10 runneth into it and is safe. “

PRAYERS ANSWERED IN THE NAME OF JESUS

John 14:14 “If ye ask anything in my name I will do it. “

WATER BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Acts 2:38 “Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins... “

HOLY GHOST GIVEN IN JESUS NAME

John 14:26 “But the Comforter...whom the Father will send in my name. “

How can we question the importance of the name of Jesus when we study the Scriptures?

There are those who would make light of this important truth and declare that” Jesus” was no more than any other name. It is evident that they are still in darkness as far as this glorious revelation is concerned. There is no name that we can breathe in prayer or sing in praise that can bring the blessing and power like the name of Jesus our Lord. When we have this revelation we can sing in the Spirit: Sweetest note in seraph song

Sweetest name on mortal tongue

Sweetest carol ever sung

Jesus blessed Jesus.

LESSON FIVE

THE GREAT COMMISSION

THE GREAT COMMISSION The Great Commission is a command - an irrevocable command to the church, which was not to be questioned but was to be fully obeyed. Our Lord spoke the Great Commission on at least three occasions to His disciples during the forty days between His resurrection and His Ascension. It is recorded in all four Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles.

The three occasions on which Jesus gave the commission were as follows:

- (i) While the disciples sat at meat in Jerusalem (Mark 16:14-18; John 20:22-23).
- (ii) In a mountain in Galilee (Matthew 28:18-20).
- (iii) On the Mount of Olives just before His Ascension (Luke 24:45-51; Acts 1:6-9).

If Jesus repeated this commission at least three times and it has been so faithfully recorded in each of the Gospels one can readily understand that the importance of the commission was indeed great.

WHAT DID JESUS COMMAND?

Jesus commanded His disciples to:

- (i) Go into all the world – Mark 16:15.
- (ii) Preach the gospel to every creature - Mark 16:15.
- (iii) Teach all nations - Matthew 28:19.
- (iv) Baptize them in the NAME - Matthew 28:19
- (v) Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded - Matthew 28:20.

Let us note well that along with going preaching teaching we are commanded to BAPTIZE. This is not something to be left to our own mood or desire but it calls for explicit obedience. To obey this command it is necessary to baptize just as Jesus instructed us: “IN THE NAME”.

When the words Father Son and Holy Ghost are repeated in water baptism the commission is not being obeyed. In this case the minister is only repeating the words of Jesus and not obeying them. Obedience calls for water baptism in the NAME OF JESUS.

ARGUMENTS FOR WATER BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS

The testimony of Scripture is so overwhelming on this point it seems foolish to even think about developing an argument. However knowing the opposition to TRUTH we shall give a few reasons why we should baptize in the name of JESUS.

- (i) "JESUS" is the "NAME" (singular) of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- (ii) Scripture never contradicts itself. Those who would say that they would rather take the words of Jesus than the words of Peter admit that they believe in a contradiction of Scripture. However both Matt. 28:19 and Acts 2:38 are right. They do not contradict one another.
- (iii) There are not two gospels. Neither are there two ways to baptize. Those who would argue that there were only Jews or Jewish proselytes baptized in the second chapter of Acts are admitting that they believe in two gospels - one for the Jews and another for the Gentiles. This of course is ridiculous. There its but ONE gospel.
- (iv) If we accept the literal fulfillment of Acts 2:4 in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost it is absolutely necessary that we also accept the literal fulfillment of Acts 2:38.
- (v) Peter had just heard the words of Matthew 28:19 spoken a few days before. He had just received the Holy Ghost who was to guide him into all truth. He had been entrusted with the keys to the Kingdom. Could it be possible that he made a mistake? No! Never!
- (vi) Remission of sins is in the Name of Jesus (Luke 24:47).
- (vii) There is no other name whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).
- (viii) The family name is Jesus. If we are His children we take His name (Eph. 3:15).
- (ix) The bride always takes her husband's name.
- (x) Whatever we do in word or deed we do in the name of Jesus.

Water baptism is both word and deed (Col. 3:17).

- (xi) In water baptism we are identified in death burial and resurrection. Were the Father and the Holy Ghost crucified and buried?

UNIT SIX

THE NEED OF SALVATION

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ANGELS

LESSON ONE

THE EXISTENCE OF ANGELS The bible clearly teaches the existence of angels. They are the ambassadors of God and belong to His heavenly court and service. They have the advantage over man in that they are the heavenly hosts and are God's ambassadors. However, when man is born again he is raised above them, enjoys their ministry, and will finally judge them (1 Cor. 6:3).

