**Rumination 834 for Jan. 24, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **Deity Veiled in Human Flesh** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

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Intro.  *For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.* Col. 2:9

 The Full Godhead of Deity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit) is in the Man, Jesus.

1. **The Fact of the Fulness of the Godhead in the Declaration of the Triune God.**

Their Name is One - they are Three Persons in the One Godhead: See Reflections.

1. The Plurali**ty** in the Singulari**ty**. Matt. 28:19

*Go ye therefore…baptizing them in the* ***Name*** *of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*

1. The Singulari**ty** in the Plurali**ty**:
2. *And* ***God*** *said, Let* ***US*** *make man in* ***Our*** *image, after* ***Our*** *likeness:* Gen. 1:26
3. *And the LORD* ***God*** *said, Behold, the man is become as* ***One*** *of* ***US****…* Gen. 3:22
4. *I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall* ***I*** *send, and who will go for* ***US****?* Isa. 6:8
5. **The Features: the Fulness of the Godhead Detected…**
6. **in the Prediction concerning the Son. Isa. 61:1, 2a**

 *The Spirit of the* Lord GOD [the Father] *is upon* ***Me***[the Son]; 61:1a

1. In their **M**ission of **R**edemption in the Son.

 *because the LORD hath anointed* ***Me*** *to preach good tidings*. 61:1b-2a

1. In the **M**ission **R**ealised – the prophecy **R**egarding the **R**edeemer was fulfilled in Jesus. Lk. 4:17-21
2. Jesus’ **R**eceived the scroll of Isaiah – *there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias.*
3. Jesus **R**eferred to Isaiah – *when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written,*
* He **C**ommenced **R**eading:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel…to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

* He **C**oncluded **R**eading: *He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down….*
* He **C**laimed to be the **R**edeemer: *He began to say…This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*
1. **in the Incarnation (the Birth) of the Son**
2. God, the Spirit **C**onceived Him, *that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.* Mt. 1:20, NKJV
3. God, the Father: *They shall* ***C****all His name Emmanuel… being interpreted is,* ***God*** *with us.* Mt. 1:23
4. God, the Son – *thou shalt call His name JESUS…He shall save His people from their sins.* Mt. 1:21
5. **in the Proclamation of the Son at His Baptism. Matt. 3:16f**
6. ­God, the Son *was* ***B****aptized…and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him,*
7. God the Spirit was there*: He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him:*
8. God, the Father in *a voice from heaven (said), This is My* ***B****eloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*
9. **in the Ministration of the Son when He was on earth:**
10. God the Father **S**ent Jesus the **S**on, though Both are equal. Jn. 5:23; 12:44, 45; 17:21

*That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father.*

*He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him.*

*I and My Father are one.* Jn. 10:30; 17:22b

1. God, the Holy Spirit, **S**ent by the Father would remind them of the **S**on: Jn. 14:26

*The Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name…shall teach you all things,*

*and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

1. **in the Crucifixion of the Son on the Cross:**
2. Jesus died on the Cross to Manifest the Father’s Love: Rom. 5:8

*God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

1. Jesus was led by the Spirit to the Cross: Heb. 9:14

*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself*

 *without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

1. **In the Resurrection of the Son:**
2. God raised Christ from the dead. Rom. 10:9

*…believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

1. The Spirit raised Jesus from the dead:Rom. 8:11

*But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up*

*Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

Today, at the Lord’s Supper, Let us **R**emember the Son, as He Commanded us to; I Cor. 11:26

 Let us **R**evere *the Father* [Who] *seeketh such to worship Him.*

 And Let us **R**everently do so in *Spirit and in Truth* being led by the Spirit. Jn. 4:23

*Christ, by highest Heav’n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;*

*Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.*

*Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th’incarnate Deity,*

 *Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.* Charles Wesley

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 834**

1. Today many in the world allege that Bible Believing Christians believe in three gods, instead of as they claim, in only one God, the Triune God in three Persons.

Each with His own Rights, Roles and Responsibilities.

The Scriptures are clear that God is ONE God:

Deut. 6:4 - *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:*

Mark 12:29 - *Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is,*

 *Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:*

Mark 12:32 - *And the scribe said unto Him, Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth:*

 *for there is one God; and there is none other but He*.

I Cor. 8:6 - *To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in*

 *Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him*

Gal. 3:20 - *Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.*

Eph. 4:6 - *One God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you* all.

I Tim. 2:5 - *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man*

 *Christ Jesus;*

Jas. 2:19 - *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well:*   *the devils also believe, and tremble.*

However, the Scriptures also declare that there are three Persons in the Godhead, viz.

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They are Equal in Essence and have Equal Rights:

**The Father is God** –

I Cor. 1:3 – *Grace…and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

I Cor. 8:6 - *But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things*,

 *and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him.*

I Cor. 15:24 - *Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power*.

**The Son is God** –

Jn. 1:1, 14 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word*

*was God…And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Heb. 1:8 (cf. 1:4-7) - *But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever*

**The Spirit is God** –

*Acts 5:3-4 - But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost…thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.*

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three Persons in the Godhead and when Jesus was on earth the fulness of the Godhead was in Him bodily, though He did “empty” Himself of His equality with God in order that He might become Man to die in our place to bear the penalty of our sin. But ultimately after completing His mission, He would return to His rightful place in heaven. Thus, Phil. 2:5-11. Do you believe this fully with all your heart?

 **REFLECT.**

1. Consider also the three-fold…
* Mission of the Triune God: Jn. 15:6

*When the Comforter (God the Holy Spirit) is come…*

*He shall testify of Me: [God the Son] whom I will send unto you from the Father… even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father*

* The Benediction of the Triune God. Num. 6:24-26

*The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:*

*The LORD make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:*

*The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

* The Blessing of the Triune God. Jude 20, 21

*But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your mot holy faith,*

*Praying in the Holy Ghost,*

*Keep yourselves in the love of God,*

*Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

Note the three-fold Mention of Deity in connection with the Divinity. **REFLECT.**

**Points to Ponder:** May the **T**riune God **P**reserve our **T**ripartite **P**erson safe always.

**I Thes. 5:23 *-*** *And the very God of* ***P****eace sanctify you wholly; and I* ***P****ray God your whole* ***spirit and soul and body*** *be* ***P****reserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*