

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON – In the **Godhead**

GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- Col. 1:15 - “Who is the **image** of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,”
- Col. 1:19 - “For in Him all the **fullness** was pleased to dwell”
- Col. 2:9 - “For in Him **dwells** all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,”
- John 1:1 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word** was God.”
- John 10:38 - “... so that you may ... know that the Father *is in* **Me** and I *am in* the **Father**.”
- John 14:10 - “... **I** am in the Father and the **Father** is in Me? ...the Father who **abides** in Me does His works.”
- John 14:11 - “Believe Me that I am **in** the Father and the Father is **in** Me; ...”
- Heb. 1:3 - “Who, [**Son**] being the **effulgence** of His glory and the **impress** of His substance ...”
- Rom. 9:5 - “...according to flesh, is the **Christ**, who is **God** over all, blessed forever. Amen.”

THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

❖ In the **Godhead**, there are three persons—the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Spirit**.

- The Father is the **source**;
- The Spirit is the communion, the **fellowship**, the transmission;
- The Son, Christ, is the **center**.
 - All that the **Father** has **planned** and **purposed** is
 - **in** the Son,
 - **for** the Son,
 - and **through** the Son,
 - All that the **Spirit** is **doing** is also
 - **for** the Son.
 - The **Spirit** comes
 - **to witness** for the Son,
 - **to glorify** the Son,
 - and **to** make the Son **real** to us (John 16:13-15)

❖ In the **Godhead** **Christ** is

1. the complete God,
Isa. 9:6 - For a **child** is born to us, A **Son** is given to us; And the government Is upon His shoulder; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty **God**, Eternal **Father**, Prince of Peace.
2. the Son of God,
John 20:31 - But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the **Son of God**, and that believing, you may have life in His name.
3. the Word,
John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word** was God.
4. the expression of the Father,

John 1:18 - No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

5. the One whom no one knows except the Father,

Matt. 11:27 - All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one fully knows the Son except the Father; neither does anyone fully know the Father except the Son and him to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

6. the Word of life,

1John 1:1 - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life

7. the life-giving Spirit,

1Cor. 15:45 - So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

8. the Giver of the Spirit,

2Cor. 3:6 - Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

9. the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit,

John 1:33 - And I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water, He said to me, He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and abiding upon Him, this is He who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.

10. the Author of life in whom is life,

Acts 3:15 - And the Author of life whom God has raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

11. the Lord,

Acts 2:36 - Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.

12. the Lord of glory,

1Cor. 2:8 - Which none of the rulers of this age have known; for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

13. and another Angel.

Rev. 18:1 - After these things I saw another Angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illumined with His glory.



SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):



All the fullness of the Godhead is pleased to dwell in Christ bodily.

If we do not have the Son, we do not have the Father.

If we have the Son, we have the Father also, because the Father is in the Son and the Son is the very embodiment of the Father.



Christ is the image of God and the impress of God's substance, the expression of what God is.

Apart from Christ we cannot meet God or have God.

Christ is God. Hence, Christ is the center of the Godhead.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 21 to 23)

(The Centrality and Universality of Christ. Chapter 4)

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