

LESSON 3

THE GODHEAD

DEFINITION: There is one God existing eternally that manifests Himself in three separate and distinct ways: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I. WHOM OR WHAT IS GOD?

A. God is a spirit being.

1. John 4:24
“God is a spirit...”
2. God is Omnipotent. He has unlimited authority and influence.
See: Genesis 17:1, Matthew 19:29, Revelation 19:6
3. God is Omnipresent. He is unlimited by space; he is present at all times in all places.
See: Psalm 139:7-10, Proverbs 15:3, Matthew 18:19-20
4. God is Omniscient. He knows all things, past, present, and future.
See: Psalm 147:4-5, Luke 16:15, Acts 15:18

B. What is the origin of the word “God”?

1. It comes from a Hebrew word, “ELOHIM.” There is no English word to compare to it, it is a singular word with a plural meaning.

II. WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

A. The Trinity is the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead.

1. Matthew 3:16-17
“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.’”

2. John 14:16
“And I (Jesus) will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter (Holy Spirit)...”
3. 1 John 5:7
“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

III. HOW CAN THREE BE ONE?

- A. Because they are of the same substance, and have by proof in God’s word performed in man’s behalf revelation of one another. Just as man is a tri-part being (spirit, soul, body), so God is a tri-part being with each identity working in perfect union with the other.
 1. John 17:11
“...that they may be as one, as we are one.”
- B. These three work perfectly together.
 1. John 5:19. The Son with the Father.
 2. John 15:26. The Holy Spirit with the Son.