

And then there was 1

The differences between & the various functions of the Godhead

God the Father though He has life in Himself exercised His power in the creation of life through the Son. God thought and Jesus put into action. —"He is the only **begotten** Son of the living **God**. He is to the **Father** as a word that expresses the thought,—as a thought made audible." "What speech is to thought, so is Christ to the invisible Father.... "I am in the Father, and the Father in me." Jesus spoke the Father's thoughts into existence.

God's joy was His Son and into His hand He gave the pleasure of creation. They planned together the creation of worlds and its inhabitants. Jesus put into action those plans.

Jesus wasnot a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. {Signs of the times May 30, 1895 Christ Our Complete Salvation.}

In other word Christ was begat or came forth from His Father as part of His very being, whereas in creation something is brought from nothing or disorganised matter to create the world and mankind. Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. God formed man with the dust of the earth in God's image but not of the same substance, by the material and environment He had created formed He man but Christ was the very substance of the Father.

Lucifer was a created being formed from precious stones Ezekiel 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 28:14 Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 28:15 Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Lucifer was a created being but Jesus was begotten just a child is begotten of His parents, Christ is of the substance of the Father.

God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son. {8Testimonies to the church 268}

God's dear Son, had the preeminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created. Lucifer was envious of Christ, and **gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone.** {LHU 18.2}

In man's wisdom the point of Christ's beginning is argued because men are fools taking us back to the arguments at the council of Nicaea and past that to the life of Jesus, speculating about something they could never have any idea about instead of taking plain statements as

given by Christ concerning His relationship to the Father. How can we explain endless time in which God existed in a void- you see it's really nonsense because it is beyond human comprehension.

When Christ said I Am: I Am means an eternal presence; the past, present, and future are alike to God. **He sees the most remote events of past history, and the far distant future with as clear a vision as we do those things that are transpiring daily.** We know not what is before us, and if we did, it would not contribute to our eternal welfare. God gives us an opportunity to exercise faith and trust in the great I AM (Lt 119, 1895). {1BC 1099.5} It is through His eternal presence that God can clearly see the past as clearly as the present and as clearly into the future. That is God foresees the future by which we are given prophecy.

However stronger statement is given here when it says:

Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God.... In speaking of his pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that **there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God as one brought up with Him.**--Signs of the Times, Aug. 29, 1900. {Ev 615.2}

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, [though] thou be little among the thousands of Judah, [yet] out of thee shall he come forth unto me [that is] to be ruler in Israel; **whose goings forth [have been] from of old, from everlasting.**

Such a statement of being God's Son and yet pre-existent is beyond human understanding. He existed before anything was. God transcends time and space. Pre-existence, in other words before created life was, He was. Before there was anything how can we explain what was?

Was there a time that the begotten Son never was?

Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense. **He was with God from all eternity,** God over all, blessed forevermore. The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, **existed from eternity,** a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the surpassing glory of heaven. He was the commander of the heavenly intelligences, and the adoring homage of the angels was received by Him as His right. *The Review and Herald, April 5, 1906, p. 8.* {7ABC 438.2}

So, an eternity was spent with the Father and the Son together before the world was created just chatting with each other and spinning around in a void? You see we have to just accept God at His word because otherwise we come up with assumptions and ridiculous answers. Rather than reason the impossible let's thank God for the privilege He gives us of having a glimpse into His personal knowledge and past, and His relationship with the Son.

The power to make life was given the Son by the Father. John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; The power of creation was given to the Son by His Father. Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

All life extends from Christ. John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 1 Corinthians 8:6 But 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.

So, all life from the Father flows out through the Son and is brought into existence by the Son and our life is an extension of Christ's life given in the figure of the vine. The Father is doing the cutting work to shape the character drawing our mind to His mind by His Spirit.

The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that He might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon His Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. The Father then made known that it was ordained by Himself that Christ, His Son, should be equal with Himself; so that wherever was the presence of His Son, it was as His own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son He had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. **Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth.** His Son would carry out His will and His purposes but would do nothing of Himself alone. The Father's will would be fulfilled in Him. {LHU 18.3} John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God. 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Jesus is subject to the will of His Father or in other words they work closely in harmony together. There is pre-eminence. John 14:28 My Father is greater than I. John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. Hebrews 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Over the vast space of creation God is present through His Spirit. As the Son proceeded forth from the Father so also the Spirit proceeds forth. John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which **proceedeth from the Father**, he shall testify of me:

God the Father works through the individual and independent yet unified purpose of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has intelligence of all things happening on the earth. We pray to the Father through His Spirit. People love to argue the point of whether there are 2 or 3 beings, however inspiration clearly tell us God has an independent avenue of intelligence through His Spirit which is described as the third person of the Godhead. Independent and yet part of Himself. The Holy Spirit is part of God's intelligence, conversing with and exploring the hidden things of God and conversing with perhaps a million or trillion inhabitants of many worlds and with angels and bringing that conversation back to Himself.

Our minds communicate with God's mind through His Holy Spirit. Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

It is through the Spirit that life is imparted. Genesis 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. The spirit of God that imparts life that sustains us returns to God.

The Father's omnipresence is through His Spirit, allowing Him to communicate with all creation. This is the means the Father has chosen to communicate with His expanding universe. The Holy Spirit who searches out the deep things of the mind of God is directing the work of angels that minister on our behalf.

All the intelligences of heaven are in this army. And more than angels are in the ranks. **The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle.** Our infirmities may be many, **our sins and mistakes grievous; but the grace of God is for all who seek it with contrition.** The power of Omnipotence is enlisted in behalf of those who trust in God. {DA 352.2} Christ's representative is the Holy Spirit that seeks out the mind of God . John 14:20 Spirit of truth

The angels are given direction through the Spirit of God. John 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 8:9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this [man], Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth [it].

What is the Father's Spirit is also Christ's Spirit. Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. This Gift could not be excelled. . . . {CTr 301.4}

Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church. {DA 671.2}

All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers, co-operating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what "university course" can equal this? {CSA 66.5}

The meaning of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit directs the work of angels on behalf of men to carry forward the gospel. In Revelation angels represent carrying forward the work of the gospel which has been commissioned to His disciples.

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Oh, that God's people had a sense of the impending destruction of thousands of cities, now almost wholly given to idolatry! But many of those who are acquainted with the truth are busy about things here and there. Their first work is to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as the disciples prayed for it after the ascension of Christ.--Testimony. {GCB, March 30, 1903 par. 2}

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The Son and the Holy Spirit are individual separate individuals brought forth, but working in cooperation to the will of the Father. Creating, sustaining life and redeeming fallen man.

The special creation of the Father is Christ's earthly body. Heb 10:5 a body hast thou prepared me.

You ask what we teach about the Trinity. Inasmuch as we find no such expression in the Scriptures, we do not teach anything about it. But as to the Being of God,-the Godhead,-Divinity as revealed in the Father, the Word (the Son), and the Holy Spirit, we believe and teach just what the Bible says, and nothing else. No man can by searching find out God. No creature can understand the Almighty to perfection. The finite mind cannot comprehend infinity. **Therefore, in discussions about the Trinity, about the nature of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, are manifestations of gross presumption.** E.J . Waggoner {February 6, 1902 EJW, PTUK 83.12}

The principals of the trinity are the immaculate conception of Mary. According to this false teaching that Jesus was born of Holy flesh. Many in protestant circles do not teach the immaculate conception but Christ born of an unfallen nature. Other teach that there are only 2 persons of the Godhead but this is not taking the plain word as given by scripture.