



## *Who is really God*

### **Introduction**

In the next three sessions I am going to take us all on a discovery of who the God head really is. So we are going to discuss the God head is, what their functions are and what makes them God:

- Who God is?
- Who Jesus is?
- Who the Holy Spirit is?

Many people are confused and do not understand who God really is and what He really does. Sadly very few pastors actually handle these issues in the church today.

I do not want to confuse you but we all need to know who God really is. So with this in mind, let's get into today's message.

### **Who is God?**

In essence God is the creator and supreme being of this entire universe and universes we are not aware of.

God has always existed as a three part being. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They are three individual persons who are indivisible, that is you cannot divide them and say here is God, or Here is the Holy Spirit.

Having said that they each function in their own offices. These three individuals that form the ONE God. Each have an individual function, each have individual personalities and each perform various different tasks, but each one is God and together they all are God and are indivisible.

This might sound confusing and with our natural minds here on earth we cannot completely comprehend the three part God being ONE God.

So let's look at another example that you will understand to explain the God concept of three individuals being ONE.

It is like an egg. To have an egg you must have the shell, the yoke and the egg white. An egg without a shell is not an egg, and an egg without a yoke is not an egg or an egg without a white is not an egg. We might call it an egg but it is not an egg unless the three parts are one.

Now I must hasten to say in the God head each of the three beings are individual persons and can be divided and can be identified by their individual personalities but these three persons together are the ONE God!

### **What makes God, God?**

So what makes someone or some being God, what are the special characteristics that a god must have in order to be considered God Almighty!

Once we understand what God is like and what the characteristics of a God are, will we be able to understand and test if for instance any other person, persons, or being are God or not.

So I am going to explain just five areas that we will use to test if a person, persons or beings could possibly be God. Remember there are numerous factors which make God, GOD but these



five facets of God are sufficient to determine if someone, some people, or some being claims to be god. We can use these five areas to test if in fact they are GOD ALMIGHTY or just pretender. Remember if only one is violated then that person, being, religion is not our God Jehovah being served!

### **Five areas of Godliness** **Always existed**

Firstly in order to be God, the being or person must exist before the creation of the entire universe when there was nothing, no light, not darkness, no plants, nothing and the person or being must be the creator of everything that is needed in this universe from nothing.

So in order to be God this being must exist outside of the creation and make everything in the universe.

### **All knowledgeable**

Secondly, in order to be God, the being or person must have incredible knowledge and understanding of everything in creation. This is called **Omniscience**, it means to know everything about everything, even knowing the decision that individual people will take based on a set of options.

This God would need to know each part of His creation intimately and have the knowledge to create worlds where His creation can live.

He would need to know everything about His creation, our names, the names of the stars and planets, the number of hairs on our head, etc.

This God will even know the future and past. What will happen to you and I but also what will or has happened in history.

### **Immortal**

Thirdly, in order to be God, this being or person will need to be immortal, that means to exist for ever in the past or future. This God would have the power over life and death and be able to create life and take life.

This God would be immortal, He cannot be destroyed or killed by anything!

### **Power over creation**

Fourthly, in order to be God, this being or person will need to have incredible power. Power over all the elements, power over His entire creation, power over all created beings. Biblically we call this **Omnipotent**.

This God would be able to speak to nature and it reacted in the way that God spoke. He would say a Word and things will fall into place just by the power of His Word.

### **Unlimited by space and time**

Fifthly, in order to be God, this being or person will have power to be everywhere at the same time. Biblically we call this **Omnipresence**. He will be with you and you and you and those people in America, Asia, Europe and the rest of the world. Where ever you are He will be there with you.



## The Test

So now that we have a basis of Who God is, now you and I can test any god or person who claimed to be God but using just these five Godly characteristics. And just to emphasis there are millions of things that make Jehovah God, who is the God of Israel and the God of us Christians. That He, and only He is God!

So let's just for a moment take these five Godly characteristics and see if the world's god is able to pass any of these tests and then we will look at the God head and test to see if the Father, Son and Holy Spirit pass the tests. Any contender must pass all the tests, not failing any point, we are only looking at five of millions of characteristics. If anyone is violated then their being, person is not Jehovah, the God of the Israel and the God of Christianity!