DESCRIPTION

Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

Here they are said to be ministering spirits. Although they have been known to appear in visible forms yet they are spirits. Angels do not have wings with feathers in them as depicted by many artists. This is of Roman Catholic origin. Evidently there is no sex among the angels although when referred to in Scripture it is in the masculine gender.



VARIOUS ORDERS OF ANGELS Not all angels have the same power and authority but there seems to be various orders and rank among them. We see this as we study the:

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| (i) Archangels | -- Michael | -- Daniel 10:13 |
| | -- Gabriel | -- Daniel 8:16 |
| (ii) Cherubim: | | -- Genesis 3:24 |
| (iii) Seraphim: | | -- Isaiah 6:1 |

POWER OF ANGELS they have great power (2 Pet 2:11; Psalm 103:20.) One angel smote the entire first born of Egypt. One angel rolled back the stone from the sepulcher. One angel smote 185,000 Assyrians (Isaiah 37:36). One angel has power to lay hold of Satan and bind him for one thousand years (Rev. 20:2-10).

ANGELS IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST The coming of the Christ child was announced to both the Virgin Mary and Joseph by angels (Matt 1:20; Luke 1:26-27). Angels were present at His birth, His resurrection, and His ascension, and will accompany him at His return in glory (Matt. 24:31). Otherwise in the ministry of Jesus there were only two angelic appearances; in the temptation and in Gethsemane.

ANGELS IN THE MINISTRY TO THE CHURCH

- a) Minister to the heirs of salvation - Hebrews 1:14
- b) Rejoice when a sinner repents - Luke 15:10
- c) Encampment around about them that fear the Lord. - Psalm 34:7
- d) Charge over them to bear them up. - Psalm 91:11

FALLEN ANGELS

2 Peter 2:4 “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.”

Jude 6 “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”

Their judgment is certain. For them the lake of fire has been especially prepared (Matthew 25:41).

THE DEVIL LESSON TWO

A PERSONAL DEVIL The Bible teaches that there is a personal devil. Many would teach that the devil is just an impersonal force or influence, the tendency to do evil. However this is not the case. There is a living personal devil that is our greatest adversary.

His power and influence should never be underestimated. Although we have no desire to become acquainted with him we should learn to know our enemy. Knowledge of his motives and his tactics will aid us in our battle against sin and help to give us the victory.

He apparently was created an archangel of great beauty, wisdom, and power. He undoubtedly was given great authority and possibly was made ruler over part of God's universe. Some believe that he was the ruler of this world before creation as recorded in Genesis. He was lifted up with pride and reached for equality with God. Five times he declared his will in rebellion against God (Isaiah 14:12-15).

Through this pride and rebellion sin came into being and the devil fell taking a host of the angels with him. He struck at God by causing man to fall and has used man as a pawn ever since in his battle and rebellion against God. He still has access to the presence of God where he accused the brethren.

The devil is not omnipresent but his presence is localized. However, he may appear anywhere at any time and in his absence he has a host of demons and fallen angels to do his evil work under his direction.

HIS CHARACTER

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|--------------------------------|---|-------------|
| a) Thief, one who catches away | - | Matt. 13:19 |
| b) Murderer | - | John 8:44 |
| c) Liar | - | John 8:44 |
| d) Subtle | - | 2 Cor. 11:3 |

HIS DISTINCT TITLES

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|---|-----------------|
| a) Angel of light | - 2 Cor. 11:14 |
| b) Roaring Lion | - 1 Peter 5:8 |
| c) Prince of the power of the air | - Ephesians 2:2 |
| d) Power of darkness | - Col. 1:13 |
| e) Prince of this world | - John 14:30 |
| f) Great Dragon (cruelty) | - Rev. 12:9 |
| g) Serpent (seducer) | - Rev. 12:9 |
| h) Devil (tempter) | - Rev. 12:9 |
| i) Satan (adversary) | - Rev. 12:9 |
| j) Apollyon (destroyer) | - Rev. 9:11 |
| k) King of the bottomless pit | - Rev. 9:11 |
| l) God of this world (Head of its religion) | - 2 Cor. 4:4 |

HIS WORK

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| a) Seeking whom he may devour | - 1 Peter 5:8 |
| b) Sowing tares (evil doctrine, leavens, etc.) | - Matt. 13:25-39 |
| c) Blinding minds | - 2 Cor. 4:4 |
| d) Accusing the brethren | - Rev. 12:10 |
| e) Sifting as wheat | - Luke 22:31 |
| f) Destroying the flesh | - 1 Cor. 5:5 |

HIS POWER He has many subordinates to do his will. A host of fallen angels and demons are subject to his will. We see under his power principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12).

