

Session 13

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Doctrine of God - Part 3 and Part 4

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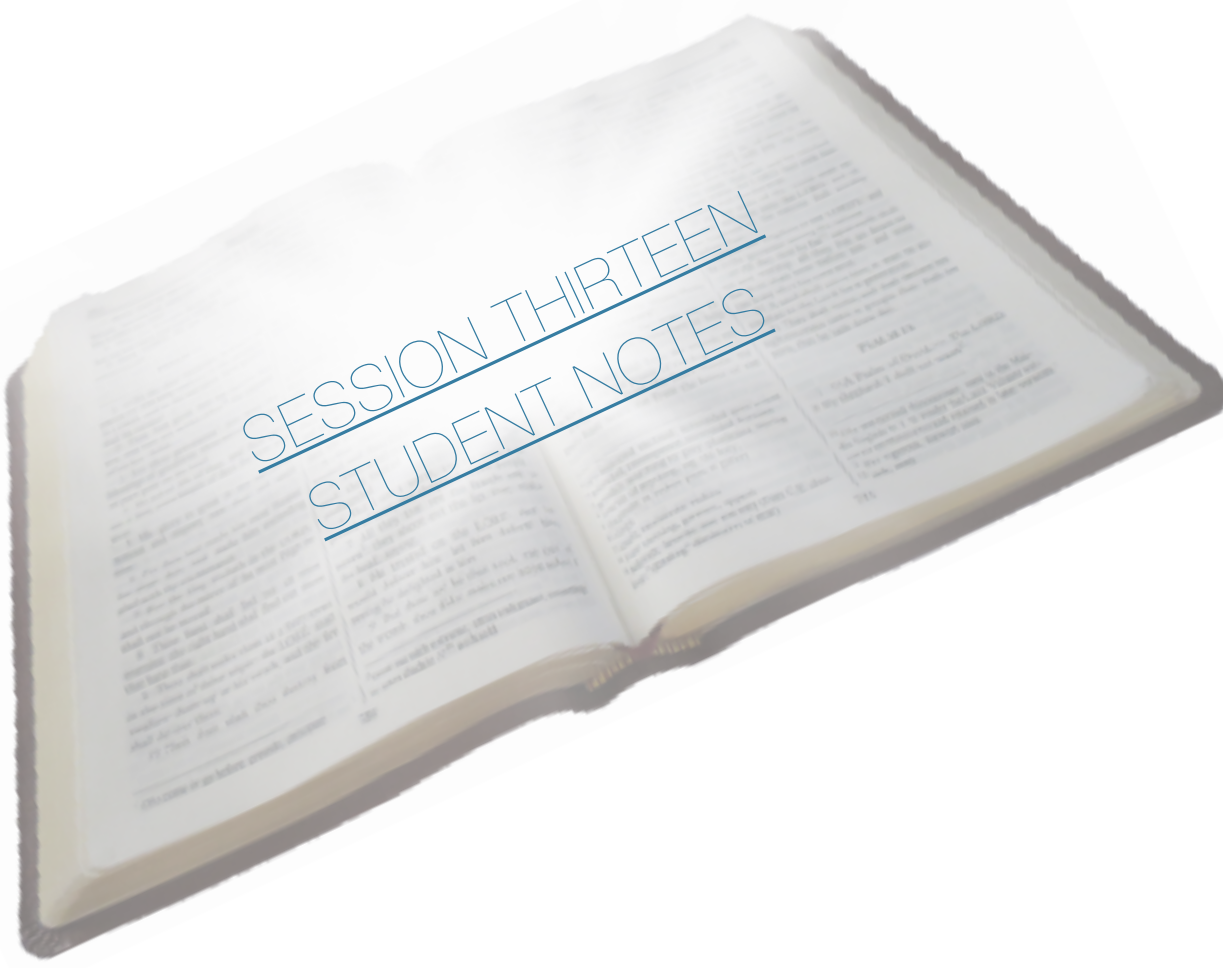
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THE DOCTRINE OF GOD (PART 3).

THE GODHEAD AND TRINITY

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In this lesson we will study The Godhead in respect of the Trinity. To quote part of the statement of faith,

"We believe in one Triune God, the living and true God, the Creator and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth, eternally existing in three persons – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections, and executing distinct but harmonious offices."