I am in no way trying to bad mouth or blaspheme any religion in any way, so I am just going to take these five basic characteristics to see if Satan is God. So for this we can use these five simple tests I just talked about to test if anyone else, any other religion. If their god is God or not!

## Satan / Lucifer – the god of this world (Ephesians 2:1-3 / 2 Corinthians 4:4)

Satan is known by two names, Lucifer and Satan, not many people know this and also why his name changed. So I will tell you. While serving God in heaven, he was known as Lucifer. He was the most beautiful being God had created, notice I said Lucifer was created – so he already fails one of the tests.

While in heaven, Lucifer being so beautiful and in charge of the worship in heaven, started to believe that he was better than God and could defeat God and ruler of the entire universe. So he tried to over God by getting a third of the angels to rebel with him against God authority.

It was during the rebellion to God, he and the third of the angels were defeated by God and he, with a third of the angels who rebelled against God, half of these fallen angels were judge immediately and are currently locked up in prison. And the rest together with Lucifer were thrown out of heaven to earth where they currently live.

When this happened, Lucifer lost his power and his name, which was change to Satan. So whenever you read in your Bible about Lucifer, that passage is referring to Satan and when he was the beautiful archangel in heaven. And when you hear of Satan, that is talking about him here on earth.

In fact the Bible says Satan has authority of the first and second heaven which is earth and the stellar heavens but he was thrown out of the domain of God which is the third heaven.

So in this small passage I just shared with you, if you want to read about it, you and look at Isaiah 14:12-16, we see that at least three of our five God characteristics have been violated and remember only one has to be violated for the person, being not to be our God, Jehovah!

## Always existed

The Bible says that Satan and the Angels were created by God.

## All knowledgeable

Although Satan is knowledgeable about some things, he does not know everything. If he did know everything like he claims then why did he still crucify Jesus Christ, because by doing that he paved



the way for Christ Jesus to pay the ultimate price for the sins of the entire world.

### **Immortal**

Satan is immortal and is all the beings created by God, including you and I. So Satan is immortal because God made him immortal but he will be eventually locked in the lake of fire never to escape for all eternity.

### **Power over creation**

Satan has now power at all unless you give it to him. All the power that Satan had was taken away from him when he was thrown down to earth when he fell. The only power that he has is the power that he has stolen from mankind.

In fact Satan has been stripped of power twice. Once at the fall when he was cast down to earth and stripped of his heavenly powers and another time when Jesus Christ went down to Hell and humiliate him in the presence of everyone in hell and Christ took away the keys of death and hades.

### **Unlimited by space and time**

Satan is limited by time and space. He cannot not be everywhere at the same time. If he is by you then he is not with the other 7 billion people in the world. What makes it seem like he is everywhere is that Satan has authority over the angels that fell with him and they work in this world and report to him and so it seems he is everywhere but he is not.

### **Conclusion**

So based on what the Bible says, Satan cannot not be God, Jehovah the God of Israel and Christian's because he fails in almost all five and what about the millions of other Godly characteristics?

### **Jesus Christ**

Next we will look at Jesus Christ.

#### **Always existed**

According to John 1:1-5, Jesus Christ was present with God at to beginning of creation. In fact Jesus Christ is known as the Word and it was the Word that was spoken and created everythogn that God commanded.

Turn in your Bibles to John 1:1-5 *"<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."*

If you read further in this chapter you find that the Word, the Light are none other than Jesus Christ, God's son!

So Jesus Christ asses the first test with flying colours. He existed before time and as present at creation.

#### **All knowledgeable**

Jesus Christ is all knowledgeable and was able to predict the future accurately. When He met



Peter, He told Peter you are Simon son of Jonah (John 1:41), He told Nathanael, that He saw sitting under the fig tree before Philip spoke to him (John 1:43-50) and many, many others.