HIS DESTINY He will be cast out of Heaven to the earth (Rev. 12:7-9) where he will stir up man against God knowing that his time is short (Rev. 12:12). He will be chained by an angel (Rev. 20:1-3) and cast into the bottomless pit during Christ's reign of 1000 years over the earth. He will be loosed a little season and battle against God. He is then cast into the lake of fire forever (Rev. 20:7-10).

SIN

LESSON THREE

WHAT IS SIN?

- 1 John 3 - Sin is the transgression of the law.
- 1 John 5:17 - All unrighteousness is sin.
- Romans 14:23 - Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.
- James 4:17 - ... knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.
- John 16:9 - Of sin, because they believe not on me.
- Proverbs 21:4 - An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.
- Proverbs 24:9 - The thought of foolishness is sin.

In these scriptures we have sin defined. The modern tendency is to look upon sin very lightly. Majority of peoples take an attitude of complacency towards sin and look upon it as the accepted thing. Believing that sin is just ignorance or a complex in the character, which some psychiatric counseling can correct. However such is not the case. Sin is deep seated, embedded in the very heart of man's fallen nature.

Looking back to the beginning of sin in the fall of Satan and then later in the fall of our first parents, it is possible to summarize in a threefold manner:

- (i) Pride - This was undoubtedly the original sin as Satan exalted himself and reached for deification.
(Isaiah 14:12-15)
- (ii) Unbelief - This sin had to be planted in Eve's heart before she could be deceived in the transgression.
(Genesis 3:1)
- (iii) Disobedience - This was the act of rebellion which followed as the natural result of the other two
(Genesis 3:6).

Many Hebrew words were used in the Old Testament to express the thought of sin. Some of the concepts of sin expressed by these words are: a missing, a failing, wickedness, confusion, iniquity, perversion, guilt, transgression, rebellion, vanity, lying, deceit, evil, error, etc. The main New Testament Greek words for sin express the following concepts: a missing of the mark, unrighteousness, lawlessness, depravity, desire, lust, disobedience, etc.

Scofield summarized sin in another threefold manner:

- (i) An Act - The violation of or want of obedience to the revealed will of God.
- (ii) A Nature - Enmity toward God.
- (iii) A State - Absence of righteousness.

In attempting to define sin we can only arrive at a partial understanding of its true nature. The exceeding blackness and the terrible horribleness of sin can never be fully grasped by our finite minds and limited understandings.

GOD HATES SIN The fact that God is love and that God is light demands that He hates sin. It is impossible for God to love the soul of the sinner without at the same time hating sin. The absolute pure and spotless nature of God revolts at the sight of sin.

God hates sin. Every true child of His should share in this hatred for that which is wrong. The moment that we can smile upon iniquity we are far from God. May the Lord help us to see sin as exceedingly sinful – to look upon it as He looks upon it. May we ever see it as that which nailed Him to the tree. Wilful known sin will separate man from God, hinder his prayers from being answered, and finally will mean eternal death. No sin will enter heaven. It must be confessed, forgiven and remitted.

THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN:

a) SEPARATION FROM GOD:

- Psalm 66:18 - If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.
- Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

b) **DEATH, PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL:**

Romans 5:12 - Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death.

All sin is fundamentally an attitude and act of rebellion against God. It is a challenge to the supremacy and Lordship of Almighty God. This is expressed by the question that Joseph asked while under temptation, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Genesis 39:9

God would cease to be Lord if He could tolerate, condone, and accept sin in any measure. Along with other reasons, here is one reason why the law of God is that the soul that sinneth shall surely die. Everywhere at all times the consequences of sin is death.

CAN SIN BE HIDDEN?

Genesis 16:13 - Thou God seest me.

Genesis 16:13 - Be sure your sins will find you out.

Genesis 16:13 - Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Sin will always be exposed for the one simple reason that sin is against God and He sees not only the outward act, but also the inward thought and desire. It is impossible to sin and get by.

WHO ARE SINNERS?

Galatians 3:22 - But the scripture hath concluded all under sin.

Romans 3:10-23 - As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth...all the world become guilty before God..."

Romans 5:12 - And so death passed upon all man, for that all have sinned.

Every man is a sinner and needs to be saved. If one individual could have made himself righteous by the deeds of the law and his own good works, then every man could also become righteous. Because this could not be, it was necessary for Jesus Christ to provide salvation for man.

CAN SIN BE LISTED OR NAMED? Sin may only be listed in a partial manner for sin is actually a condition of the heart. The list of sins is too great to ever be listed completely. However we may begin.

