



Bethel Discipleship Series

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SCRIPTURE TEXTS:

2 Corinthians 5:19 – “To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself...”

1 Timothy 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.”

I. THE PERSONA OF GOD

- A. God is an invisible Spirit and cannot be seen by the human eye.
- *John 4:24* – “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
 - *1 Timothy 1:17* – “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God...”
 - *1 John 4:12* – “No man hath seen God at any time...”
- B. God’s full being is beyond the capability of man’s understanding.
- *Romans 11:33-34* – “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?”
- C. We must not try to define God’s person, character or nature through our own thoughts, ideas, or assumptions. Our understanding of God must be based upon the infallible witness of His Word, the Bible.
- *Isaiah 55:8-9* – “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
 - *John 5:39* – “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think [realize] ye have eternal life: and they [the scriptures] are they which testify of me.”

II. VIEWPOINTS ON THE PERSONA OF GOD

- A. Atheism – The belief that there is no God.
- *Psalms 53:1* – “...The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...”
- B. Agnosticism – The belief that God is unknown and unknowable.
- *Isaiah 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.”
 - *Jeremiah 24:7* – “And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.”
- C. Pantheism – The belief that God is nature or the forces of the universe.
- *Deuteronomy 4:15-24* – “Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude [image, idol] on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb [Sinai] out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun,

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and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, ...Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee. For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.”

D. Polytheism – The belief in many gods – that more than one God exists.

- *Psalm 96:5* – “For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.”
- *1 Cor. 8:4* – “we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.”

E. Monotheism – The belief that there is but one God.

- *Deuteronomy 6:4* – “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.”
- *Deuteronomy 4:35* – “Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside Him.”
- *Isaiah 43:10* – “Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD ... 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.”
- *Isaiah 44:6, 8* – “Thus saith the LORD ... I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God ... Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is no God; I know not any.”
- *Isaiah 45:5-6* – “I am the LORD, and there is none else; there is no God beside me...that they may know from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.”
- *Isaiah 45:21-22* – “... Who hath declared this from ancient time?...Have not I the LORD? And there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else.”
- *Isaiah 46:9* – “Remember the former things of old. For I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me.”
- *Malachi 2:10* – “Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?...”
- *Eph. 4:6* – “[There is] one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”
- *James 2:19* – “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well. The devils also believe, and tremble.”

III. OLD TESTAMENT DESIGNATIONS OF GOD

A. YHWH

1. In the Old Testament, God revealed Himself through the name *YHWH*, which is the English rendering of the Hebrew tetragram (four consonants) representing the name of God. The original pronunciation of this name is uncertain. When the vowels of *Adonai* (Hebrew for Lord) were attached to the consonants in the medieval era, the word *Jehovah* resulted. *YHWH* is also frequently pronounced as *Yahweh*.
 - a. *YHWH* is associated with the Hebrew verb *hayah*, which means “to exist” or “to become” – it refers to The Eternal, Self-existent One. The literal translation of *Yahweh* or *Jehovah* is, “I AM THAT I AM” or “I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE.” (I am whatever I want or need to be.)
 - *Exodus 3:13-14* – “And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you, and they shall say to me, What is His name? What shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM, and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto You.”
 - b. The name *Jehovah* (*YHWH*) is usually translated by the word “LORD” (all capital letters) in the King James and other versions of the Bible.
2. After the writings of the Old Testament were completed, both *Jehovah* and *Jah* (the abbreviated form of *Jehovah* which is translated “I AM”) were considered too sacred to pronounce. To avoid using the name

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of God in vain (Exodus 20:7; Deut. 5:11) the Hebrews decided around 300 BC to stop pronouncing the name altogether. Whenever they came upon it while reading, they would say “my Lord” (*Adonai*).

