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HOW MANY IN THE GODHEAD...ONE OR THREE?

It is our contention that the Godhead consists of three divine Beings, each one distinct and existing separate and apart from the others. Though they are "one" (I Jn. 5:7) this oneness is in holiness, righteousness etc. for the Bible plainly teaches their separation. Note below:

I. Divine Beings:

- A. "God the Father"--The person known as the Father of the Son, is divine existing in the state of being God. (Jn. 6:27)
- B. God the Son--The person known as the Son of the Father (II Jn. 3) is divine, existing in the state of being God. (Heb. 1:8, Col. 2:9, Jn. 1:1-3)
- C. God the Holy Spirit--The person known as the Holy Spirit is also divine existing in the state of being God. (Acts 5:3,4)

II. Three In The Godhead:

Matt. 3:13-17	A voice	My Beloved Son	Spirit of God
Matt. 28:19	Father	Son	Holy Ghost
Luke 1:35	Holy Ghost	Son	God
Jn. 3:34	God	He whom God hath sent	Spirit
Jn. 14:26	Father	Jesus	Holy Ghost
Jn. 20:21,22	Father	Jesus	Holy Ghost
Acts 1:5	Father	Jesus	Holy Ghost
Acts 2:32,33	God	Jesus	Holy Ghost
Acts 5:30-32	God	Jesus	Holy Ghost
Acts 4:8-10	Holy Ghost	Jesus	God

TEN OF THE MORE THAN 40 SUCH PASSAGES!

III. THESE Three Are Persons:

<u>GOD</u>	<u>SON</u>	<u>HOLY SPIRIT</u>
A Will--Matt. 7:21	A Will--Mat. 8:3	Speaks--I Tim. 4:1
A Business--Luke 2:29	Authority--Mat. 28:18	Reminds--John 14:26
Knows--Mk. 13:32	Suffered--I Pet. 2:21	Testifies--John 15:26
Works--John 5:17	Loves--Eph. 5:23	Reproves--John 16:8
Loves--John 3:16	Works--John 5:17	Grieves--Eph. 4:30
Speaks--Mat. 3:17	Speaks--John 5:17	Guides--John 16:13
Sees--Matt. 6:6	Commands--John 15:17	Forbids--Acts 16:6

Thus, each, (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) exhibits the qualities of conscious, intelligent, rational beings--and are, therefore, persons!

III. Proof That Jesus Christ Is Not God The Father:

- A. No man hath seen God at any time--John 1:18
- B. Men have seen Jesus Christ--John 1:14, 18; I Cor. 15:3-8
- C. Therefore, Jesus Christ is not God the Father

- A. The Father knew of that day and hour--Mk. 13:32
- B. The Son did not know--Mk. 13:32
- C. Therefore: Jesus Christ the Son is not God the Father

Thus we see a distinction in these that we have identified as persons. Now note that the One called the Son also possesses a distinct Spirit from that of the Father.

IV. THERE IS MORE TO CHRIST THAN FLESH

"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into Thy hands I commend my-spirit." (Luke 23:46)

V. Proof That Jesus Christ Is Not The Holy Spirit:

- A. Those of the world could not see the Spirit--Jn. 14:17
- B. Those of the world could see Jesus Christ--Jn. 14:19
- C. Therefore, Jesus Christ is not the Holy Spirit

- A. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit not to be forgiven--Matt. 12:32
- B. Blasphemy against the Son shall be forgiven--Matt. 12:32
- C. Therefore, Jesus Christ is not the Holy Spirit

- A. The Holy Spirit hath not flesh and bones--Luke 24:39
- B. Jesus Christ had flesh and bones-- Luke 24:39
- C. Therefore, Jesus Christ is not the Holy Spirit

IF GOD AND CHRIST ARE ONE PERSON ONLY, THEN...

1. Was Jesus standing on His own right hand when it was said of Stephen that he "Looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." (Acts 7:55)
2. Jesus must have taught his disciples to pray a lie. (Matt. 6:9)
3. Pronouns will give us trouble:
 - A. "A body thou hast prepared me." (Heb. 10:5) Tell us, who is the "me"?
 - B. "Let us make man in our own image." (Gen. 1:26)
4. Jesus could not be a mediator between God and man as is taught in I Tim. 2 verse 5. A mediator is one who stands between, or goes between: How could a person stand between two or more persons when there is only one person? Christ, or mediator, stands between God, His Father, and man!
5. Christ must have offered Himself to Himself, as Heb. 9:14 reveals that Christ offered himself without spot to God.
6. It would be absurd for Christ to look up to heaven and pray, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." wouldn't it? But He did in Jn. 17:1-5.
7. It is impossible to explain the indication of three separate and distinct beings present at Jesus' baptism...Jesus, Spirit of God descending like a dove, and a voice from heaven (Matt. 3:16-17)
8. Did Christ LEAVE God (himself); yet at the same time, bring God (himself) to the earth, while at the same time, He sent himself? Jesus declared, "For I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me." (Jn. 8:42)
9. Then what is the point of Christ delivering up the kingdom to God in I Cor. 15:24 seeing that He already would have it?
10. Then there is trouble reconciling Acts 2:4 and Acts 2:33. In the first verse the Bible affirms that the Spirit came to earth while in the later it is revealed that Christ was seated at the right hand of God in heaven

Friend: These are facts from God
that will abide long after the
emotionalism, shouting, and feeling
will have passed away. Are you
walking by faith or by sight? Why
not simply be a Christian?

* ORDER OF SERVICES *
* Lord's Day: 10:00 Worship *
* 7:30 p.m. Worship *
* Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study *

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Is. 8:20)

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all..." (II Cor. 13:14)