- a) Works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19): Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like.
 - b) Worldliness: Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life, love of money, love of pleasure, etc.
 - c) Carnality: Pride, malice, envy, selfishness, backbiting, gossiping, etc.
 - d) Sins of Omission: Lack of prayer, church attendance, and witnessing.
 - e) Presumption: (Psalm 19:13)
- And so the list continues to grow without any apparent end in sight.

MAN

LESSON FOUR

MAN CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in his own image.

Genesis 9:6 - For in the image of God made he him.

Scriptures are very clear regarding the creation of man. The Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Man was God's highest act of creation and was in God's own image and likeness.

TO WHAT DOES "IMAGE OF GOD" REFER?

- a) **THE MORAL NATURE OF MAN:** possibly the greatest way in which man resembled his Maker was in his moral nature. Man was created sinless with an absolute purity and holiness. In fact, he was clothed with the righteousness of God. It was because of this fact he was able to have a fellowship with God. It was this that he lost in the fall and caused him to realize that he was naked.
- b) **THE INTELLECTUAL NATURE OF MAN:** The intellectual powers of man from the beginning prove that man is not evolved from a lower order but was created in the image of his Creator. He was given the intelligence necessary to name all living creatures and have dominion over this earth. He was given the power to reason and to make decisions,. He was created a free will moral agent. It was because of this God granted ability that man was able to make the wrong decision and sin in the original transgression.
- c) **THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF MAN:** God is Spirit and invisible but it was in the plan and purpose of Deity to manifest himself in flesh in the incarnation. If the "image of God" has any reference to man's physical appearance it was in the likeness of the man Christ Jesus who was to be born at Bethlehem. Let us remember that as far as time is concerned the advent of Christ took place at a definite point in history but as far as God is concerned who dwells in eternity God had it planned and saw it from the beginning.

- d) THE TRINITY OF MAN: I Thess. 5:23 “I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body...”

Man is body, soul, and spirit. We would not ordinarily introduce this thought here. We do so because some would use this to try to prove that man was made in the image of the trinity and therefore another proof that there are three persons in the Godhead. However, the very opposite is true and proven. Even as man is body, soul, and spirit and yet one person bearing one name, so is the Creator Father, Son and Holy Ghost, but yet one person bearing one name, JESUS.

- e) THE UNLIMITED POTENTIALS OF MAN: God has given man unlimited potentials. Man can rise higher and sink lower than any other of God's creatures. In Mark's Gospel, chapter five we have the story of man possessed with a legion of demons. This one man was able to contain more demon powers than two thousand swine were able to bear. There seems no bottom to the depths that a man or woman can fall. Likewise, man has the capacity of yielding to God and becoming a vessel filled with the Spirit of God. There seems to be no limits to the heights that man can be lifted by God.

THE ORIGINAL CONDITION OF MAN

Hebrews 2:6 “What is man...in subjection under his feet.”

Man was crowned with glory and honour and made a little lower than the angels. Man was created an ignoramus nor a savage but a being of lofty intellectual powers and a high moral nature. The theory that man evolved from a lower order such as an ape is simply imagination, falsely called science, without one fact to prove it.

THE FALL OF MAN

LESSON FIVE

STEPS IN THE FALL

- a) Unbelief: Genesis 3:1 “Yea, hath God said...”
Satan was able to plant the seed of unbelief in Eve’s heart.
- b) Changing God’s Word: Genesis 3:3 “...touch it, lest ye die.”
Even both changed and added to God’s Word. God had said nothing about touching the fruit and death was to be certain.
- c) Disobedience: The steps that led to disobedience were:
Genesis 3:6 -
 - (i) Saw;
 - (ii) Desired;
 - (iii) Took;
 - (iv) Did eat;

Compare with Achan's sin in

- Joshua 7:21 - (i) Saw;
(ii) Coveted;
(iii) Took;
(iv) Hid;

THREEFOLD TEMPATION both Eve's temptation and the temptation of Christ in the wilderness may be summed up under "all that is in the world"

I John 2:16	<u>Eve's (Gen 3:6)</u>	<u>Christ's (Luke 4:3-10)</u>
Lust of the flesh	- Good for food	- Stone that it be bread
Lust of the eyes	- Pleasant to the eyes	- Kingdoms of this world
Pride of life	- Desired to make wise	- Cast thyself down-angels

In the temptation Satan said, “Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” He omitted the important part; that they should know good, but not be able to perform it, and that they would know evil, but not be able to avoid it.

Let us remember that temptation itself is not sin but yielding to temptation is sin. It was when Eve yielded that she disobeyed and sin entered the human heart. Christ was tempted but remained sinless by overcoming and not yielding.

