

*An Overview of an Interesting Bible Topic...*

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Studies in the Scriptures

# **The Godhead**

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## introduction

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- A study of the Godhead is a very important topic
- This is one of the most misunderstood subjects in all of the Bible today
- What does the Bible teach about the Godhead?
- Are there “three Gods” or “one God”?
- What is the: “divine nature”, “godhead”, “godhood”, “trinity”?
- Is God the Father *the same as* God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?
- How can God/Father be “the head over Christ” (I Cor. 11) and yet Christ be “fully God”?

### terms we should get more familiar with in this type study

- “God”, “Lord”, “LORD”, “Spirit of God”, “Holy Spirit/Ghost”
- “Father”, “Son of God”, “Son of Man”, “Jesus the Christ”
- “Deity”, “godhead”, “divine nature”, “godhood”
- “trinity”, “three are one”, one God, one true and living God
- “omniscient”, “omnipotent”, “omnipresent”
- “gods”, “false gods”, “idol(s)”, “deities”,
- “godhead”, “divine nature”, “godhood”
- “man”, “mankind”, “human”, “flesh”
- praying: to the “Father”, with both “Jesus and the Holy Spirit” making intercession on our behalf, in “Jesus’ name” *i.e. by His authority* per passages like: Mt. 6:9; Rom. 8:26, 34; John 14:13,14; 15:16; 16:23,24

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### helpful passages in this study

- Gen. 1:1, 26; 3:22 Notice “us, our” in 1:26 and be like one of “us”
- John 1:1-14 Word was with God and the Word was God
- Mt. 3:17 Father speaking of Son (please with Self/Another?)
- Jn. 8:58 “I am” (eternal, have been existing always)
- I Tim. 4:1 The (Holy) Spirit “speaks”
- Acts 5:3,4 When they lied to the Holy Spirit = Lying to “God”

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concepts to help our study

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## ONE True Deity (the state of being God)

All members of the Godhead, Godhood, the Divine Nature  
Father is God – Christ is God – Holy Spirit is God

## ONE True Humanity (the state of being human)

All Men, women and children in the world

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## ONE GOD – In Three Persons

Terms: godhead, godhood, divine nature, trinity  
*“Let US make man in OUR own image...” (Gen 1:26)*

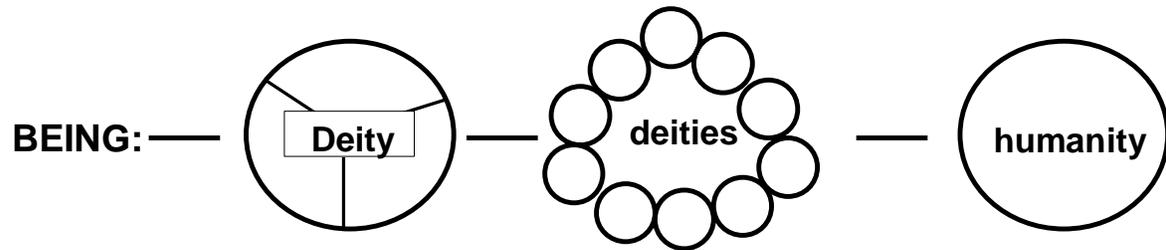
## ONE Humanity – In Many Persons

All Men, women and children in the world from Adam forward

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**NAME:** ——— **God** ——— **gods** ——— **men**