In Matthew 24, Jesus tells His disciple what the end times will be like. In Chapter 26 He tell Peter that he will deny Him three times, and that His disciples will be scattered. Time after time Jesus proved that He indeed was God and He even said this many times.

So here too, Jesus Christ passes this test will flying colours.

### **Immortal**

Jesus Christ is immortal a currently is alive and well in heaven. You might say yes but Jesus Christ died on the cross and this is true but after three days, which He predicted, He rose again.

I do not know if you have read the crucifixion account carefully? Let's read about Jesus death on the cross.

Turn in your Bible to **Matthew 27:45-56** <sup>45</sup> *From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.* <sup>46</sup> *About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").* <sup>47</sup> *When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."* <sup>48</sup> *Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.* <sup>49</sup> *The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."* <sup>50</sup> *And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.*

So Jesus gave up His Spirit. He was not killed, He had to give up His Spirit. But He lives for ever. If you want to read what Jesus did when He died read **1 Peter 3:18-22**.

In **1 Peter 3:22** we read that is alive in Heaven, this is the Third heaven where God stays. So Jesus is ALIVE right now and thus passes this third test perfectly.

### **Power over creation**

As we read in John chapter 1, and many other places Jesus Christ was present at creation and created all things. So if he created all things then He too has power over all things

### **Unlimited by space and time**

Jesus Christ is unlimited by space and time. On earth Jesus Christ chose to be bound by the Laws of nature and also time and space, but as part of the God head He is beyond space and time. He even appears right through the Bible as the angel of God or as the Son of God as Jesus Christ Himself!

So Jesus Christ is God. He claimed He is God and that was no lie. The angels, Satan and demon acknowledge Jesus Christ as God and as God's son.

### **Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit might seem a little more difficult to prove as God but it is not because wherever God the Father or God the Son goes, God the Holy Spirit is there with them.

The Holy Spirit was sent to earth to help us once Jesus Christ finished His earthly ministry and He is here right now. He is our comforter and friend and He reveals the Father and Son to us. He is



working right now in your heart proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord. He convicts you of your sin as your conscience.

### **Always existed**

The Holy Spirit has existed right through the Bible, whenever you read about the Spirit of God, that is the Holy Spirit and so in Genesis we see God's Spirit moving across the waters and working right through the Bible in people's lives.

So the Holy Spirit qualifies as God and passes this test with flying colours.

### **All knowledgeable**

Again He is all knowledgeable, He knows everything about you, the Bible says that He takes your prayers and brings them before God with groans **Romans 8:26-27**, the Word says

*<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

So the Holy Spirit is all knowledgeable in all areas especial in each and every one of our lives.

### **Immortal**

The Holy Spirit is immortal because He is God but also because He has always existed and thus cannot die.

### **Power over creation**

In Genesis Chapter 1 we see the Spirit of God or Holy Spirit hovering over the darkness and waters in creation, so He too was present at creation.

### **Unlimited by space and time**

The Holy Spirit is unlimited by time and space because He is with you and I at the same time, all over the world.

### **Conclusion**

So in conclusion the entire Godhead is God, and all three pass the test of Godship. But Satan fails four of the five and even each of us today fail on four of the five because we are all immortal but not all knowing, we do not have any power over creation, we are limited by time and space and we were not present at creation.

Only God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are God almighty. Only these three qualify to be called Jehovah God, the God of Israel and God of Christians.

Now if God is God almighty and Jesus Christ is His only Son who will you serve today?

If the Bible says that Jesus Christ is the only way to God, which way will you choose?

John 3:16 says that

*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*



God the Father loves you so much, that He gave you and me, His only Son. Jesus Christ Himself for this world and when Jesus Christ was about to return to God, He gave and introduced us to our helper, the Holy Spirit, who is here right now to convict all us of sin.

Who would like to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is God and by doing this give your life to Him and accept Jesus Christ as Lord of your life?

If I am talking to you and you feel that you want to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life. You want to come through the way that God made to Himself, through the door which is Jesus Christ, please put up your hand?

You want to ask Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Saviour! Put up your hand?

Please come forward?

## **Prayer**