

KNOWING JESUS THE SAME GOD

THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY

*"Thou art the same and thy years shall not fail."
" Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."
" For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."*

~ Hebrews 1:12, 13:8; Colossians 2:9

1. Knowing God

- a. It is important to know and worship the same God - 1 Cor 15:15, Acts 17:23
- b. We know God by his identifying attributes from the Bible (see previous lessons)
- c. Things that are different are not the same - we do not all serve the same God.
 - i. All men are not married to the same woman - how do we know?
 - ii. We cannot describe God differently, and say it is all the same God
- d. God is one, there are three distinctly called God, these three are one - 1 Jo 5:7
- e. God has unique attributes (eternal, unchanging, independent)
- f. God has common attributes in perfection (life, power, wisdom, truth, goodness)

2. Knowing Jesus the Same God

- a. Knowing Jesus is knowing God - John 5:18, 23, 6:45, 8:18-19, 38-42, 54-55, 14:6-9, 15:23, 16:3, 20:31; 1 John 3:1, 4:1-3
- b. Jesus is the same, unchanging yesterday, today, and for ever - Heb 13:8
- c. This speaks to his unchanging deity (his nature as God) - Heb 1:12 (Ps 102:27)
- d. He was fully God at the same time he was fully man - Col 2:9

3. The Doctrine of Christ

- a. What makes Christianity unique and true is its doctrine of Jesus Christ
- b. Jesus Christ is God (with all God's attributes) - John 1:1, Col 2:9, John 12:41
- c. Jesus Christ is Man (with all man's attributes) - John 1:14, Lk 1:35, 1Ti 2:5, 1Co 15:47
- d. Jesus Christ is both, and must possess all of both to be worshipped as Saviour
- e. So, did Jesus lay aside the independent exercise of all his deity attributes? No!
- f. "lay aside"= surrender, give up, vacate, abandon; "exercise" = use, action, exertion
- g. Deity attributes include: eternal, unique, independent, perfect, good, true, living, holy
- h. Remember, Jesus is the same. He didn't stop/empty/or diminish being God - He 13:8
- i. Jesus knows what it is like to be both God and Man - God with us - Col 2:9, 1Tim 3:16

4. A Repeated Objection: Mark 13:32

- a. God knows all, Jesus says he didn't know something in Mark 13:32 - "*neither the Son*"
- b. Mark 13:32 affirms that God knows all, because "but the Father" (remember Jn 10:31)
- c. It affirms man does not know everything in Mark 13:32 - "knoweth no man"
- d. Did Jesus know? As God, yes. As a man sent from heaven, no, but He was both.
- e. What's the difference between Son of man, and other men, or angels? He is also God.
- f. Mark 13:26-31 affirms Jesus' deity - "my words shall not pass away"
- g. Mark 13:32 affirms Jesus' humanity - "knoweth no man... neither the Son"
- h. Mark 13:33 affirms Jesus is not like other men (he is both) - "ye" not "we"
- i. Jesus was God, is God, and will always be the fullness of the Godhead bodily - Col 2:9