

The Eternal Godhead

[S3]

-The Father, Son and Holy Spirit-

**Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin*

1.) How many Gods do we serve and worship? Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is _____ LORD: Mark 12:29 And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, _____, O Israel; The Lord our _____ is _____ Lord: **NOTE: Even Jesus Himself stated that there is but ONE God and one LORD. But you may say, doesn't the Bible talk about several Beings such as the Father and the Holy Spirit? Keep on with the study and we will see what the Bible clearly teaches on this subject.**

2.) Starting in the Old Testament what does Genesis 1:26 and 11:6, 7 say? Gen. 1:26 And _____ said, Let _____ make man in _____ image, after _____ likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Gen. 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is _____, and they have all _____ language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 Go to, let _____ go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. **NOTE: It is always important to let the Bible interpret itself and not use man's opinions. Here we see that plural pronouns [us & our] are used in reference to God. In Gen.1:26 the Hebrew word "Eloheim" is plural "Gods," not "God." Jewish scholars haven't been able to explain this fact. Another interesting point in Gen.11:6 helps to explain the dichotomy between "one" and "plural." Notice it says "Behold, the people are one, and they have all one language." Obviously, we know the word "people" means many individuals but their language was one language which gives the obvious impression that these terms are meant to convey a unity of a single group or unit.**

3.) What other well-known biblical example do we see from scripture that confirms the above truth about a single corporate unit composing of more than one individual? Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a _____ leave his father and his mother, and shall _____ unto his wife: and _____ shall be _____ flesh. 1Corinthians 6:16 What? know ye _____ that he which is _____ to an harlot is _____ body? for two, saith he, shall be _____ flesh. **NOTE: The reason for the scriptural stress on oneness in the marriage union is the fact that God created man/woman in His image and for a happy successful marriage to exist there needs to be oneness and unity in purpose, goals, and principles. The same is with God. As we shall see from scripture, He consists of three individual beings but they are so intimately connected to each other in divine purpose, love, power and character, it is as though they are ONE.**

- 4.) What two Old Testament verses reveal the fact that there are three persons composed of the Godhead? **Isaiah 48:16** *Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the _____; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the _____, and his _____, hath sent _____. **Isaiah 42:1** Behold my _____, whom I uphold; mine _____, in whom my soul _____; I have put my _____ upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. **NOTE: In the first passage according to the context, the one speaking appears to be Christ. It was God the Father who sent His Son on an expensive mission. When Jesus came, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit. EXTRA NOTE: In these Bible Lessons, the term "Godhead" is used instead of "Trinity" because one of the original teachings on the "Trinity" from many centuries of church history and apostasy – was grossly unscriptural and gives a wrong concept of God's true character. The word "Godhead" is mentioned three times in the Bible whereas the word "Trinity" is not found once in God's Word.***
- 5.) What event in the life of Christ Jesus do we see the manifestation of all three members of the Godhead? **Matthew 3:16** *And _____, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were _____ unto him, and he saw the _____ of God descending like a _____, and lighting upon him: **17** And lo a _____ from heaven, saying, This is my beloved _____, in whom I am well pleased. **NOTE: It's quite unmistakable that there are three powers mentioned here in this text. However there are some that will argue that the "Spirit" is only an extension of the Father or Jesus. We will look at that in some of these upcoming scriptures.***
- 6.) In these texts does it sound like the Holy Spirit is just an extended part of the Father or Son? **John 14:16** *And I will pray the _____, and He shall give you _____ Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; **26** But the Comforter, which is the _____, whom the _____ will send in _____ name, _____ shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. **John 15:26** But when the _____ is come, whom _____ will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, _____ shall testify of _____: **NOTE: Take note of these personal pronouns. These strongly suggest a personal separate being that functions within Himself. If the Holy Spirit was merely an influence or power from Jesus, why would Jesus say "another?"***
- 7.) If the Holy Spirit is merely an influence extending from Jesus, is it the nature of Jesus to glorify and exalt Himself? **John 16:13** *Howbeit when _____, the Spirit of truth, is come, _____ will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of _____; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **14** _____ shall _____ me [Jesus]: for _____ shall receive of _____, and shall shew it unto you. **John 8:50** And I seek _____ mine own _____: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. **Hebrews***

5:5 So also Christ _____ not _____ to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee. **NOTE: There is a real problem here if the Holy Spirit is merely an influence or power extending from Jesus because He would be glorifying Himself thereby contradicting what He has plainly said elsewhere.**

Another interesting point which should be mentioned is the fact that God is the very essence of love because it is the very make-up of His glorious character. The very fact that He is from all eternity with no beginning whatsoever, would be contradictory to His character of love to be all alone at some point in an eternity past! This would not make any sense! Also take note that you never see any member of the Godhead whether it be the Father, the Son of God (Jesus) or the Holy Spirit exalt or glorify themselves. They are always lifting up and exalting the other two. They are totally and completely UNSELFISH in character.

- 8.) What other scriptural evidence do we see that the Holy Spirit is not just an impersonal force or power? Let's illustrate this with a few texts by substituting the words "power" or "influence" for the name, "Holy Spirit" –and see how redundant and absurd it becomes!
- Luke 1:35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The _____ shall come upon thee, and the _____ of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The [Power] shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **Luke 4:14** And Jesus returned in the _____ of the _____ into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. **Luke 4:14** And Jesus returned in the power of the [Power] into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. **Acts 10:38** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the _____ and with _____: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. **Acts 10:38** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the [Power] and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him
- Romans 15:13** Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the _____ of the _____. **Romans 15:13** Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the [Power]. **1 Corinthians 2:4** And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: **1 Corinthians 2:4** And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the [Power] and of power.

