

# Review of Godhead Study

## Part 1: Father & Son



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# OPENING COMMENTS



☞ Local Ad – Sermon Audio

☞ Post signs – tentative

After Study Convo:

☞ John the Baptist, the 24 Elders

☞ One last comment...

# OPENING COMMENTS



- ❧ Biblical church
- ❧ Philippians 4:21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.
  - ❧ Romans: 25-35 ppl mentioned
- ❧ Colossians 4:15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house.
- ❧ 1 Thessalonians 5:26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.
  
- ❧ OPENING PRAYER

# What we covered so far



Our journey started 2 years ago and we reviewed:

- ❧ Guiding Principles (ROEs)
- ❧ Foundational Basics
  - ❧ OT Covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic)
- ❧ Daniel Series – End Times foundation
  - ❧ The Great Statue
  - ❧ Four Great Beasts
  - ❧ The Ram & Goat
  - ❧ 70 Weeks
- ❧ Revelation chapters 1-5

# What we will cover today



☞ The excursions we took

Before our long extended break

☞ We started chapter 6 and the breaking of the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal, but we also went on quite a bit of an excursion

☞ Since we left off in chapter 6 and will pick things up in chapter 6, we will save that for next time

☞ But for today, I'd like for us to revisit our excursion...

# Excursions



- ✧ Equality with God
- ✧ Unashamed of the Godhead
  
- ✧ These 2 studies were really a by-product of years of study at least for me personally
- ✧ It can be said that after plowing the Word for 20+ years it was time for that Word implanted in me to bear its fruit – and boy did it!
- ✧ Here were some of those truths and learnings...

# Key Learnings from Both Excursion Studies



- ❧ Jesus is and was in fact GOD IN THE FLESH, but Jesus is and was NOT God the Father in the flesh
  - ❧ Jesus asked His disciples ‘Who do you say that I am?’
  - ❧ Peter answered “You are the CHRIST, the SON OF THE LIVING GOD” – Mt 16:16
- ❧ The disciples’ confession is our confession as well
  - ❧ JESUS IS AND WAS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD IN HUMAN FORM



# Key Learnings from Both Excursion Studies



✧ Although Jesus is and was GOD IN THE FLESH, there were some limitations even to His greatness and omniscience compared to His Father:

John 14:28 (Jesus's Own lips) You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, **for the Father is greater than I.**

Matthew 24:36 (Jesus speaking) "But of that day and hour [concerning His coming and the end of the age] no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, **nor the Son, but the Father alone**

✧ Like the apostle Paul, I anticipate some resistance to this...



# Rebuttal



- ✧ But some might say, yes that is true, but that's because Jesus was also human
- ✧ And that humanness somehow limited His omniscience and greatness

✧ And to that I reply with Scripture:

Philippians 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He [speaking of Christ Jesus] existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped

Colossians 1:19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him [speaking of Christ Jesus]

- ✧ So even though Christ was human, he never ceased to possess all attributes and qualities or the fullness of being God!

# ADMONITION



- ❧ We can't pick and chose our doctrine on Who God is
- ❧ The Scripture forms our doctrine
- ❧ Jesus was and is God, God the Son in the flesh, but yet in certain things the Father placed limitations on Him for a time
- ❧ There was more to support this...

# Key Learnings from Both Excursion Studies



∞ The fact is Jesus called His Father “My God”

As He was dying on the cross He cried out “**MY GOD, MY GOD**, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” – Mt 27:46, Mk 15:34

In the letter to Sardis Jesus said there “Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of **My God**.” – Rev 3:2

In the letter to Philadelphia Jesus said there “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of **My God**, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of **My God**, and the name of the city of **My God**, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from **My God**, and My new name.” – Rev 3:12

# BONUS SCRIPTURE



- ☞ Hebrews chapter 1
- ☞ Still not convinced
- ☞ Let's hear from the Father's very own lips His opinion as to Who Christ is

# Hebrews 1



Hebrews 1:5-14 (NASB)

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say,  
“YOU ARE MY SON,  
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”?

And again,

“I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM  
AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME”?

6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,  
“AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.”

# Hebrews 1



7 And of the angels He says,  
“WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,  
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.”

8 But of the Son He says,  
“YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,  
AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.  
9 “YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;  
THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU  
WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”

# Hebrews 1



10 And,

“YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH,

AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

11 THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN;

AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT,

12 AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP;

LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.

BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,

AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”



# Hebrews 1



13 But to which of the angels has He ever said,  
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,  
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES  
A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET”?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

TRUTH: I want to point out a truth in verses 8-9

# Hebrews 1



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“YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,

AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

9 “YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;

THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU

WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”

TRUTH: The Father addresses Christ as “O GOD”, yet also addresses Himself to Christ as “GOD, YOUR GOD”

# Key Learnings from Both Excursion Studies



- ❧ So although Jesus is and was God, the Christ, the Son of God in the flesh, He is and was not the Father, He is not greater than His Father, for a time He was not as fully omniscient as His Father
- ❧ In fact the Father is His God and our God too
- ❧ Thus, when Jesus was calling God His own His Father claiming equality with God in John 5 or when Paul speaks of the humiliation and exaltation of Christ in Phi 2, this did not mean that Jesus and the Father are 50/50!
- ❧ Nor does this does not mean that the Father/Son/Holy Spirit are 1/3 equal and that No One in the Godhead is greater than the other!

# GREAT TRUTH



The great truth in the matter is:

- ❧ The Father is the Undisputed Greatest God! God Almighty! Most High God!
- ❧ The Son is the Undisputed Greatest and Only Son of God! Only Begotten of God Almighty! Son of the Most High God!
- ❧ And the Father has granted all His authority in heaven and on earth, including the title Lord and Savior to Christ Jesus!
- ❧ As Paul put it, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess to this! - Phi 2:10

# Key Learnings from Both Excursion Studies



- ❧ Our Lord Jesus will say AMEN to this!
- ❧ So when the Scripture speaks of Jesus being equal with God, it is simply to be understood that Jesus is to be treated equally the same as His Father
- ❧ The Father's will is that all would honor the Son as they honor Him! -Jn 5:23
- ❧ The Son's will is to do the will of His Father!
  - ❧ "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me" - Jn 4:34
  - ❧ "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." - Jn 6:38
- ❧ Apart from the Father, Jesus alone is to be fully worshiped, adored, loved and obeyed!