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JOHN 4:23

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

JOHN 4:24

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

I JOHN 1:1

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1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

These were the Gnostics. There were two groups among them, both groups had their own private opinions regarding the Person of our Lord. The Docetic Gnostics denied His actual humanity. The word "Docetic" comes from the Greek word *dokeō*, "to seem."

These argued that our Lord had only a "seeming" body, not a real physical body.

The Cerinthian Gnostics believed that Jesus had not been begotten by a virgin, but had been born of Joseph and Mary as a son in like manner to all the rest of men, and became more righteous and prudent and wise.

John encountered Cerinthus at Ephesus, and strenuously controverted his error. Irenaeus and Eusebius quote a story of Polycarp 's that the apostle once visited the public baths, and, seeing Cerinthus within, sprang out of the building. 'Let us flee,' he cried, 'lest the building fall, since Cerinthus, the foe of the Truth, is within it. '

The word "Gnostic" comes from a Greek word gnōsis, which means "to know." They claimed a superior, private knowledge over and above that of the Bible.

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1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

I JOHN 1:2

2 (For the life was *MANIFESTED, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

MANIFESTED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5319

phaneroo {fan-er-o'-o}

appear, show, show (one's) self, to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown, to be plainly recognised, thoroughly understood: who and what one is

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. SIX. 3_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0915M

628..... He become from spirit, the great fountains of the rainbow of God, who had no beginning or no end. He was, forever, God. This ray of Light went forth. It was a ray of love, that's the main one, red.

The next color follows, which was blue; blue, the trueness. Next, followed after that was other colors, through the seven perfect colors, which is the seven spirits of God, that went from that great Fountain or that great Diamond that Jesus spoke of.

That great Diamond was chipped, to reflect these colors. God was made flesh and dwelt among us, that He might reflect His goodness and mercy among us, by gifts and signs and wonders.

That whole big rainbow had become in a theophany, of made in the image like man. Yet, He wasn't a man; He didn't have flesh, yet. He was a theophany.

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. SIX. 3_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0915M

632 We'll find Him out here meeting Abraham before that, in the order of Melchisedec, a body of flesh, which was God. Sure, it was. He was God in flesh.

633 You say, "Then, Brother Branham, why would He have to come back and be born?"

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. SIX. 3_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0915M

634 He wasn't born then. He was just created, a body that He dwelt in. Melchisedec was the King of Salem, which is the King of Jerusalem, which is the King of peace;.....

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. SIX. 3_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0915M

637 What was it? Why didn't He take it then? He had never been born like you and I. But He had to be born in the flesh, so He could hold that stinger. That was a created body.....

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. SEVEN. 2_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0922

340.....Did you ever take a--a three-cornered piece of glass? You take a piece of glass that's three-cornered, and lay it so the sun can hit it, it'll produce seven perfect colors. A three-cornered piece of glass will produce a rainbow.

That's exactly right. Now, if we had time, we'd go in on that. Three brings perfection: Father, Son, Holy Ghost; justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost. There you are. The perfection come by the three. God, above man; God, in the Man called Jesus; God, in the Church. Then, the perfection.

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. SEVEN. 2_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0922

342.....Then the Lamb of God came, second definite step of God; same God, another office. And then this God in. . . was in Christ, was the same God that was in the Pillar of Fire. And the same God was made flesh and dwelt among us..... .

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. ON. HEBREWS. 2_ JEFF. IN COD WEDNESDAY_ 57-1002

273-385..... God had no beginning. See? But the Son was the. . . Not eternal sonship, but the Son that was with the Father in the beginning was the Logos that went out of God.

And it was the Theophany of God that went out, the human form that didn't have eyes like you see: a better eye. It didn't have ears like you hear, but a far more hearing.

See? It was a Theophany, that all this rainbow condescended into a--a Theophany. Moses saw It when It passed through the rock like that. He saw the back parts, said, "It looked like a man."

THE. BAPTISM. OF. THE. HOLY. SPIRIT_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-2 SUNDAY_ 58-0928M

80.....There's seven Spirits of God, just like the seven colors in the rainbow. And did you ever notice, a three cornered piece of glass reflects seven perfect colors?