3. Today, Christians speak the name of God freely, since Jesus taught believers to speak in a familiar way to God. We are not to use God’s name carelessly, foolishly, profanely or in vain – but we can speak His name freely and unreservedly.
4. The name, *Jehovah*, is used in many enlightening ways in the Old Testament:
 - *Jehovah-jireh* (Genesis 22:14) “The Lord, my provider”
 - *Jehovah-ropha* (Exodus 15:26) “The Lord, my healer”
 - *Jehovah-nissi* (Exodus 17:15) “The Lord, my banner”
 - *Jehovah-qadash* (Exodus 31:13) “The Lord, my sanctification”
 - *Jehovah-shalom* (Judges 6:24) “The Lord, my peace”
 - *Jehovah-tsabaoth* (1 Samuel 1:3) “The Lord, of hosts”
 - *Jehovah-elyon* (Psalm 7:17) “The Lord, most high”
 - *Jehovah-roi* (Psalm 23:1) “The Lord, my shepherd”
 - *Jehovah-tsidkenu* (Jeremiah 23:6) “The Lord, my righteousness”
 - *Jehovah-shammah* (Ezekiel 48:35) “The Lord is there”

B. EL – ELOHIM

1. In the Old Testament, the word, *Elohim*, is used more than 2,500 times. *Elohim* is not a name, but a title.
2. *Elohim* is plural for the word *El* which means God in the Semitic (descendants of Shem) languages.
 - **Exodus 6:3** – “And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty (*El Shaddai*), but by my name *Jehovah* was I not known to them.”
3. Although the word *Elohim* is plural in form, it is always used with singular verbs and adjectives. The plurality of the word refers to the plurality of attributes, capabilities, and faculties of God. Scholars agree that the word *Elohim* refers to one God, the singular deity, and never to a plurality of Gods.
 - a. One God – One *Elohim* – A Plurality of Characteristics
 - *God is Love* – 1 John 4:8
 - *God is Light* – 1 John 1:5
 - *God is Holy* – 1 Peter 1:16
 - *God is Mercy* – Psalm 103:8
 - *God is Grace* – Psalm 103:8
 - *God is Patient* – Psalm 103:8
 - *God is Gentle* – Psalm 18:35
 - *God is Righteous* – Psalm 129:4
 - *God is Good* – Romans 2:4
 - *God is Perfect* – Matthew 5:48
 - *God is Just* – Isaiah 45:21
 - *God is Faithful* – 1 Cor. 10:13
 - *God is Truth* – John 17:17
4. In Deuteronomy 5:9 all three Hebrew words denoting “God” are used in one sentence.
 - **Deuteronomy 5:9** – “I, the LORD (*Yahweh*) your God (*Elohim*), am a jealous God (*El*).”

IV. MANIFESTATIONS OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

- A. In Old Testament times, God revealed Himself in numerous forms and manifestations.
 - God appeared to Abraham in the form of a man (Genesis 17:1; Genesis 18:1-3).
 - God appeared to Moses in the form of a burning bush (Exodus 3:2-6).
 - God appeared unto the elders of Israel on Mount Horeb (Mount Sinai) (Exodus 24:9-11).

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- God appeared unto Isaiah the prophet in a vision (Isaiah 6:1-4).
1. Each of these manifestations, however, was just a temporary expression of God's invisible person.
 2. It is important to remember that we cannot see God because He is a Spirit – no man has ever seen God (1 John 4:12). All we can see with our human eyes is a manifestation or expression of Him.
- B. The invisible God manifested Himself (revealed Himself, made Himself visible) in the flesh of Jesus Christ. God actually robed Himself in flesh and became a man.
- **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.**”
 - **Isaiah 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.**”
 - **Colossians 1:15** – “[Jesus Christ] ...Who is the **image** [visible form] **of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:”
 - **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, Shew us the Father?”
 - **1 Timothy 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.**”
1. 1 Timothy 3:16 (above) begs a simple yet powerful question – “Who?” When we answer this question, we discover a startling revelation of how conclusively this invisible God revealed Himself to the world.
 - Who was this fleshly manifestation? – Jesus Christ! (John 1:14; 1 John 4:2)
 - Who was justified in the Spirit? – Jesus Christ! (Acts 3:14; 1 Peter 3:18)
 - Who was seen of angels? – Jesus Christ! (Luke 22:43; John 1:51)
 - Who was preached unto the Gentiles? – Jesus Christ! (Ephesians 3:8; 1 Timothy 2:7)
 - Who was believed on in the world? – Jesus Christ! (John 11:27; John 12:46; Acts 11:17-18)
 - Who was received up into glory? – Jesus Christ! (Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9)
 - a. Jesus Christ is obviously the subject of these specific events listed in 1 Timothy 3:16 – and yet the apostle Paul says it was God! This scripture reveals that Jesus Christ is “God manifest in the flesh,” the invisible God revealed in visible form.
 2. All of the Godhead (all divinity) is found in Jesus Christ. He is not “a” God or just a “portion” of God – He is the fullness and completeness of the one, almighty God.
 - **Colossians 2:8-9** – “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. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”
 3. When we look at Jesus Christ, we see God – Jesus Christ is the embodiment of God.
 - **John 14:7-9** – “If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know him and have seen Him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 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, Shew us the Father?”
 - **2 Corinthians 4:3-6** – “But if our gospel is hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not; lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them...For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of

