



THE DEITY AND KINGDOM OF THE SON

- Oyerinde Joseph

Presented by Oyerinde Joseph on DEC. 23, 2016



INTRODUCTION

- ❑ The topic before us is a subject vastly misunderstood and controversial among people who claim belief in the Bible and those who deny complete inspiration of the Bible.
- ❑ This makes the discussion an important subject for everybody. Besides, its understanding hangs on our eternal fate hereafter.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

□ Deity means

“...**divine status or nature; the Deity: God**” (Oxford Dictionary). Deity means divine essence, personality translated in English Bible as **Godhead, Godhood, Divine nature** (Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20, Col.2:9)

□ Kingdom:

It is from the Greek word “basileia” which is “primarily an abstract noun, denoting **sovereignty, royal power, dominion**” (Vine, p.334). It is rule, authority exercised, reign, kingly power, sovereign, dominion.

*This discussion therefore centers on **the divine status and the reign/sovereignty** of the Son – Jesus Christ*

VARIOUS VIEWS ON THE DEITY OF CHRIST

- ❑ Our **Muslim friends** in Islam do not believe (**deny**) that Jesus possesses the divine nature (cf. Sura 3:45-50, 10:94).
- ❑ **Jehovah's Witnesses** believe that Jesus is not God but **a created god** (cf John 1:1 Isaiah 43:10).
- ❑ **Some Pentecostals** believe that there is just **one person that constitutes deity**, that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are just one person (cf. 1Cor.15:27-28, Matthew 3:16-17).



THE DEITY OF CHRIST

“For in Him (Christ)
dwells all the fullness of the
Godhead bodily”
-Colossians 2:9 (NKJV)

Divine Testimonies to Jesus' Divine Nature

- **God's testimony** - Hebrews 1:8 :
 - “But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom” (NKJV)

- **Christ's testimony** - John 10:30-33 :
 - “...the Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God”

- **The Holy Spirit's testimony** through
 - **Angel & prophets** (Matt.1:21-23, Isaiah 9:6-7); **the apostles** (John 1:1-2,14, Phil. 2:5-11)

Attributes of God About Jesus

- **Creation** - John 1:1-3 :
 - “... In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. (NKJV)

- **Worship** – Hebrews 1:6, Matt.2:2, 11, 14:33 : Angels and men worshipped Jesus; **ACT** which angels and men refused (Rev.22:8-9, Acts 14:14-15)
 - “...But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him" (Heb.1:6)

- **Forgiveness of sins – a prerogative of God alone**
 - Mark 2:5-7, Matt.9:2-6



THE KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST

“For "He has put all things under
His feet." But when He says "all
things are put under Him," it is
evident that He who put all things
under Him is excepted”

-1Corinthians 15:27 (NKJV)

The Universal Kingdom Of God, The Father

- ❑ The universal kingdom of God simply means “the rule of God over all things and everybody – rational beings (visible and invisible) and animals; things with life and those without” (McGuiggan, p.100). This rule is obvious right from the beginning of creation (Ps.103:19, 22, 1Chron.29:10-12). This kingdom is one.
- ❑ **Kingdom of God over Israel as an expression of His Universal Kingdom**
 - God, at Sinai, made Israel His kingdom (Exo.19:5-8), “an expression of God’s rule that is peculiar and different from other manifestations of his rule” (McGuiggan, p.102). This is “a peculiar kingdom within the universal kingdom of God” ((ibid), Amos 3:2, 1Chron.28:5, 29:23, 2Chron.13:8, 9:8). The rule of God over Israel was only one expression of his dominion, not the totality of it.

The Universal Kingdom Of the Father is Given to Jesus, the Son

❑ Prophecies of the Kingdom:

- Prophets foretold of giving the Universal kingdom to Christ during Roman empire (Daniel 2:44-45, 7:13-14).
- John, the baptizer and Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom is at hand and its time of giving had been fulfilled in the life time of the first century disciples (Matthew 3:2, Mark 1:15, 9:1)

❑ After His Resurrection and Ascension, God the father gave the Universal Kingdom to God the Son

- To bless the whole world, God puts all things (name it if you can) in subjection under Christ's feet, only the Father is exempted (Eph.1:22 ASV, 1Cor.15:24-28). All dominion, rule, power and authority in heaven and on earth are given to Christ (Matt.28:18, Phil.2:9-11). Angels, authorities and powers are all made subjected to Him (1Pet.3:22). When the end comes He will deliver this kingdom back to God (1Cor.15:24-28).

The Church, Christ's Kingdom: An Expression of His Universal Kingdom

- ❑ The called-out (*ekklesia*) people from the dominion of Satan into **special/spiritual relationship** with God (2Thess.2:14, Col.1:13, Matt.16:18-19). These people are the church who enjoy the spiritual blessings in God's kingdom through their willing **submission/obedience** to His reign (Eph.1:3-14, John 18:36).
- ❑ **Requirements to be Obedient Part of Christ's Kingdom: Being Born Again (John 3:3-5)**
 - **Born of Water: Baptism (immersion) -1Pet.3:21**
 - **Born of the Spirit: Instructions of the Spirit (1Pet.1:23) which are to believe in Christ (Mark 16:16), repent of sins (Acts 17:30) and confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10).**
 - **Obedience to these instruction, Christ will add one to His one true church, spiritual part of His kingdom (Acts 2:47)**

CONCLUSION

- ❑ "...I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I AM HE, you will die in your sins" - John 8:23-24 (NKJV)
- ❑ If you are here tonight without belief in Christ as God, the Son and as the King over all things in heaven and on earth, your soul is in danger of eternal hell.
- ❑ Why not resolve now to be **born again** to be part of His spiritual Kingdom for salvation of your soul?
- ❑ For He says: "**in an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.**" Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (NKJV)