RESULTS OF THE FALL:

a) On Nature:

- (i) The ground was cursed (Genesis 3:17)
- (ii) The ground was to bring forth thorns and thistles (Genesis 3:18)

b) On the whole Human Race:

- (i) All are concluded under sin (Gal. 3:22; Rom. 5:19).
- (ii) Man became the child of the devil (John 8:44; 1 Jn 3:8).
- (iii) Man shall live by hard labor (Genesis 3:19).
- (iv) Woman shall bring forth children in sorrow (Genesis 3:16).
- (v) Through the fall man became subject to:
 - 1. Physical Death: This is the separation of the soul from the body, which results in the corruption and destruction of the material frame (Genesis 3:19).
 - 2. Spiritual Death: This is the separation of the spirit from God, or alienated from the life of God. We come into this state by natural birth (Eph. 4:18; 1 Timothy 5:6; Revelation 3:1).
 - 3. Eternal Death: This is the “second death”, spiritual death continued after physical death. Prolonged beyond the death of the body, spiritual death becomes eternal death, or a state of eternal separation from God in conscious torment (Revelation 20:14; Rev. 21:8). The results of the fall are all around us. The hospitals, prisons, and asylums are full; misery, crime, and unhappiness meet us at every turn, and all these are direct results of the fall.

DEFINITIONS OF LIFE AND DEATH

- (i) PHYSICAL LIFE: The union of the spirit of man with his body.
- (ii) PHYSICAL DEATH: The separation of the spirit from the body.
- (iii) SPIRITUAL LIFE: The union of the spirit of man with the Spirit of God.
- (iv) SPIRITUAL DEATH: The separation of man's spirit from God's Spirit.
- (v) ETERNAL LIFE: The union of man's spirit with God's Spirit made eternal and never-ending.
- (vi) ETERNAL DEATH: The separation of man's spirit from God's Spirit made eternal and never-ending.

MAN'S NEED OF SALVATION LESSON SIX

MAN'S CONDITION OUTSIDE OF CHRIST

- (i) He is estranged from the womb.
Psalm 58:3 "The wicked are estranged from the womb."
- (ii) He is shapen in iniquity.
Psalm 51:5 "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity."
- (iii) His heart is desperately wicked.
Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful...desperately wicked."
- (iv) He is controlled by Satan.
Eph. 2:2 "...according to the prince of the power of the air."
- (v) The law of sin and death continually works in his members.
Romans 7:23 "...bringing me into captivity to the law of sin..."
- (vi) He is under a curse.
Galatians 3:10 "For as many as are...under the curse."
- (vii) His understanding is darkened.
Ephesians 4:18 "Having the understanding darkened..."
- (viii) Every imagination is evil continually.
Genesis 6:5 "And God saw...thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."
- (ix) He is filled with all unrighteousness.
Romans 1:29 "Being filled with all unrighteousness..."
- (x) He is corrupt from head to foot.
Isaiah 1:6 "From the sole of the foot even unto the head..."
- (xi) He is dead in trespasses and sins.
Eph. 2:1 "...who were dead in trespasses and sins."

MAN'S HOPELESS CONDITION OUTSIDE OF CHRIST Man, being dead in sins and trespasses, cannot save himself any more than wh at Lazarus, bound in grave clothes and buried for four days, could have saved himself. As far as Lazarus himself was concerned his condition was hopeless. This is the picture of the unregenerate man, helpless, hopeless, and eternally lost. If man is to be saved at all, he

must be saved by a source outside of himself. Jesus Christ is man's one and only hope of salvation.

MAN'S ENTIRE BEING NEEDED SALVATION Since man's entire being, body, soul, and spirit, were affected by the fall and the original sin, his entire being needed to be saved.

Man is:

- (i) Spirit - He is capable of God-consciousness and communion with God.
- (ii) Soul - He is capable of self-consciousness
- (iii) Body - He is capable, through his senses, world-consciousness.

It is difficult to separate soul and spirit but yet they are different as scripture shows (Hebrews 4:12). Comparing the scriptures, Mark 8:36 and Luke 9:25 it is made clear that the meaning of "soul" is "himself".

WHAT GOD HAD TO DO IN SALVATION:

In providing salvation for sinful man, there were a number of things he had to accomplish among which were:

- (i) To handle the sin problem in a way that is consistent with His justice and appeasing His wrath;
- (ii) To make man holy without taking away his free will moral agency;
- (iii) To bridge the breach between God and man and restore the lost fellowship.

All this God succeeded in doing at Calvary.