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God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

- **1 John 1:1-2** – “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it and bear witness and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us).”

C. When we truly understand who Jesus is, we will respond, as did the apostle Thomas, when He saw Jesus after His resurrection.

- **John 20:26-28** – “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. 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. And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**”

V. THE NAME JESUS

A. The angel, Gabriel, revealed the name of the anointed one, the Messiah, Emmanuel, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father.

- **Matthew 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.”

1. In Hebrew, this name is pronounced *Yehowshua* or *Yeshua*. (Greek – *Iesous*; in English – Jesus.) This name means “*Jehovah* has become our salvation.”

2. The word “Christ” is translated from the Greek word *Christos* which in turn is taken from the Hebrew word *mashiyach*” which means anointed one, Messiah.

B. The name Jesus is the culmination of the name of God. It is the most exalted name ever revealed to mankind.

- **Acts 4:10-12** – “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. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
- **Philippians 2:9-11** – “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

C. When we say “Jesus,” we are declaring that “*Jehovah* has become our salvation.” It is this name, Jesus, that we should use when calling upon God.

- **John 16:23** – “...[Jesus said] Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.”
- **Colossians 3:17** – “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”

D. In understanding the name of God, we must realize that God did not change His name – He simply revealed Himself in a more personal way as Redeemer and Savior. In other words, we no longer need to refer to God as simply *Jehovah*, but we can now call Him “*Jehovah* our Savior” – “JESUS.”

E. The name of Jesus is the source of eternal life – salvation.

- **Acts 4:12** – “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given

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among men, whereby we must be saved.”

- **John 20:31** – “*But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*”
- **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.”*

VI. JESUS – FULLY GOD

A. Jesus was God manifest in the flesh (*1 Timothy 3:16; John 1:14*). All the fullness of God was in Jesus Christ (*Colossians 2:9*). On several occasions, Jesus actually affirmed that He was *Jehovah*, the I AM, however, most of those who heard His declarations refused to believe them.

- **John 8:58-59** – “*Jesus said unto them, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I AM. Then took they up stones to cast at him; but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple...”*

1. Later, Jesus again declared Himself to be *Jehovah*, and like before, his listeners desired to kill Him for His proclamation.

- **John 10:30-33** – “[*Jesus said*] *I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.”*

- a. The disbelievers had it wrong – Jesus was not a man making Himself God; He was God making Himself man!
- b. What the cynics thought was blasphemy was actually the greatest event of all history – *Jehovah* God had come in the flesh to seek and save the lost!

B. Luke used the words “God” and “Jesus” synonymously, further revealing that Jesus is God:

- **Luke 8:38-39** – “*...Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.”*

C. After Christ’s resurrection, Thomas referred to Jesus as his “Lord and God.”

- **John 20:26-28** – “*...then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said...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. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God!”*

D. Jesus did not disagree with the statement of Thomas. In fact, He responded favorably:

- **John 20:29** – “*Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed. Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.”*

E. We must truly understand that Jesus Christ is our Lord and our God! The scriptures reveal this great truth over and over again. In the chart below, remember that the Hebrew name *Jehovah* is translated as LORD in the Bible.

