

Doctrine 4 - The Godhead

Mission: 3D Christianity is simply the discipleship process of Jesus Worship Center. It consists of (12) weeks of training by (12) qualified Christian leaders. Just as it is impossible to describe any object without the use of three dimensions, the New Testament mandate to make disciples requires training in at least these three "D's":

- â Discipleship
- ã Doctrine
- ä Disciplines

Goal: The purpose of these four classes is to give the Christian a solid foundation of core New Testament Doctrine.

Introduction

1. **The premise of the entire Old Testament is that there is only _____ and it is His will and His Word that truly matters.**

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Deu 6:5 **And** thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

This is known as the great '_____'. This word simply means *hear* - it is the first word in verse four.

The singular characteristic that separated the Jews from all other tribes of people and religions was their monotheistic view of God.

2. **Why study the godhead? You cannot _____ someone you do not _____.**

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

Mark 12:29 And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments** is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

Mark 12:30 **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Note that God was sure to have the Jew understand that He was only One being - then He proceeds to command them to love Him.

You cannot love what you do not know - thus the conjunction AND is used.

Mat 6:24 **No man can serve two masters:** for either **he will hate the one, and love the other;** or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

3. **God is a _____ . . . and this Spirit robed Himself in flesh in the form of a baby born of a virgin. In so doing, He revealed to us His name!**

John 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

1 Tim 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh,** justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call his name JESUS:** for he shall save **his people** from their sins.

Mat 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Mat 1:23 Behold, a **virgin** shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us.**

Jesus Christ is the fleshly manifestation of God, Who is a Spirit.

4. **Jesus Christ is the Word made _____ .**

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

John 1:14 **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.

5. **This is why Paul was inspired to write that all the fullness of the godhead dwells _____ in Jesus Christ.**

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2:9 **For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**

6. **Even the Apostles had to have Christ _____ His identity to them.**

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
 John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
 John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
 John 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
 John 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
 John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
 John 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
 John 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
 John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

The “veil” that hid Christ’s identity from them all was His flesh. They could not get over the fact that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh.

The phrase, “son of God”, could just as easily be replaced with “_____ of God”, for that is exactly who Jesus Christ is.

- Thomas understood Who He was:

John 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.
 John 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.
 John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

7. The _____ of the New Testament Church is the revelation of the identity of Jesus Christ.

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
 Mat 16:14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
 Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
 Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living

God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

8. What about Matthew 28:19?

Matthew 28:19 records an event known as the _____ .

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

In Matthew 28, Jesus gives a command to the disciples that they are to go, to teach, to baptize, and to make disciples. None of those things occurred in Matthew 28 - only the command is given.

Notice that the verse contains the word 'name' and not 'names'. Jesus commanded the Apostles to baptize in a specific name. I wonder what name He was referring to? Let see.

Jesus is the name of the Father:

John 5:43 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.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Jesus is the name of the Son:

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Jesus is the name of the Holy Ghost:

John 14:26 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.

To see this command fulfilled you need to turn to the Book of Acts - **it's the only book of _____ in the New Testament.** The book of Acts records the actual preaching of

preachers to sinners. It shows the Apostles fulfilling the great commission.

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Acts 2:38 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.

Acts 10:48 And **he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord**. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**.

In all of these examples the Apostles baptized *in the name of Jesus Christ, in the name of the Lord* (which is Jesus), and *in the name of the Lord Jesus*.

When compared with the commandment of Christ in Matt 28, **there are only three logical conclusions**:

- a. There is a mistake in the Bible
- b. The Apostles disobeyed Christ (*as did all other Christian leaders, for the first reference to being baptized using the titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost occurs over 160 years after the death of Christ*).

or . . .

- c. Jesus is the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost!

9. **Understanding the oneness of God answers what may appear to be contradictions in the Bible.**

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended _____ to heaven, but he that came _____ from heaven, even the Son of man which _____ in heaven.

Remember, this is only the third chapter of John. Jesus is not crucified till chapter 19. How can He be with them on the earth and in heaven at the same time? ...Unless there is more to Him "than meets the eye."

Who raised Christ from the dead?

John 2:19 ". . . Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the _____, who raised him from the dead;)

Who's sending the Holy Ghost?

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, **whom the _____ will send in my name**, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; **but if I depart, _____ will send him unto you.**

Who is the _____ and the _____ ?

Isa 44:6 " . . . I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." (This is the Old Testament - Jehovah God is speaking here).

Rev. 1:11 Jesus is speaking here, ("Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last")

10. The dominant _____ of both testaments is that our God is one!

It is the first of the Ten Commandments:

Exo 20:2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Isa 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.**

Isa 43:11 I, even I, am the LORD; and **beside me there is no saviour.**

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 **One Lord**, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 **One God and Father** of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.