

The Oneness Doctrine



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The Oneness Doctrine recognizes that the scriptures without any doubt reveals Jesus as the Father, in the Son, and as the Holy Spirit.

The one God is father of all Creation, Father of the only begotten Son, and Father of all who have been washed in His blood. (Deut.32:6; Malachi 2:10; Galatians 4:6; Hebrews 1:5 and 12:9).

We can state, unequivocally that the Doctrine of Oneness can be expressed as two affirmations:

Without any distinction of persons, God is One and absolutely One. (Deut. 6:4 and Gal. 3:20)

All of the fullness of the Godhead incarnate, is Jesus Christ. (John 20:28; Col. 2:9)

In the Holy Scriptures, God, Jehovah, Lord, Father, Word, and Holy Spirit denotes one and the same being, and all are names and titles of the Deity. Manifestations, activity modes, spiritual roles, and aspects of God own self revelation are simply denoted through these various names and titles. (1 John 5:7-8). All designations of the Deity apply to Jesus Christ and all aspects of divine personality are manifested in Him. The world does not understand, but it does not change the fact; Jesus is God, or Jehovah, incarnate. Study the following scriptures that God may give you understanding of this mystery: Isa. 9:6 and 40:9; John 8:58; and 20:28; 2 Cor. 5:19; Col. 2:9; 1Timothy 3:16; and Titus 2:13.

The scriptures speaks of the "Son of God" and the "only begotten Son," whereas the terms God the Son and 'eternal Son' are non biblical. The Son was begotten by the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary, having a beginning, namely, at the incarnation (Luke 1:35; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 1:5-6). The title of Son refers to God's Incarnation, and Christ the man was conceived by the Spirit of God . Therefore he was the Son of God (Matthew 1:18-20; Luke 1:35).

The title of Son at times focuses solely on the humanity of Christ, as in 'the death of his son' (Romans 5:10). At other times it encompasses both His deity and His humanity, as in, "Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven" (Matthew 26:64). It is never used apart from God's incarnation, but, it never refers to deity alone. Therefore, Jesus is the Father incarnate and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit that was incarnated in Jesus and it is Jesus in Spirit form (Isiah 9:6; and 63:16; John 10:30; and 14:9-11, 16-18; Rev 21:6-7; Romans 8:9-11; Phil. 1:19; Col. 1:27).

The real distinction between God and Son. is one that most people do not understand and are not willing to accept the truth according to the scriptures. It is not a distinction of two divine persons. but a distinction between the eternal Spirit of God, which has no beginning and no ending, and the authentic human being in whom the eternal Spirit of God was without controversy, fully incarnate. Now, Jesus was both God and man at the same time, and sometimes He spoke or acted from the divine viewpoint and at other times from the human viewpoint. He spoke from His divine self -awareness at times, as Father. He also at other times spoke from His human self-awareness, as Son. As a man, He related, prayed and submitted himself to God just as you and I and all the human family should do. At the same time God dwelt in and also revealed Himself in the Man (Jesus) with His undiminished character, nature, power and authority.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,..."(Luke 24:45). The revelation of Oneness and its understanding is given to those of whom Christ has chosen. In John chapter 1 we understand that the Word is God's own-revelation, own-expression, or own-disclosure. The Word was the absolute thought, reason, plan, or mind of God, before the Incarnation. In the beginning, the Word was with God, not as a separate and distinct person but as God Himself. In the fullness of time God put flesh on the Word; God revealed Himself in flesh. The word was made flesh, in the person of Jesus Christ,(John 1:14). And God was manifested in the flesh, (1 Timothy 3:16). What has been said is this: The eternal Word was

revealed in the only begotten Son.

Now, the Holy Spirit Title refers to God in Spiritual essence and activity, describing the fundamental character of God's nature. Because God is a Spirit, this Title is particularly used of works that God does; such as anointing, regenerating, indwelling, and sanctifying humanity. (Please read the following; Genesis 1:1-2; Acts 1:5-8)

God's plan of redemption for the fallen human family requires the three roles of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (spirit). Here is the revealing of this mystery; In order to save fallen man, God provided a sinless Man who could die in our place, The Son. In begetting the son and in relating to humanity, God is the Father. and in working in the lives of the human family; to empower and transform them, God is the Holy Ghost.

We must understand that the titles of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost describe the multiple roles and works of God, but they do not reflect an essential threeness in God's nature. Father refers to God in family relationship to humanity. Son refers to God in the Flesh. Spirit refers to God in activity. To give you and example a man can have three important functions or relationships; such as father, son, and husband and yet be one person in every sense. God cannot be defined by nor can He be limited to only an essential threeness.

Be it known unto you, that the Oneness Doctrine is that the name of Jesus, which means Jehovah-Saviour. IS the supreme salvation name by which God has revealed Himself to Humanity and it IS the redemptive name in the New Testament. (Read: Matthew 1:21; Luke 24:47; Acts 4:12; and 10:43; Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 3:17.) The Apostles always baptized by invoking the name of Jesus, and the Church of today should do the same thing. (Read: Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:3-5, and 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 1:13 and 6:11). Jesus is the fullness of God incarnate, and the Name (singular) of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost as described in Matthew 28:19 IS Jesus. (Read: Matt. 1:21; Luke 24:47; John 5:43 and 14:26).