

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Leo Derrick—arm improving
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—Asst. Living
- ♦ Donna Parish—surg. recovery
- ♦ Jim Ward—surgery recovery

Others in Need

- ♦ John Branch—in hospital
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ♦ Mr. Martin—ICU
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Taylor Mashburn—pregnancy complications
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Audrey Murdock—broke 2 ribs
- ♦ Peggy Preece's daughter, Angel—blood clot

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- ♦ Patty Ryan—better results
- ♦ Gene Taylor—cancer
- ♦ Randall Ward—slow cancer
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—radiation was ineffective
- ♦ Christians overseas, Ukraine
- ♦ Government leaders, military, 1st responders, travelers, the lost, and our enemies.

Events



July 17-20

Mossy Head Gospel Mtg.

July 31-Aug. 3

Union Hill Gospel Meeting

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

To Our Visitors

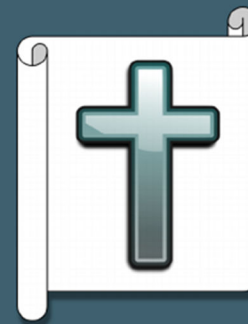


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Leo Derrick
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Justin Derrick
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Mark Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Josh Lawson, Johnny Moss
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Justin Derrick
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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"The Head of Christ is God"

Part 1, by Jason Patrick Hilburn

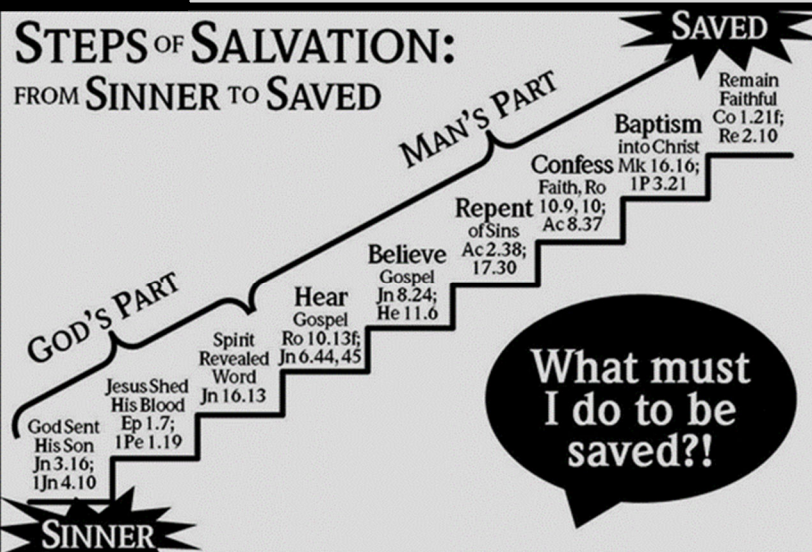
Although the title above is a direct quotation from a very plain and clear New Testament Scripture (I Cor. 11:3), many refuse to accept the Truth contained therein. In fact, entire books have been written about the Godhead with I Corinthians 11:3 completely ignored. Why is this plain teaching so controversial?

Are God the Father and God the Son equal in every single way? Now that Jesus is back in Heaven, is He no longer subordinate to God the Father? Is there not a difference in authority? May the reader understand that this writer fully believes in the Deity of Christ and the propriety of worshiping Christ in ways that are clearly authorized by the Scriptures (e.g., singing to Him and meditating on His sacrifice during the Lord's Supper – Eph. 5:19-20; I Cor. 11:23-29). However, this writer also believes that there is a great deal of misunderstanding about the Godhead that should not exist. An example of such is the very common belief that Jesus is now equal with God the Father in every single way. Is that what the New Testament teaches?

First of all, why is this subject important to understand? It is important because: 1) It is a part of God's revealed Word that He expects us to study and understand (Eph. 3:4; 5:17); and 2) if people do not understand this, they may incorrectly conclude that all Three

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).



"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

Godhead Members are equal in every possible way. Such misunderstandings have caused people to do things in worship that the Scriptures do not authorize. What does the Bible teach?