First, let's look at some references that show the "One Triune God, the living and true God".

1. 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."*

Note: "... in the name..." S _____, but the three parts of the Trinity are then named.

2. Genesis 1:26(a) & 27 – *"And God (singular) said, let us (plural) make man in our (plural) image (singular), after our (plural) likeness:"*

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he them; male and female created he them." We can clearly see God showing us in the Scriptures that there is more than one part to Him.

Compare this to **1 Thessalonians 5:23** – *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus."*

Thus, we were created in His image with three parts: b _____; soul & s _____.
The One true God is a Trinity.

3. 1 John 5:7 – *"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."* Despite Bible critics (like the "Jehovah's Witnesses" for example), there is ample early evidence to support **1 John 5:7** as shown.

Next, let us look at evidences in the Word of God that show the Trinity working together.

3. We see evidence of the Trinity in Creation.

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

In verse 2, we see the involvement of the S _____ of God where He moved upon the face of the waters.

Ephesians 3:9 shows the Father created all things by J _____ C _____.

Looking at **John 1:1-3 & 10**, we again see the Lord Jesus as the instrument of the Father in creation.

Finally in this point, going back to **Genesis 1**, look at verse 26 again, and note God (*singular*) said, "...let us (*plural*) make man (*singular*) in our (*plural*) image." The creation of man & woman was part of the sixth day of Creation. **Genesis 1:26-31.**

And then comparing that to **1 Thessalonians 5:23** quoted above, we see the Triune God working together in Creation.



4. We see evidence of the Trinity in the Virgin Birth.

Hebrews 10:5-9 – “*but a body thou hast prepared me:*” Who prepared the body that was the Lord Jesus’ earthly being for His mission? We can see in the latter verses 7 & 9 in particular it is the Father. Compare this to **John 3:16**. The answer is The Father, for He gave his only Begotten Son.

In **Luke 1:34-35**, we see the third part of the Trinity in the Holy Spirit being active in the Virgin Birth

5. We see evidence of the Trinity in the baptism of the Lord Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17. Of course, we see it was the Son of God baptised (Verse 17- The Father confirms the Deity of God the Son). We then see the Holy Spirit of God coming down as a dove and lighting on Him, as if to confirm they were fulfilling all righteousness (V15), and finally, the Father adding His affirmation to the baptism of His only Begotten Son.

6. We see evidence of the Trinity working together for the success of the Age of Grace.

John 3:16. The Father sent his only Begotten Son to pay the full price for our sins that we can have eternal life through faith in Christ.

John 14:16-17. The Lord Jesus prayed for the Father to send the Holy Spirit of God (i.e. the Holy Ghost – see verse 26), and the Holy Spirit has numerous ministries in this Age of Grace (**John 16:8; John 14:16-17; Ephesians 1:13 & 4:30**).

Hebrews 4:14-16. The Lord Jesus is our Great High Priest in heaven.

7. We see evidence of the Trinity in respect of timing of The Blessed Hope (Rapture).

The Father is the one who determines the day and the hour it will take place. **Matthew 24:36**

The Holy Spirit is the one who holds down everything until the time determined by the Father comes, and He be taken out of the way (Rapture). **2 Thessalonians 2:7**

The Lord Jesus is the one who comes to gather all the redeemed together in Him. **Acts 1:9-11 and 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17**



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THE DOCTRINE OF GOD (PART 4).

THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD

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1 John 5:7

We have looked at thus far who God is, that is, the one and only true Lord God of heaven and earth, and that He consists of a Godhead, meaning consisting of more than one part.

We have then looked at the fact that some of God's attributes are not able to be communicated to us mere mortals like for example, He is all present everywhere (Omnipresent). He also has attributes that are very much communicable, or that He is able to share with us like His standard of righteousness (His standard of what is right and just), and the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace etc...)

We have also studied the fact the Godhead consists of a Trinity: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We will now study individually the three parts of the Trinity - The Fatherhood of God, The Son of God, and The Holy Spirit.

We are going to start with the Fatherhood of God in respect of His part in the structure of the Trinity. Remember, we are never going to fully grasp the Trinity this side of eternity.

