

The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead

- I. Introduction:
 - a. Three Schools of Thought on the subject of God
 - i. Atheism
 - ii. Polytheism
 - iii. Monotheism
- II. One God
 - a. Bible teaches that there is one true and living God
 - i. **(Deut 6:4)** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:”
 - ii. **(Isa 44:6)** “Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.”
 - iii. **(1 Cor 8:4)** “As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.”
- III. The Bible teaches that there is a Godhead
 - a. Godhead – (Godhood or Deity) is the state of being God
 - i. Merriam-Webster’s – “divine nature or essence”
 - b. **(Acts 17:29)** “Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.”
 - c. **(Rom 1:20)** “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”
 - d. **(Col 2:9)** “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”
- IV. Three Persons (Divine) make up One Godhead (Deity)
 - i. This state is composed of three Persons:
 1. Father
 - a. **(Eph 4:6)** “One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”
 - b. **(1 Cor 8:6)** “But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.”
 2. Son
 - a. **(John 17:1-5)** “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:” As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou

me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

i. The Son was with the Father before the world was

b. **(John 1:1-2)** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.”

i. The Word (Son) was with God (Father) and the Word (Son) was also God (Deity)

1. Two persons represented as God – Father and Son

3. Holy Spirit

a. **(Acts 5:3-4)** “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

ii. All the attributes of being God belong to each

1. Eternal
2. Omniscient
3. Omnipotent
4. Omnipresent
5. Just
6. Holy
7. Good
8. Righteous

iii. The Bible teaches that there are Three Persons with these attributes of being Divine

V. Biblical Examples of Three persons:

a. The Creation

i. **(Gen 1:1)** “In the beginning **God** created the Heaven and the earth.”

1. God – Hebrew “Elohim” plural form of “Eloha”

a. Showing that more than one persons was present in the Creation process

i. **(Eph 3:9)** “And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:”

ii. **(Gen 1:26)** “And God said, Let **us** make man in our image, after **our** likeness:”

1. We see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit united in the creation

- b. The Baptism of Jesus
 - i. **(Matt 3:13-17)** “Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

1. Three persons are clearly evident.

VI. These Three are One

- a. **(1 John 5:7-8)** “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”
- b. How can God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit be three and one at the same time?
 - i. The Bible emphatically proclaims that there’s One God
 - ii. The Bible also proclaims Three with a Divine nature
 - iii. The Bible also proclaims that these Three are distinct Individuals
- c. Jesus says:
 - i. **(John 10:30)** “I and my Father are one.”
 - 1. The Jews took up stones to stone him. They understood what he was saying.
 - ii. One – Greek “Hen” Same meaning as our “one” means united.
 - 1. **(Matt 19:5-6)** “And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be **one** flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but **one** flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”
 - a. Same word ‘one’
 - b. What does it mean to be “one flesh”
- d. The Marriage
 - i. The Husband and Wife are separate Persons
 - ii. God says that they’re “One Flesh”
 - iii. How is the husband and wife one?
 - 1. They’re one in purpose, agreement, and life
 - 2. They are one family
 - 3. Just like the marriage, the Godhead is One in their plans and purpose and office
- e. The Church is one Just as the Godhead
 - i. **(John 17:20-23)** “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also **which shall believe on me through their word**; That they all may be **one**; as thou, **Father**, art in **me**, and **I** in **thee**, that they also

may be **one in us**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be **one**, even as **we are one: I in them, and thou in me**, that they may be made perfect in **one**; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”

- f. The Godhead compared to Humanity
 - i. These Three (Divine Characters) make up One Godhead (Deity) -
In the same way all humans make up One Humanity
- VII. Divine Division of Labor
- a. In Creation
 - i. Bible teaches that there is a divine division of labor
 - 1. God the Father is the architect of the universe
 - a. He planned all things.
 - 2. The Son is the one that created the things planned by the Father
 - a. **(John 1:1-3)** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”
 - i. Word refers to the Son
 - 3. The Holy Spirit is the Lawgiver
 - a. **(Gen 1:2)** “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”
 - i. The Spirit of God – the Holy Spirit gave the natural law
 - b. In the creation of the New Testament Church
 - i. The Father planned the New Testament church.
 - 1. **(Eph 3:10-11)** “To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:”
 - a. It was part of God’s eternal purpose
 - ii. The Son Built it (Created it)
 - 1. **(Matt 16:18)** “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
 - iii. The Holy Spirit gave the Law
 - 1. **(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.”

VIII. Conclusion

- a. There is one true God or Godhead in the sense that there is one humanity
- b. The Godhead is composed of Three persons
 - i. Father
 - ii. Son
 - iii. Holy Spirit
- c. These Three Work as one – in unity to accomplish the work of Creation and Salvation of our souls.