BEFORE THE INCARNATION

Was Jesus under God's authority before Jesus became a man? First consider the pattern of God accomplishing things through Jesus after Jesus came to earth: 1) in revelation: "God...hath...spoken...by His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2; cf. Jn. 17:8); 2) in reconciliation: "God...reconciled us...by Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 5:18; cf. Eph. 1:5; I Th. 5:9); 3) in the resurrection: "He...shall raise up us also by Jesus" (II Cor. 4:14); and 4) in the judgment: "God shall judge...by Jesus Christ" (Rom. 2:16; Acts 10:42; 17:30). This is a clear pattern, indicating that the Second Person of the Godhead carried out the will of the First Person, being in submission to Him. However, the same type of language is also used of the Second Person before He came to earth! For example, Jesus actively fulfilled the Father's will in creation: "God...created all things by Jesus Christ" (Eph. 3:9; cf. 3:11; Jn. 4:1-2; Heb. 1:1; I Cor. 8:6). This statement is exactly like those above, which indicate the pattern of God having a plan that Jesus was sent to execute. Jesus taught that he who sends is greater than he who is sent (Jn. 13:16; 14:28). Jesus was sent by God to become a man (Jn. 3:17; 17:8, 25; I Jn. 4:14). That is why the writer of Hebrews used the word "Apostle" when referring to Jesus, which means "one sent" (Heb. 3:1). There are also several Old Testament passages which seem to indicate that the Second Godhead Member may have been sent by God as a divine "Angel" (Messenger) at various times during the Old Testament (cf. Gen. 31:11-13; Ex. 3:2-ff; 13:12; 14:19; 23:20-23; Josh. 5:13-15; Jdg. 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 10:4). However, no man hath seen God at any time (Ex. 33:20; Jn. 1:18; 6:46; I Jn. 4:12), and the Bible reader never reads of God the Father being "sent" anywhere by anyone! The pattern seen in the Second Person is one of submission to the authority of the First Person, including the time before Jesus' incarnation.

Someone may wonder about Philippians 2, which says that Jesus was "*equal with God*" before His incarnation. First of all, the phrase "*equal with God*" does not inherently mean equal in every possible way. The discussion of John 5:18 in the next section will hopefully make that clear. What is being emphasized in Philippians 2 is the "*form*" of the Second Person, both before and after He became a man:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of

God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 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 (Phil. 2:5-8).

The teaching here regarding equality with God is that Jesus was, in eternity past, in the glorious "*form*" of Deity (glory like that of the Father), but willingly changed His "*form*" into the humble form of man. This does not mean that God was not over Jesus in authority before Jesus came to earth, and aforementioned passages would indicate otherwise. Please see this table comparing the times before and after Christ's incarnation:

"EQUAL WITH GOD" (Phil. 2:6; Jn. 5:18)		
	BEFORE JESUS' INCARNATION	AFTER JESUS' INCARNATION
1ST PERSON OF GODHEAD	100% DIVINE, 0% MAN; ABOVE ALL IN AUTHORITY	100% DIVINE, 0% MAN; ABOVE ALL IN AUTHORITY
2ND PERSON OF GODHEAD	100% DIVINE, 0% MAN; GLORIOUS FORM OF GOD (Jn. 17:5,24; Phil. 2:6-8); EQUAL WITH GOD'S <u>NATURE</u> IN EVERY SENSE (NO HUMAN NATURE). Sent by God - (Gen. 31:11-13; Ex. 3,13,14,23; Jdg. 2; 1 Cor. 10:4; Jn. 3:17; 13:16)	THE DIVINE MAN; HUMBLE FORM OF MAN; HUMAN NATURE, LOWER THAN ANGELS (Isa. 53:2; Heb. 2:9-16; Lk. 20:36); BUT STILL "EQUAL WITH GOD," BEING DIVINE (Heb. 1:6-9; Jn. 5:18; cf. Jn. 14:28)
3RD PERSON OF GODHEAD	100% DIVINE, 0% MAN (Was sent - Psa. 104:30)	100% DIVINE, 0% MAN (Sent by God/Jesus-Jn. 14-15)
ANGELS	LOWER THAN GOD, HIGHER THAN MAN	LOWER THAN GOD, HIGHER THAN MAN
MAN	LOWER THAN GOD & ANGELS	LOWER THAN GOD & ANGELS

To be continued next week, if the Lord wills...