Did you ever try that? Set a three cornered piece of glass--yet it's only one piece of glass, but in three corners will reflect seven colors. That's how Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, being One, yet reflect the seven spiritual attributes of God.

THE. BAPTISM. OF. THE. HOLY. SPIRIT_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-2
SUNDAY_ 58-0928M

81 And then, the first great Spirit of God which is love. God's like the great rainbow; we couldn't imagine what He looks like. But just say He looked like the rainbow in Spirit.

The perfect Spirit of love, red; blue, the perfect Spirit of fellowship, just all perfect Spirits. And then they begin to condescending, coming down, and they come all the way down from Phileo love or Agapao love to Phileo love, and on down to lust, and down to the lowest.

And then God Himself become a Man, Jesus, and came down that same way to the lowest pits of hell and picked out those who He knew before the foundation of the world whose names were written on the Book, and redeemed them back to Himself. There you are, the story of redemption cannot be fully known until we see Him and we stand in His likeness.

I JOHN 1:2

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

I JOHN 1:3

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

I JOHN 1:4

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

I JOHN 1:5

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

I JOHN 1:6

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

I JOHN 1:7

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

JOHN 14:28

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

I CORINTHIANS 11:3

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

JOHN 17:5

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

MATTHEW 28:18

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

PHILIPPIANS 2:9

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

PHILIPPIANS 2:10

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

PHILIPPIANS 2:11

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

EPHESIANS 1:20

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

EPHESIANS 1:21

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

EPHESIANS 1:22

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

EPHESIANS 1:23

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

I PETER 3:21

21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

I PETER 3:22

22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

MATTHEW 12:28

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

LUKE 3:21

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

LUKE 3:22

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

JOHN 2:11

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

JOHN 3:34

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

JOHN 3:35

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

ACTS 10:37

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

ACTS 10:38

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

JESUS. CHRIST. THE. SAME. YESTERDAY. TODAY. AND.

FOREVER_ CAMPBELLSVILLE. KY SATURDAY_ 55-0806

E-30..... . the day that when John baptized Him, God a vindicated Him. God spoke from the heavens.

John saw Him coming in the form a dove, and said, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." The right translation there is, "In whom I am pleased to dwell in." Jesus immediately anointed with God, **He was just a man till that time**, but now He becomes the God-man....

THE. FAITH. OF. ABRAHAM_ SAN. FERNANDO. CA FRIDAY_ 55-1118

E-1...I believe He was God, absolutely, and He was Deity, Almighty God, veiled in flesh, borned a virgin birth, and He and Hisself, and then God came down and tabernacled in Him, and made Him Emmanuel.

LOVE_ SHREVEPORT. LA THURSDAY_ 56-0726

E-3..... He was Emmanuel. God was in His tabernacle. The--the Son of God, which was Jesus, was the flesh of God, a tabernacle that God dwelt in here on the earth.

And now, that was--that was Christ and God became united. And that's the way God could be seen. No man has seen the Father at any time, but the only begotten Son has declared Him.

See? In other words, God was in Christ, showing His attitude towards the people. See? What He was, what God was, He was expressing Hisself through Jesus His Son. See? As He dwelt in Him, making Jesus and God. . .

Jesus being the Tabernacle that God was dwelling in here on earth. . . "A body has Thou prepared Me." See? And God dwelt in Jesus Christ. And that made the Father and the Son united together, now, and become One.

Spirit, the entire Fullness of God. God gave Christ the Spirit without measure. But He's give It to us by measure. Christ had all the measure, everything. He was Emmanuel.

But you and I are little cupfuls out of that Seed. But when the Spirit that's in us, is of the same quality, not as much in quantity, but the same quality, 'cause it's part of the same Spirit. See?

PALMERWORM. LOCUST. CANKERWORM. CATERPILLAR_ JEFF. IN V-14 N-1 SUNDAY_ 59-0823

140..... . He created, overshadowed a little virgin named Mary (God Jehovah did.), and created in her womb a cell, Blood cell.

