

The Godhead

TEXT: Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:20; Col. 2:9

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **“GODHEAD” = “GODHOOD”** – USED AS MANHOOD, WHAT MAKES A MAN.
- Expresses the state, dignity, condition, **quality of God**.
 - When **“Godhood”** is applied, we affirm that all that enters into the idea of God belongs to the subject.
 - Godhood = Divinity = Deity.**
- B. USED THREE TIMES.
- Acts 17:29.** **theion**, very definite to the heathen for contrast.
 - Rom. 1:20.** **theiotes**, the whole of that by which God is constituted.
 - Col. 2:9.** **theotes**, the state of being God.

I. GODHEAD COMPRISED OF THREE MEMBERS.

- A. **GOD, THE FATHER.**
- Creator (**Gen. 1:1; Heb. 1:1-2**).
 - Father (**Heb. 12:9; 1 Pet. 1:3; John 12:49-50**)
 - Acts 17:24-29.**
- B. **GOD, THE SON** (**John 5:17-18**)..
- The essence of God (**Col. 2:9; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 1**).
 - Many of the names of God applied to Jesus. Why?
 - His work (**John 14:6-10**)
 - His nature (**John 8:24, 58**).
 - “Son of Man” è “Son of God”**(**John 3:13-14 è John 3:16; 20:30-31**).
- C. **GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT.**
- Possesses Divine characteristics.
 - Placed **3rd** in the Godhead.
 - Distinct from God and Jesus.
 - Jesus speaks **not from himself** (**John 12:49**).
 - Neither does the Holy Spirit** (**John 16:13**).

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT CO-ETERNAL WITH GOD AND JESUS.

- A. **ALL THREE PRESENT** IN CREATION (**Gen. 1:1**). Plural form.
- Gen. 1:2.** The Holy Spirit was there.
 - John 1:1-3.** Jesus was there.
- B. **ALL WERE INVOLVED** IN MAN’S CREATION (**Gen. 1:26; 3:22**).
- C. THE NEW TESTAMENT EMBRACES THIS (**Matt. 28:19-20**).
- By the authority of all three.
 - Fellowship of purpose and will.
- D. **Rom. 15:30.** PRAYER TO GOD, AUTHORITY OF JESUS, THE SPIRIT’S LOVE.
- E. **2 Cor. 13:14.** GOD, JESUS, THE SPIRIT – GRACE, LOVE, COMMUNION.

III. WE NEED TO KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT BETTER.

- A. MUST **STUDY THE BIBLE** – ANYTHING ELSE IS FALSE.
- B. GOD IS REVEALED **IN THE SCRIPTURES** (**1 John 4:1, 6**).
- C. **Matt. 15:8-9.** FALSE IDEAS LEAD TO CONFUSION –
- False ideas confuse purpose and worship.

2. They lead to unscriptural purpose and anarchy.
 3. They contradict Scripture (**2 John 9**).
 4. They close the book.
- D. EXAMPLES:
1. **3-fold manifestation of one person** (**John 12:49-50; 16:13; 15:26**).
 2. **3 Persons but only one divine person:**
 - a. **1 Cor. 8:6; John 1:1; Phil. 2:6; Acts 5:3-4.**
 - b. **Matt. 28:19.**
 3. **How do we explain “One God?”**
 - a. Contrast with Polytheism (**Eph. 4:6**).
 - b. Unity – a Godhead (**John 17:20-21**).
- E. IMPORTANT TO STUDY –
1. Because of the great interest today.
 2. Because whatever is revealed is vital.

CONCLUSION:

- A. THE BIBLE SAYS MUCH ABOUT THE GODHEAD.
- B. SOME THINGS IT DOES NOT TELL US.
- C. WHAT IS REVEALED, WE MUST TREASURE.