Jehovah IN THE OLD TESTAMENT	JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
<u><i>Jehovah is Unchanging</i></u>	<u><i>Jesus is Unchanging</i></u>

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JEHOVAH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT	JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
<p>Malachi 3:6 – “For I am the LORD [Jehovah], I change not...”</p>	<p>Hebrews 13:8 – “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is Omnipresent</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 23:24 - “Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is Omnipresent</u></p> <p>Matthew 18:20 – “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is Omnipotent</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 10:12 – “He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is Omnipotent</u></p> <p>Matthew 28:18 – “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is Omniscient (all-knowing)</u></p> <p>Job 21:22 – “Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.”</p> <p>Psalms 139:1-4 – “O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off ... For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is Omniscient (all-knowing)</u></p> <p>John 16:30 – “Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is Sinless</u></p> <p>Deuteronomy 32:4 – “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is Sinless</u></p> <p>1 John 3:5 – “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is the Judge</u></p> <p>Psalm 9:7-8 – “But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.”</p> <p>Psalm 50:6 - “And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is the Judge</u></p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:10 – “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”</p>

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JEHOVAH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT	JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
<p><u>Jehovah is The First and The Last</u></p> <p><i>Isaiah 44:6</i> – “Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is the First and the Last</u></p> <p><i>Revelation 1:11</i> – “Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is the King</u></p> <p><i>Psalms 24:10</i> – “Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is the King</u></p> <p><i>John 1:49</i> – “...Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is the Lord of Lords</u></p> <p><i>Deuteronomy 10:17</i> – “For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God...”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is the Lord of Lords</u></p> <p><i>Revelation 17:14</i> – “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb [Jesus Christ] shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings...”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is the Holy One</u></p> <p><i>Isaiah 43:3</i> – “For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour...”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is the Holy One</u></p> <p><i>Acts 2:25-27</i> – “For David speaketh concerning him... thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is the Saviour</u></p> <p><i>Isaiah 43:11</i> – “I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is the Saviour</u></p> <p><i>Luke 2:11</i> – “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah is the True God</u></p> <p><i>Jeremiah 10:10</i> – “But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king...”</p>	<p><u>Jesus is the True God</u></p> <p><i>1 John 5:20</i> – “. . .that we may know him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah will dwell among us</u></p> <p><i>Zechariah 2:10</i> – “Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.”</p>	<p><u>Jesus will dwell among us</u></p> <p><i>John 1:14</i> – “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.”</p>
<p><u>Jehovah lifts up His Hand and says, "I live forever!"</u></p> <p><i>Deuteronomy 32:39-40</i> – “See now that I, even I, am</p>	<p><u>Jesus lifts up His Hand and says, "I live forever!"</u></p> <p><i>Revelation 1:17-18</i> – “And when I saw him, I fell at</p>

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JEHOVAH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT	JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
<i>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. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.”</i>	<i>his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen...”</i>
<p><u>Jehovah's name alone is excellent</u></p> <p><i>Psalm 148:13 – “Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.”</i></p>	<p><u>The name of Jesus is above every name</u></p> <p><i>Philippians 2:9 – “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.”</i></p>
<p><u>Every knee shall bow to Jehovah</u></p> <p><i>Isaiah 45:22-23 – “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.”</i></p>	<p><u>Every knee shall bow to Jesus</u></p> <p><i>Philippians 2:10-11 – “That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”</i></p>
<p><u>Jehovah is the Creator</u></p> <p><i>Isaiah 44:24 – “Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself.”</i></p>	<p><u>Jesus is the Creator</u></p> <p><i>John 1:10 – “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”</i></p>
<p><u>Jehovah is the Head above all</u></p> <p><i>1 Chronicles 29:11 – “Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.”</i></p>	<p><u>Jesus is the Head of all</u></p> <p><i>Colossians 2:9-10 – “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.”</i></p>

VII. JESUS – FULLY MAN

- *1 Timothy 2:5 – “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”*

- A. Jesus, as God, was the Creator of the universe; but, as a man, He was subject to all the emotions and limitations that accompany the human flesh. Although He was God, He willingly submitted Himself to the limitations of a human body.

