

The Oneness of God

Genesis 1:26

26 And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our 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.

Who was with God in the beginning and who was His image?

Adam was made in the image of God. The image of God **is the man Christ Jesus**. Adam was made after the image of the second Adam Christ Jesus. How do we know?

Colossians 1:12-15

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son**:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

So Adam was made after the image of **Jesus Christ**. So when God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" the image and the likeness of which God was referring to, **was the man Christ Jesus**, of whom was not yet born after the flesh, **but was in the mind of God!!** For God had an **eternal purpose** in Christ Jesus. This purpose was in **the thought, the plan, and the mind of God** before the foundation of the world!!

Ephesians 3:9-11

9 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**:

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold **wisdom of God**,

11 According to the **eternal purpose** which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

So God had an eternal purpose in Christ Jesus our Lord **before the foundation of the world** and Jesus Christ is the **image of the invisible God**. We also have learned that all things were created by **Jesus Christ**.

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these **last days** spoken unto us **by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds**;

Again we are told the worlds were made by God's Son who is Jesus Christ.

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Notice carefully that **Jesus is** the expressed image of God's person!! God is a Spirit!!

John 1:18

18 **No man hath seen God** at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **he hath declared him.**

So no man has seen God at any time. This is because **God is s Spirit.**

John 4:24

24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Jesus in **Luke 24:39** said, "**a spirit hath not flesh and bones,**"

So Jesus is **the image** of God's person!! God **does not have 3 bodies nor is He 3 distinct** persons.

So how did the Son of God, Jesus Christ, create the worlds in the beginning with God? And who is the "Us" that God was referring to when He said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness"?

We have already learned that **the image and likeness** of God that the man Adam was made after was actually **the man Christ Jesus** that was manifested in these last days to **destroy the works** of the devil and to **condemn sin** in the flesh. (See 1 Jn 3:8, Heb 2:14, Rom 8:3)

So how did the Son of God create the worlds in the beginning with God?

The answer is found in the first chapter of John.

John 1:1-3

1 **In the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.**

2 The same was **in the beginning** with God.

3 **All things** were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

So the question becomes **what is the Word** that was with God and was God.

Strong's Concordance - 3056. logos, log'-os; from G3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension a computation; specifically (with the art. in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ)

So then, the Word that was with God and was God **is by definition** something said (including the thought) and also the reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive of what was said. Thus the Word

that was with God and was God, **was the Wisdom of God** that was with God, because Wisdom proceeds **out of the Word** of God!

So the Word is **the thought, plan, and mind of God** that was with God and was God. It was **by this Word** that the worlds were created. This Word 4,000 years later became flesh as the Son of God (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,).

We must remember that **God calls those things which be not as though they were** according to **Romans 4:17. This is how the Son created the worlds** in the beginning with God.

So when God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”, He was **counseling with Himself in the Wisdom of God**. Thus it was **Wisdom** that was with God **in the beginning**, not a second individual in the godhead known as God the Son.

Ephesians 1:11

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to **the purpose** of him who worketh **all things after the counsel of his own will**:

James 1:18

18 **Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

This word of truth that was with God and was God **was the thought, plan, and mind of God** that was with God and was God.

So does this agree with scripture **that Wisdom was with God in the beginning?**

Proverbs 2:6

6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: **out of his mouth** cometh knowledge and understanding.

So out of the Word of God, which is the thought of God, **the Lord gives wisdom**.

In proverbs chapter 8 King Solomon speaking of Wisdom says.

Proverbs 8:12, 22-23

12 **I wisdom** dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

22 **The LORD possessed me** in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up **from everlasting**, from **the beginning**, or **ever the earth was**.

So who was with God in the beginning? **I wisdom was**.

Job also tells us the same.

Job 27:11-12

11 I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain?

Look around and see the Wisdom of God in His Creation!

Psalms 33:6

6 By the **word of the LORD** were the heavens made; and all the host of them **by the breath of his mouth**.

Psalms 136:5

5 To him that **by wisdom** made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Jeremiah 51:15

15 He hath made the earth by his power, **he hath established the world by his wisdom**, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

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Luke 11:49 reads...

49 Therefore also **said the wisdom of God**, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

It was **the Wisdom of God** which spoke this. **For God is Wisdom!!**

To sum this up: Our God is **One** as the scriptures teach us. However, **God is not** One substance made up of three distinct persons. **God is a Spirit** who manifested himself in the flesh **to redeem** mankind from their sins. **Jesus Christ is the expressed visible image of the invisible God**.

Jesus Christ **also revealed to us the Father's name** in the New Testament.

John 5:43

43 **I am come in my Father's name**, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Hebrews 1:4-5

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath **by inheritance obtained a more excellent name** than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son**, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

If Jesus came in his Father's name and by inheritance obtained a more excellent name and His name was Jesus, **then Jesus was the name of His Father**.

Jesus tells us in John 17:6...

John 17:6

6 I have **manifested thy name** unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

And again in....

John 17:26

26 And **I have declared unto them thy name**, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Also we learn that the Holy Ghost comes to us **in the name** of Jesus.

John 14:26

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send **in my name**, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

So **the name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost **is Jesus**. **Jesus is the name of God revealed to us in the New Testament.**

Therefore it is of the utmost importance that **when you are baptized** that you are baptized **in the name of Jesus**. For **the name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost **is Jesus**.

The Apostles **understood this** because Jesus **opened their understanding** to this.

Luke 24:44-47

44 And he said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

45 Then **opened he their understanding**, that they might **understand the scriptures**,

So the Disciples had **full understanding** of the scriptures.

46 And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**

47 And that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

What is His name? **Jesus**.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, **I send the promise** of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued** with power from on high.

This referring to **the Holy Ghost** that was about to be poured out upon the believers.

When the day of Pentecost was fully come and the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the believers, the people present asked **what they must do to be saved**. The Apostles who had **full understanding of the scriptures** and **who were just told to preach repentance and remission of sins in Jesus name** told all the people present **what they must do to be saved**.

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

39 For **the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off**, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

This fulfilled what Jesus spoke to His disciples in Matthew 28:19

Matthew 28:19

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:

The name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is Jesus!!

Acts 4:10-12

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 **This is the stone** which was set at nought of you builders, **which is become the head** of the corner.

12 **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**