

THE DIVINE NATURE OF CHRIST Mount Zion 7th Day COG (UK Int. Conference) Written by International President and Presiding Bishop E S Henry

Note: Jesus is fully divine and fully human. Hence "Jesus is God". God is by nature, a **spirit** (John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."). The Eternal One, the Creator of all things; and of course, of all men, thus making Him their Father (through creation).

He is the **FIRST** and the **LAST** and beside Him there is no other. (**Isaiah 44:6** Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.)

There was no God formed BEFORE Him, neither shall there be after Him.

The title "Father" used by Jesus, refers to **Deity** (Divine quality or nature)

SON

Jesus is the **SON** of <u>God according to the flesh</u> (**Romans 1:3 concerning** his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh), and the very God Himself according to the Spirit. **Jesus** is the **Christ** (**Matt 1:23** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us));

- **God** made **flesh** (**John 1:1-14 1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.
- 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.
- 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
- 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
- 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
- 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God
- 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
- 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.)

God is not a man, he does not think like man, he does not behave as men. God is all spirit, having absolute power and authority to do whatever and whomsoever he will. God is transcendent (above the range of normal physical man), Jesus who is God on earth (fully human and fully Devine), took upon himself flesh to redeem fallen man back to him. The reason is because He is spirit having all power and authority.

This Spirit (the mighty power of God) could not deal directly with mankind in redeeming them, that's why as I have already said he became flesh to redeem man. That's how the word was made flesh dwelt amongst us Jesus through the Virgin Mary, came in order to work with us. God in his divine power could not come to earth in the full blown power as denoted above to mingle or work with us in our human form. Hence he prepared himself a human body to redeem mankind. Who is called Jesus who have saved his people from their sins? Matthew 1:21 refers.

Let me now use one of my metaphorical argument:-

The Spirit who is God (the mighty power) could not deal directly with mankind in redeeming them, that's why as I have already said he became flesh to redeem man. Let me use the example of an electrical engineering terminology in reference to redeeming man. Let us now look at God as a high voltage 33000 volts system emanating from a generating station. This type of voltage could never come directly to our homes, industries, offices and automobiles, for us to use for our daily consumption.

What happens in an "engineering" situation like this is that:— different types of transformers are deployed to decrease the high voltage to a decreased low voltage system say between 600v, 400v, 220v, 110v, 24v, 12v etc. I made this statement due to the fact that, I am a retired mechanical, electrical building services consulting engineer.

In all this Great is the mystery of godliness. No man or woman can fully understand who is God and how he works. All we have to do is accept who he is and thank God through Jesus he has made us a part of the family of God. 1 Timothy 3:16 New King James Version (NKJV) Refers:—

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

God manifested in the flesh (1 Tim 3:16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.); He which was, which is, and which is to come. THE ALMIGHTY (Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Isaiah 9:6. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace)

To this Jesus Himself testified when he said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the father" (John 14:7-11); and "I and the Father are ONE" (John 10:30).

Since it took the shedding of blood for the remission of sins of the world (Hebrews 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.), God as the Father being a Spirit had no blood to shed; so He prepared a body of flesh and blood (Hebrews 10:5 Christ's Death Fulfills God's Will

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you have prepared for me.

To do your will, O God.' "), that He might fulfil the prophecy of Isaiah 43:11; "Beside ME there is no SAVIOUR"; and caused the angels to sing "For there is born this day in the city of David, a SAVIOUR which is CHRIST THE LORD".

Hebrews 1:3 refers to Jesus as "the express image of [God's] in flesh". No wonder Jesus could say "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9)

The title Son, used by Jesus Christ, and by Deity (Divine quality or nature) (such as at the Jordan baptism) refers to humanity.

HOLY GHOST

The HOLY GHOST is not the third person in the Godhead, but rather the manifestation of the Spirit of God (the Creator), and of the resurrected Christ, coming to dwell in the hearts and lives of all men who will be obedient to the gospel, and the Comforter, Sustainer, and the Keeper (John 14:16-26. Jesus Promises Another Helper

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Indwelling of the Father and the Son

- 19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."
- 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"
- 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who

does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

The Gift of His Peace

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies Jthrough His Spirit who dwells in you.).

When we use the title "Holy Ghost" after the Day of Pentecost (or when Jesus used it referring ahead to this era), it is referring to the immanent (permanently pervading and sustaining the universe. Often contrasted with transcendent.) God, who works in human lives for regeneration BY that spirit since Pentecost.

So there are not three GODS, or persons, but three manifestations of ONE GOD who we know by the revealed face of God, Jesus Christ, God in Flesh.

"These three are one" (1 John 5:7) states; For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

Note: Short Research Commentary from Nelson's Study Bible (NKJV) New King James Version

• John 1:2 Moreover the word was God. The word order in Greek shows that the word was 'God' not a God. This is straight forward declaration of Christ's Deity since John use word to refer to Jesus.

- Jesus is life and light. Those who accept Him are sons of light (John 12:35-36). As the creation of light was the beginning of the original creation (Gen 1:3). So when believers receive the light, they become part of the new creation (2 Cor 4:3-6; John 1:6). John the Baptiste is here contrast with Jesus. Jesus is God. John was a man.
- John 1:18 **No man has seen God**. God is Spirit (John 4:24) and is invisible (see Col. 1:15; 1 Tim 1:17) unless God chooses to reveal Himself. Humans cannot look at God and live (Ex 33:20). Abraham, the friend of God, did not see God. Even Moses, the lawgiver, could not look at God's However, the Son is in intimate face Ex 33:22-23). relationship with the Father, face to face with God (see John 1:1; John 6:46: 1 John 1-2). God became visible to human eyes in the man Jesus. It is through seeing the Son that we see God. We cannot see Him today but we know Him through His word. The bosom, or chest, is used here to designate a close and intimate relationship (see John 13:23; Luke 16:23). The One who is the Father's only **begotten son** and who knows God intimately came to earth and **declared Him**. Declared can also mean "explained".