Experiences of Jesus the Man:

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<u>Temptation</u>	<i>“...Jesus the Son of God...was in all points <u>tempted</u> like as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15</i>
<u>Reverence For Authority</u>	<i>“And he went down with them [his parents], and came to Nazareth, and was <u>subject</u> unto them...” Luke 2:51</i>
<u>Weariness</u>	<i>“...Jesus therefore, being <u>wearied</u> with his journey, sat thus on the well...” John 4:6</i>
<u>Grew in wisdom</u>	<i>“And Jesus <u>increased in wisdom</u> and stature...” Luke 2:52</i>
<u>Persecution</u>	<i>“And all they in the synagogue...were filled with wrath...and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill...that they might cast Him down headlong. But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way.” Luke 4:28-30</i>
<u>Sleep</u>	<i>“And he was in the hinder part of the ship, <u>asleep</u> on a pillow...” Mark 4:38</i>
<u>Hunger</u>	<i>“... And in those days he did eat nothing; and ...he afterward <u>hungered</u>.” Luke 4:2</i>
<u>Thirst</u>	<i>“After this, Jesus...saith, I <u>thirst</u>” John 19:28</i>
<u>Anger</u>	<i>“...He had looked round about on them with <u>anger</u>, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts.” Mark 3:5</i>
<u>Joy</u>	<i>“In that hour, Jesus <u>rejoiced</u> in spirit...” Luke 10:21</i>
<u>Sorrow</u>	<i>“Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding <u>sorrowful</u>, even unto death.” Matthew 26:38</i>
<u>Weeping</u>	<i>“Jesus <u>wept</u>.” John 11:35</i>
<u>Death</u>	<i>“But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was <u>dead</u> already, they brake not his legs; but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.” John 19:33-34</i>

B. If Jesus is God, how could He die on the cross? God cannot die – it was the man, Christ Jesus, who died on the cross. In fact, the man, Christ Jesus, did not wish to die. He prayed that His “human will” would not interfere with His “divine will.”

- **Luke 22:41-44** – “And he...kneeled down and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove

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this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done...And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly...

1. Here we see the flesh praying to the Spirit; the human nature praying to the divine nature. As a fleshly being, Jesus knew He would feel the pain and suffering that was coming and His flesh desired to avoid it. However, His divine nature knew that it was for this purpose that He had come into the world.
 - **Philippians 2:7-8** – “*But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*”
2. Jesus Christ, the man, hung on the cross, burdened with our sins, suffering in human agony. Just before His death, Jesus called out to God in human desperation:
 - **Matthew 27:46** – “*... Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*”
3. Immediately before His death, the divine nature that cannot die departed the human body, leaving the man to die, seemingly forsaken and smitten of God. (Isaiah 53:4 -5)
4. Thus, God did not die on the cross, because God is an eternal, invisible Spirit. It was the human body of Jesus Christ (in whom God dwelt) that was sacrificed for our sins. And when this same human body of Christ was resurrected from the dead, Jesus said to His disciples:
 - **Revelation. 1:18** – “*I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*”

VIII. CONCLUSION

Understanding the identity of Jesus Christ is fundamental. Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh. To comprehend the “mystery of godliness” we must recognize that Jesus Christ had a dual nature; He was both God and man. As God, He created all things; He knows all things; He judges all things. As a man, He experienced the same emotions and temptations that are common to all men; yet, He remained sinless and became the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He was fully God and yet fully man. Jesus Christ is Emmanuel – God with us!

Additional reading material (available through the Pentecostal Publishing House):

Essentials of Oneness Theology, David K. Bernard
Ancient Champions of Oneness (Revised), W. Chalfant
The Oneness View of Jesus Christ, David K. Bernard
The God of Two Testaments, Robert Brent Graves
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