

## “The Fulness Of The Godhead Bodily”

### Colossians 2:9

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- Reading: Hebrews 1:1-14 – *“so much better than the angels”*
- Our class studies on Authority indicate that there is some disagreement and confusion regarding the nature of God and how He is manifested

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- The Godhead
  - Colossians 2:8-9 – *“the Godhead bodily”*
  - Acts 17:29 – *“not to think that the Godhead is like...”*
  - Some translations (i.e. – NASV, ESV) use “deity” in Colossians and “Divine Nature” (NASV) or “divine being” (ESV) in Acts
  - Let’s further define the concept

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- The Godhead
  - Genesis 1:1 – *“In the beginning God...”*
  - This is the Hebrew word “*elohiym*” (אֱלֹהִים)
  - A plural, masculine word
  - Used 2,596 times in the Old Testament

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  - Genesis 1:26-27 – *“Let us make man in our image...”*
  - Genesis 11:6-8 – *“...let us go down, and there confound their language”*

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  - Deuteronomy 4:35, 39 – *“there is none else besides him”*
  - Deuteronomy 6:4 – *“Jehovah our God is one Jehovah”*

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### ■ The Godhead

- A difficult concept to grasp
- Three persons – One God
- The Jews understood
  - John 12:34 – *“the Christ abideth for ever”*
  - John 15:26 – *“the Spirit of truth”*

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### ■ The Godhead

- God is three persons, unified with one thought
  - John 17:22 – *“even as we are one”*
- In previous lessons we have studied the characteristics of the Godhead

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### ■ The nature of Jesus Christ

- The divine, eternal nature of the Christ
  - *“christos”* = anointed
- John 1:1-5, 14-17 – *“in the beginning with God”*
- John 17:5 – *“before the world was”*

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### ■ The nature of Jesus Christ

- Christ was one of the *“us”* in Genesis
- The complete equal of God
- No indication at all of subjection or subservience

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### ■ The nature of Jesus Christ

- Only two Old Testament scriptures to consider regarding subjection
  - Psalms 2:7 – *“this day have I begotten thee”*
    - Hebrews 1:5
  - Psalms 8:5 – *“a little lower than the angels”*
    - Hebrews 2:7

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### ■ The nature of Jesus Christ

- While on this earth, Jesus:
  - Accepted worship
    - Luke 4:8 – *“him only shalt thou serve”*
    - John 9:35-39 – *“he worshipped him”*
  - Performed miracles
    - Mark 5:35, 41-42 – *“Arise”*
  - Forgave sins

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- The nature of Jesus Christ
  - While on this earth, Jesus:
    - Forgave sins
      - Luke 5:20-25 – *“thy sins are forgiven ... who can forgive sins, but God alone? ... the son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins”*

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- The nature of Jesus Christ
  - The human nature of Jesus
    - “Jesus” = “Jehovah is salvation”
  - Galatians 4:4 – *“born of a woman”*
  - Luke 2:48-51 – *“he was subject unto them”*
  - John 5:19, 30 – *“The Son can do nothing of himself”*

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  - The human nature of Jesus
  - Think “Christ” + “Jesus”
  - “Christ” is the eternal deity, equal to all others in the Godhead
  - “Jesus” is the human who bled and died
    - Matthew 1:20 – *“of the Holy Spirit”*

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  - The human nature of Jesus
  - Must we limit Christ Jesus to a single nature?
    - He completely gave up any attributes of deity when He was born
    - He had no human attributes at all

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- The nature of Jesus Christ
  - The human nature of Jesus
  - Both are false
  - Luke 8:25 – *“Who then is this”*
  - Hebrews 4:15 – *“tempted like as we”*
  - Luke 24:19-21 – *“we hoped”*

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- The nature of Jesus Christ
  - Unlike us, Jesus was able to be 100% man at the same time that He was 100% God
  - How can this be?
  - Deuteronomy 29:29 – *“The secret things belong unto Jehovah our God...”*

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- To conclude:
  - Christ, the Messiah, **chose** to leave Heaven
    - Hebrews 2:7 – *“a little lower than the angels”*
    - John 10:14-15 – *“I lay down my life...”*
  - Voluntarily subjected Himself to the Father

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- Remember, Jesus said –

*“I and the Father are one”*  
(John 10:30)

## “What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- Hear the Word of God
  - Romans 10:8
- Believe in that Word
  - Romans 10:11
- Repent of your sins
  - Acts 3:19
- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
  - I John 4:15
- Be immersed in water (baptized)
  - Acts 2:38