So, first, during the Lord Jesus' earthly ministry, whenever He prayed, He prayed to the Father and not to the Holy Spirit.

Why is this? Well, when we study the Word of God, we find that each part of the Trinity has their own r _____ to play.

In the Bible, sometimes when we see the word "God" used, it is referring to the Father, for example:

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

And in this verse, we can see the role of the Father in respect of the Trinity. According to the Strongs Greek Dictionary it means "parent". The Websters 1828 Dictionary puts "Father" in respect of God as He who creates, the director or instructor.

Let us see the Father in respect of His role in the Bible as described above:

1. The Father in relation to the Creation. In **Genesis 1:1** we see the fact that: *"In the beginning God c_____ the heaven and the earth."*

While that verse is speaking of God as the Trinity, let us see the Father as the Creator and director of the Creation.

Ephesians 3:9 reads: *"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:**"* God in this case referring to the Father.

2. The Father sent the Son to be the one perfect sacrifice – John 3:16.

"For God so loved the world that he g_____ his only begotten Son,..."

Let's confirm that by looking at **John 17:25**... *"O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that t_____ hast sent me."* (Talking of the disciples there present with Him that night at the Last Supper when He said "...these have known...").

We can also thereby understand the Father's direction in the creation of the human life that the Lord Jesus had for the purpose of the one perfect sacrifice for sin. Look at **Hebrews 10:5-7**, and we see the Father directed the creation of the sinless human life.



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The verses in **Hebrews 10** cross reference to the verses in **Psalm 40:6-8**. What we can get from looking at these verses is not only that the God the Father sent God the Son, but He had the right time established to do so. **Romans 5:6; Acts 1:7**.

3. The Father has given the Holy Spirit for us in this Age of Grace. John 14:16.

While the Holy Spirit is performing the special role He was always assigned to do during this age (and we can see He was at work at times in the Old Testament like with King David), it was at the Father's design and timing that He was given after the Lord Jesus ascended back to heaven (thus The Lord Jesus had fulfilled His earthly ministry, and the Spirit was given to replace Him).

4. Our devotion in prayer is to the Father for Him to answer according to His will for our lives. Matthew 6:6-13;

The Lord Jesus set the example during His earthly ministry, e.g. **John 11:41-42 & John 17:1**.

In **Romans 8:34**, we see the Lord Jesus is at the right hand of God (The F_____), and makes intercession for us to the Father.

We also see in **Romans 8:26-27**, that the Holy Spirit has a part in intercession in our prayers to the Father, as we seek His will.

5. The Father has determined when the Blessed Hope will take place. Matthew 24:36

We can plainly see this point from this verse in **Matthew 24**. Though we look at the world around us and see prophecy after prophecy being fulfilled, we cannot determine the day or hour, as it is truly only the Father that knows it.

We can however see the times and seasons in respect of when the Blessed Hope (Rapture) will be. This was not always the case. Look in two places, first of all go to **Acts 1:6-7**.

"Times" here meaning a proper time. "Seasons" here means a time of some continuance, but not long. For example, **Ecclesiastes 3:1**- "*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven:*"

At that time on the Mount of Olives, it was not for the disciples to even know the proper period of time for the Blessed Hope. It did not fit in with the purpose of God for them to know that, as they would have known the Lord would not have come back for approximately 2000 years. Would that have made them be less zealous in their walk with the Lord? Would that have made their walk of faith weaker?

But now look at **1 Thessalonians 5:1-3**. By the time Paul wrote this, they were given something to look out for that would indicate the 2nd Coming of the Lord Jesus would be drawing nigh.

So, for you and I these days, we can see much more than the prophecy about peace and safety having been fulfilled in preparation for the Blessed Hope. HOWEVER, we still don't know the day and hour. In fact, we don't know the week, month or year either, but we see we are clearly at the latter end of the times and season that precedes the Blessed Hope.

Only the Father knows the day and hour.

6. At the end of Christ's earthly kingdom, the Lord Jesus will deliver up the kingdom to the Father, and God (The Father) will preside over the judgment of all mankind (but not those in Christ). **1 Corinthians 15:23-25; Revelation 20:11-12.**