9.) In what ways does the Holy Spirit exhibit the attributes of a person?

He has intellect -1Corinthians 2:10 *But God hath revealed them unto us by his _____: for the Spirit _____ all things, yea, the _____ things of_____.*

He has knowledge -1Corinthians 2:11 *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? _____ so the things of _____ knoweth no man, but the _____ of God.*

He has a mind -Romans 8:27 *and he that _____ the hearts knoweth what is the _____ of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints _____ to the _____ of God.*

He has emotions -Ephesians 4:30 *And _____ not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

He has a will -Acts 16:6 *Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were _____ of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,*

He testifies -John 15:26b *even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall _____ of Me:*

He teaches - John 14:26 *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, . . . He shall _____ you all things,*

He guides -John 16:13 *Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall _____ you into all the truth:*

He intercedes -Romans 8:26 *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our _____: for we know _____ what we should _____ for as we _____: but the _____ itself maketh _____ for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

He commands and sends out- Acts 13:2-4 *And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the _____ said, _____ me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have _____ them. 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So they, being _____ forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.*

He can be blasphemed - Luke 12:10 *And everyone who shall speak a word against the _____ of man, it shall be _____ him: but unto him that _____ against the Holy Spirit it shall _____ be forgiven. **NOTE: More evidence that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are distinct from one another inasmuch blasphemy against one can be forgiven but not so with the other. All the above characteristics show us that the Holy Spirit is an individual Being Who has His own identity and personality.***

10.) In whose name are we to baptize when bringing souls into God's church? Matthew 28:19 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____: **NOTE: If the Holy Spirit was just an influence or power from either the Father or the Son, it would be rather redundant to mention it again as a distinct third entity. This alone strongly suggests a third distinct Being of the eternal Godhead.***

11.) What does the Apostles Paul and John have to say on this subject? 2 Corinthians 13:1, 14(at bottom of this section) *This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of _____ or three witnesses shall every _____ be established.* **NOTE: If God were composed of a single individual, whatever He would say would be His own and none of His own could witness it. But as stated in the above text there is a Biblical principle that in the face of (at least) two other witnesses a point would be firmly established. What does 1 John 5:9 say about the witness of the Father in behalf of the Son? If we receive the witness of men, the _____ of _____ is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath _____ of his _____. John 5:31, If I bear _____ of myself, my witness is not _____. V.34 But I receive not _____ from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. V.36 But I have greater _____ than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, _____ witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. V. 37a And the _____ himself, which hath sent me, hath borne _____ of me.** **NOTE: Whenever One Member of the Godhead communicates something, the other Two are there to witness and establish it. Now notice verse 14 of the same chapter of 2 Corinthians 13 and verse 14. The grace of the _____, and the love of _____, and the communion of the _____, be with you all. Amen. NOTE: The last verse (14) of ch.13 distinctly mentions three persons that make up God.**

12.) What did the Apostle Peter say in His Epistle on this subject? 1Peter 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the _____, through sanctification of the _____, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of _____: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.* **NOTE: Here we get a little glimpse of the different roles that each member of the Godhead has. They individually do their part in the role of the plan of Salvation.**

13.) What scripture do we see that tells us that the Holy Spirit is [eternal] Himself? Hebrews 9:14 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the _____ offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* **NOTE: The word "eternal" comes from the Greek word "aionios," ahee-o'-nees which means =perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well):--eternal, forever, everlasting, world (began). It only makes sense that if the Holy Spirit is a separate being of the Godhead, then He would be eternal as well as the other two. This means that as God He is from all eternity in the past because God has no beginning or starting point whatsoever.**

14.) Think of the significance of the number 3 in the realms of nature and science.

- The 3 primary colors [Blue, Red, Yellow] which by combination make up all other colors
- The 3 dimensions of space which are left to right, up and down, forward and backward
- The span of time which is past, present, future

--The **3 states of matter** which is solid, liquid, gas

--The **3 forms of energy** which is light, heat, and power

--The **3 universal substances** which are animal, vegetable (plant), and mineral

NOTE: For whatever reason when God created this world, he used the number 3 in these basic laws of the physical realm. It is interesting that the sanctuary/temple that was first constructed by Moses' under the explicit direction of God Himself, consisted of 3 main sections which depicted the marvelous plan of Salvation. [See study on "The Sanctuary After the Heavenly Pattern"] The Sanctuary model was made up of "The Outer Court," "The Holy Place," and "The Most Holy Place." Each of these components deal in a beautiful way with the sin problem and restoring repentant human beings back into the image of God. It reveals how God handles the delicate process of separating sin from the sinner and saving him without taking the dangerous virus of sin back into heaven and polluting heaven and earth all over again.

Brief Quiz

Circle One

- 1.) True/False – “The Lord our God is one Lord” simply means a single (one) unit consisting of three separate Beings.
- 2.) True/False - The Holy Spirit is only an extended influence or a force from the Father & Christ the Son.
- 3.) True/False – The three Persons of the Godhead work intimately and closely together.
- 4.) True/False – The Bible consistently teaches about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that they work together in fulfilling their roles.
- 5.) True/False – Jesus never exalts or glorifies Himself.
- 6.) True/False – The Holy Spirit was sent to comfort and teach when Jesus could no longer be there in Person.
- 7.) True/False – The Holy Spirit has many attributes that can be confined only to a personal Being.
- 8.) True/False – The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have existed from all eternity.

My Response

I can see plainly that the Bible teaches that there are 3 Persons that make up the eternal Godhead who are holy, righteous and good in character and they are doing all they can to save me. It is my desire to cooperate with them.

Signed _____