That Blood cell developed cells, and was brought forth a Man, which was Christ Jesus. God Almighty, the Father, dwelt in Him. At the day of the baptism, when He received the Holy Ghost on the day when John baptized Him, John said,

"I beheld and saw the Spirit of God like a Dove descending from heaven, and a Voice saying, 'This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in.'"

SIRS. WE. WOULD. SEE. JESUS_ TIFTON. GA SATURDAY_ 60-0109

E-26 Notice, the first thing He did after His temptation in the wilderness, He came forth as the anointed Messiah, the Messiah, the Christ. "Christ" means "The Anointed One." He was born "Jesus" the man, but when the Holy Ghost came into Him, He was the anointed Messiah.

The Bible said, "God was in Christ, reconciling Himself to the world." God, living in Him, the Fullness of the Godhead was in Him. "God poured all He was into Christ; Christ poured all He was into the Church.".....

THE. WATER. BAPTISM_ BEAUMONT. TX THURSDAY_ 61-0119A
E-56..... . That was God coming into Jesus, and in Him was the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And there's your Father, Son and Holy Ghost: in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sure. Do you get it? There's no, there's no place in the Bible speaks of three being. . . three gods. There's no such a thing...

AND. THY. SEED. SHALL. POSSESS. THE. GATE. OF. HIS. ENEMY_
PHOENIX. AZ SUNDAY_ 62-0121M

E-33.... Jesus, as soon as He received the Fulness of the Spirit on the river when John baptized Him, immediately the devil took Him into the wilderness to go through a time of temptation. But when He took the Word of God and overcome the devil, "It is written. It is written," He came back out then ready for His ministry.

SIR. WE. WOULD. SEE. JESUS_ PORT. ALBERNI. BC TUESDAY_
62-0724

E-47..... Therefore, Jesus never did nothing until God showed Him by a vision what to do first. If He didn't, the Scripture's wrong. Saint John 5:19 said, "Verily, I say unto you (that means absolutely), I say unto you,

The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing: that doeth the Son likewise; for the Father worketh, and I worketh hitherto." In other words, He just acted out in drama what God, the Father, showed Him to do, because God was in Christ..... .

CALLING. JESUS. ON. THE. SCENE_ CHICAGO. IL V-21 N-8
SUNDAY_ 63-0804E

37 Remember, in flesh He was just a man, but in Spirit He was God. But, a man in flesh, therefore His body was a human being that was subject to temptations, subject to sicknesses, and just the same as ours;

as He had to put on, be a--a Man, a human. And then He was God, in the Spirit. He said, "I and My Father are One. My Father dwelleth in Me."..... .

CALLING. JESUS. ON. THE. SCENE_ CHICAGO. IL V-21 N-8
SUNDAY_ 63-0804E

41 Now, that same Pillar of Fire, the Fatherhood, came down and was made God in Sonship. He dwelt in a Pillar of Fire, here He. . . in the Shekinah Glory.

Here He dwelt in a body, which was His Son that He created and made in the form of a man, so that made Him the Son of God, Second Adam. Now, He had to come through the womb of a woman, not like Adam, because that that's what He had to condemn, the birth of a human being by a woman.

See, so He had to come that way. Now that's God, the Son, the same God. And now He, through offering that body without sin, made a human offering.

JOHN 8:28

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

JOHN 8:29

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

JOHN 10:17

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

JOHN 10:18

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

JOHN 17:3

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

JOHN 17:4

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

JOHN 17:5

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

HEBREWS 5:5

5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

HEBREWS 5:6

6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

HEBREWS 5:7

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

HEBREWS 5:8

8 Though he were a Son, yet *LEARNED he obedience by the things which he suffered;

LEARNED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3129

manthano {man-than'-o}

understand, to increase one's knowledge, to be increased in knowledge, to learn by use and practice;

HEBREWS 5:9

9 And being made *PERFECT, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

PERFECT: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5048

teleioo {tel-i-o'-o}

finish, complete; to carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, bring to an end, add what is yet wanting in order to render a thing full;

HEBREWS 5:10

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.