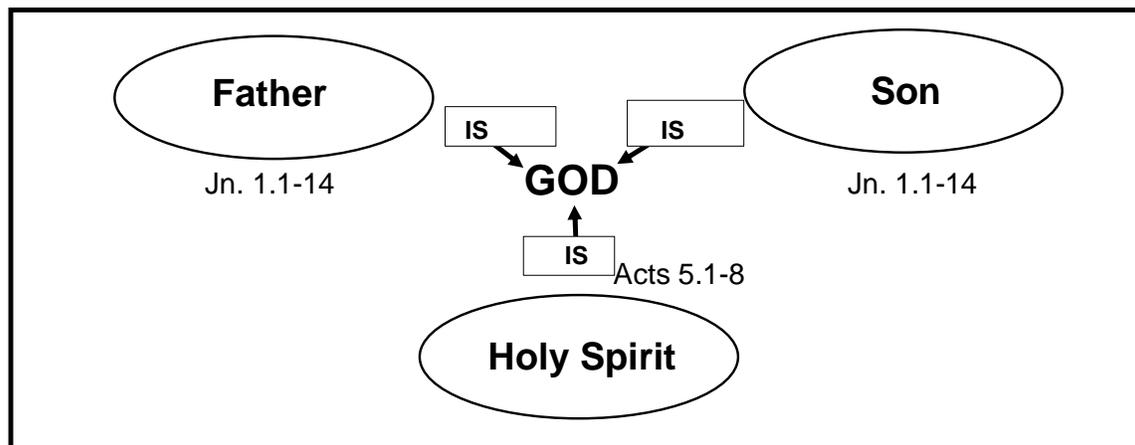


**QUALITY:** — **Divine** ——— **“divine”** ——— **human**  
(false)

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there is ONE GOD (not gods)....

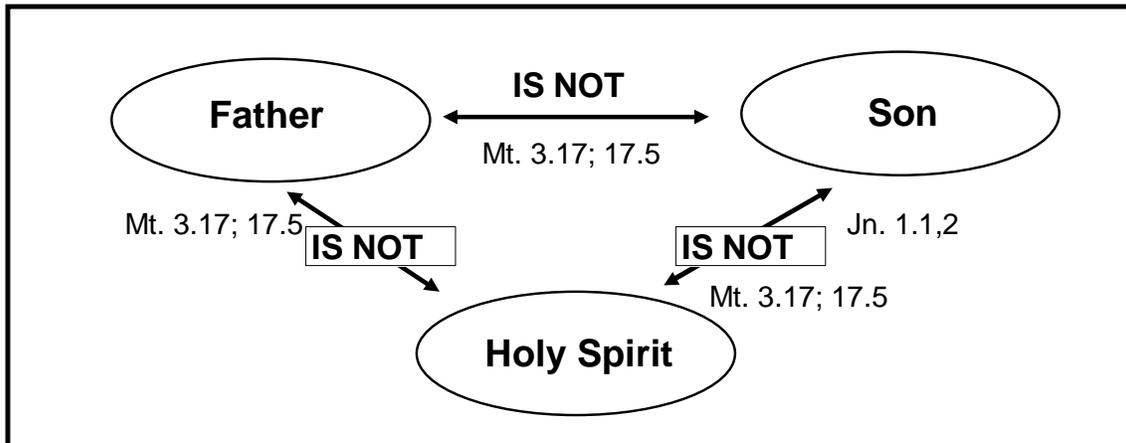
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THREE distinct Persons or Personalities

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Matthew 3.17

“And lo a voice from heaven, saying , This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

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**Since the Father speaks of Jesus Christ as His “Son”, the Father and Jesus Christ (the Son) are NOT the same person!**

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## Matthew 17.5

“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them:  
and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is  
**my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye him.**”

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## John 1.1-14

“In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God**, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning **with God**.<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made . <sup>4</sup>In him was life; and the life was the light of men.<sup>5</sup>And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.<sup>7</sup> The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe . <sup>8</sup> He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.<sup>9</sup> That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.<sup>11</sup> He came unto his own, and his own received him not.<sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:<sup>13</sup>Which were born , not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.<sup>14</sup>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of **the only begotten of the Father**;) full of grace and truth.”

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### the roles of the members of the Godhead (examples)

- the Father receives our prayers, they are to be to Him
- the Son agreed to leave heaven and live, suffer, die and resurrect for all the reasons of fulfilling God's plan of redemption offered to all mankind
- the Holy Spirit agreed to inspire the apostles and household of Cornelius and those upon whom the apostles laid hands, for example, to bring about the inspiration, revelation and confirmation in order for us to have the gospel of Christ (perfect law of liberty) today as the new testament
- Christ was willing to **submit** to the Father's Will (an **agreed upon role that in no way** makes Him "inferior", while at the same time is a "subordinate" role!

**What an example!** In a similar way, women are NOT in any way "inferior" to men, but God has determined the roles of men and women throughout the pages of the new covenant (See I Tim. 2:11,12; I Cor. 14:34,35).

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### conclusion

- I Peter 4:11 We must always try our best to "speak as the oracles of God"
- Our "speech (terminology used) must always follow this directive
- There are things about God we do not know or don't understand fully, but remember:
  - We don't have to understand spiritual information IF:
    - 1) it is such a question that God doesn't give us the answer to (Deut 29:29), or
    - 2) it is not information essential to our salvation,
- Remember: Romans 11:33 - God's ways are past finding out

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Thanks so much for considering the teachings in this lesson!

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