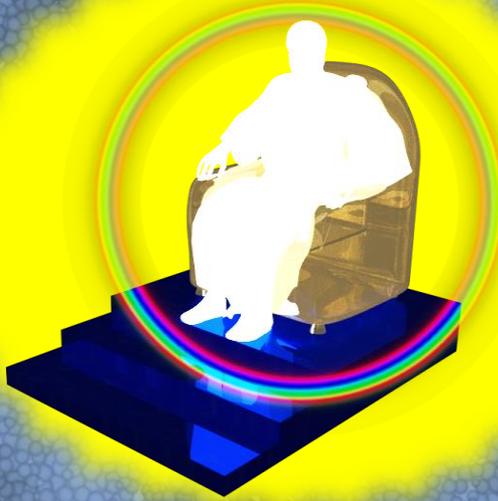




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Lesson 5

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A Story to Ponder...

A minister had been left with a tiny baby to rear when his wife died in childbirth. Tenderly and faithfully he fulfilled his double role of father and mother. No mother ever displayed more love in caring for her own.

One day when the little boy was old enough to talk and understand what was going on around him, he was sitting on the front row listening as his daddy spoke on the Love of God.

The minister was comparing God's love to a mother's love.

"What could be as great as a mother's love for her little child?"
the minister asked his congregation.

The little boy had the answer immediately.

"I know, Daddy," he said; "a daddy's love!"

Who is God? Let's look to see what the Bible reveals about God.



Isa. 44:6 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.



The Lord says that He is the _____ and the _____, and that there is _____ besides Him.

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:



The Bible is very clear, that there is only **One God**. But it should be noted that the word that is translated as "God" throughout the O.T. is the word "'elohiym" which is the "plural" form of the word for "deity".



Gen. 1:26, 27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion...over all the earth...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.



The Bible says that mankind was made in the _____ of _____ .



Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.



The Bible says that a man and his wife are _____ .



So just like a man and woman who get married form one family yet there is more than one member in that family - the Godhead is like a family unit - there is only one - yet when it says "God", it is talking about more than one being! So how many members are there in the Godhead?



Isa. 48:12-17 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth...I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God...



The Lord says that _____ and _____ hath sent _____.



So how many members does God himself refer to?
3 members



Matt. 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:



Christ tells us to baptize in the name of the _____ and the _____ and the _____.

Once again, the Bible confirms, that there are 3 members to the Godhead in heaven.



1John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (John 14:16)



And again, the Bible confirms that there are 3 members of the Godhead, and it says that these 3 members are one.

Notice that the first of these 3 members is referred to as "the Father," He is likened to a Father, so that we can understand his role or position that he holds. When we think of a "father figure" we usually think of someone who is the head of the household, the leader or the one in charge; he is the one who is considered the protector of the children and the family.



Psalms 103:13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.



Matt. 5:45, 48 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: ...Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.



The Bible compares us to _____ and refers to God as our _____.



Now this can give you some idea of God the father's role, however, it is not quite accurate when viewed from a human perspective because each member of the Godhead has the same authority as the others. Yet, because of their unselfish nature, they all point humans to the other members.



John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Matt. 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

John 16:13,14 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.



The Bible shows that the members of the Godhead all give _____ to the other members.



1 Cor. 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

John 14:9-17 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? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me...And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth;..."

CONCLUSION

The Scriptures clearly state that there is only one God. Yet, there are three living persons of the heavenly trio. The Godhead is composed of these three great powers---the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.