

CLASS ON *ONENESS WITH GOD*

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INTRODUCTION

1. Class schedule
2. One man's interpretation of Scripture
 - a. Please feel free to bring up other possible interpretations.

PROLOGUE

1. Oneness With God (generally)
2. Everyone seeks to be God in some respect
3. My salvation story
4. I asked God to help me understand His creative purpose for Mankind
5. Along the way, other mysteries will be discussed
 - a. Upon our glorification, all children of God will be mirror images of Jesus Christ and that means we will be fully God and fully man in answer to Jesus's prayer in John 17.
 - b. All spiritually re-born children of God are members of the Spiritual Body of Christ. We have eternal life because Jesus is eternal. Inside Him, we have everything. Outside Him, we have nothing.
 - c. All that God is and does is centered on love.
 - d. Our triune Godhead exists in an everything-at-the-same-time eternity.
 - e. The breath of life, breathed into the nostrils of Adam, was the Word of God, the pre- incarnate Jesus.
 - f. All mankind was written into the Book of Life before the foundation of the world and are blotted out only if they die in their sins.
 - g. All of creation was, in fact, created in the span of six literal days.
 - h. God's limitless faith, powered by His perfect love that hopes all things and never fails, is the means through which all things exist and consist.
 - i. Man was created to have the appearance and characteristics of God.
 - j. Adam and Eve sinned in all three ways a person can sin.
 - k. It was normal for Adam and Eve to communicate with the animals under their dominion.

- l. Adam and Eve (and their progeny) did not fully understand selfless and unconditional love. So, God demonstrated this kind of love through the sacrifice of his only begotten Son for the salvation of our souls.
- m. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, no person shall live more than 999 years or 1 day from God's perspective.
- n. Satan deceived himself into undoing the consequences of his deception of Adam and Eve.
- o. Our glorified bodies will not contain any blood.
- p. Having a servant-of-all mentality is the only way to be simultaneously the greatest and the least in the Kingdom of God.
- q. As priestly kings, we shall be members of an existing Order after Melchizedek, with Jesus as the High Priest.
- r. When God speaks, He speaks Jesus, His Word. When Jesus speaks, he speaks the Members of his spiritual Body. This is the extent of our spiritual oneness with God. Therefore, when we speak, our words have the power of God in them.

CHAPTER ONE God's Master Plan-The Beginning

1. The Hebrew word for God used in **Genesis 1:1** is *Elohim* which is the plural form of this divine name.
 - a. God the Father; His living Spoken Word...Jesus; and the Holy Spirit.
 - i. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Matthew 28:19**
 - ii. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
2. The Hebrew word "bara" means "He created". (V-S-O) (Winebrenner Theological Seminary)
3. The word *Elohim* is used throughout the creation process.
 - a. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis 1:3
 - b. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. Genesis 1:6
 - c. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. **Genesis 1:9**
 - d. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. **Genesis 1:11**

- e. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **Genesis 1:14**
 - f. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. **Genesis 1:20**
 - g. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. **Genesis 1:24**
 - h. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Genesis 1:26**
4. Jesus is the spoken Word of God.
- a. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **John 1:1**
 - b. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. **Psalms 33:6**
 - c. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **1 Peter 3:5**
 - d. And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. **Revelation 19:13**
 - e. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*. **John 1:18**
 - f. For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. **John 16:27**
 - g. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **John 12:49**
5. As the literal breath of God, Jesus is the source of all life.
- a. 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; **1 John 1:1**
 - b. And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **Genesis 2:7**
 - c. The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. **Job 33:4**
6. Creation v. Evolution

- a. God defines a day as an evening and a morning. **Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31**
 - b. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **2 Peter 3:8**
 - i. A day is an infinity and infinity is a day.
 - c. From God's eternal perspective, God could have created the entire universe and everything in it in the span of one day but chose to do it over the course of six days.
7. The Role of Faith in the Creation Process
- a. **Hebrews 11:1** tells us "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".
 - i. Faith can bring about the realization of unseen things that are hoped for.
 - b. One interpretation of this verse is as follows:
 - i. God is love. **1 John 4:8**
 - ii. God is the God of hope. **Romans 15:13**
 - iii. Love hopes all things. **1 Corinthians 13:7**
 - iv. Love never fails. **1 Corinthians 13:8**
 - c. God's limitless loving faith hoped for and brought into realization every created thing, both physical and spiritual.
 - i. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. **Hebrews 11:3**
 - ii. Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; **Hebrews 1:3**
 - iii. Our triune Godhead is the same yesterday, today and forever. Their level of loving faithfulness never decreases nor increases. It is always at full tilt. **Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8**
8. The Role of Faith in God's Master Plan for Man
- a. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. **1 John 5:4**
 - b. We walk by faith and not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7**
 - c. So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. **Romans 10:17**
 - d. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. **Ephesians 2:8**
 - e. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. **Hebrews 12:2**

- f. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. **Ephesians 4:4-6**
- g. And become one with Him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with Himself depends on faith. **Philippians 3:9 (NLT)**
- h. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. **John 12:45**
- i. He who sees Me has seen the Father. **John 14:9**
- j. If we are members of the Spiritual Body of Christ, then he who sees us sees Jesus and, therefore, sees God.