Understanding the Godhead Part 1

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

- 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
- 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
- 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deuteronomy 32:39

39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

So up to this point, we see that the Lord our God is one Lord and there is no god with Him.

2 Samuel 7:22

22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is <u>none like thee</u>, <u>neither is there any God beside thee</u>,

Deuteronomy 4:35 {it also says that there is no god beside Him.}

35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.

This is very important to understand. Now we know that God is one Lord, and there is no god with him, neither is there any god beside of Him.

Isaiah 43:10-11

- 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.
- 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour

Here we see that not only is there no god with Him, or beside of Him, there also was no God formed before Him, neither shall there be any god created after Him.

James 2:19 {reinforces that the Lord is one God. It reads,}

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

So, we have just read in Isaiah that the Lord said beside me there is no saviour. Now listen to what it says in,

Acts 4:10-12

- 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that <u>by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth</u>, 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 <u>Neither is there salvation in any other</u>: for there is none other **name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Here we see that God said beside me, there is no saviour, and we just read in Acts that there is no salvation in any other name but Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 3:16

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

This verse tells us that God manifested himself in the flesh as Jesus.

Colossians 2:1-9

- 1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;
- 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Notice in these verses that Paul desires all the people to be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto the riches of the understanding of the mystery of God, the Father, and of Christ. The three things he mentioned was the mystery of God, the Father, which is God, and of Christ, which is the anointed one of God.

3 <u>In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge</u>.

- 4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.
- 5 For though I (Paul) be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.
- 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
- 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Hear the Reason to be rooted in the faith!!!

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.

9 For in him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

This is very important. We have just learned that in Jesus is all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

An example of what Paul was referring to when he said in verse eight, beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, would be the Trinitarian doctrine. One can go research the two councils that were responsible for this change in the teaching of Christ. They are the Council of Nicea and the Council of Constantinople. This is a prime example of being spoiled by man's philosophy and vain deceit. They took place hundreds of years after Jesus' death and the teaching of the gospel.

Is it possible for anyone to know the mystery of the Godhead? The answer to this question is yes according to:

Romans 1:19-22

- 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for <u>God hath</u> showed it unto them.
- 20 For the invisible things of him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, **even his eternal power and Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:
- 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Again verse 20 very clearly states that even his eternal power and Godhead can be

understood.

So to recap what we have learned thus far. We now know that God is one Lord, that there is no god with Him, or beside of Him, that there was no God formed before Him, neither shall there be any god created after Him, and that beside Him there is no Saviour, and that there is no other name, but Jesus Christ, given under heaven where by we must be saved. We also learned that in Jesus Christ is all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and that the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ can be understood.

The next scripture that will help to better understand the Godhead is,

Matthew 1:23

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.

Now we see that Jesus Christ is God with us.

John 14:9 (listen to Jesus' reply to Philip.)

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?

Now listen to something very important!!!

In **John 16:23-25** we find out that Jesus spoke in proverbs concerning the Father.

- 23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
- 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- 25 <u>These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs</u>: but the time cometh, when <u>I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs</u>, but I shall show you plainly of the Father.

You may be wondering what a proverb is,

A <u>Proverb</u> is: a short saying stating a truth or piece of advice.

To better understand the proverbs Jesus spoke concerning the Father let's read,

Isaiah 9:6

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

This was a Bible Prophecy concerning the birth of Jesus Christ, stating that he would be The mighty God and The everlasting Father. Now, Recall **Matthew** 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.

There is only One....

Ephesians 4:4-6

- 4 There is <u>one body</u>, and <u>one Spirit</u>, even as ye are called in <u>one hope</u> of your calling;
- 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

There is only One body,

The Body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:5

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

There is only One Spirit,

The Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ.

Romans 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but <u>in the Spirit</u>, if so be that the <u>Spirit of God</u> dwell in you. Now <u>if any man have not the Spirit of Christ</u>, he is none of his.

There is only One hope,

Eternal life through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:13

13 Looking for that <u>blessed hope</u>, and <u>the glorious appearing of the great God and</u> our Saviour Jesus Christ;

There is only One Lord,

Jesus whom God made both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:36

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that <u>God hath made that same Jesus</u>, whom ye have crucified, <u>both Lord and Christ</u>.

There is only One Faith, The teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:27

27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh <u>the gospel of Christ</u>: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that <u>ye stand fast</u> in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

There is only One baptism, The baptism into the death of Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:3

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were <u>baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death</u>?

There is only One God, His name was manifested by Jesus Christ.

John 17:6

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

There is only One Father, His name was declared by Jesus Christ.

John 17:26

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

There is only One door,
The door which is the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10:7

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, I am the door of

the sheep.

There is only One name, Every knee shall bow before Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:9-10

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

I would like to pose to you a question.....

1 John 3:8

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

If Satan had not sinned and the son of God then not manifested, would you have any reason to believe that there is a Trinity?? Of course not. Why? Because God wouldn't have had to manifest himself as the Son of God to remove sin from the world.