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OUTLINE 1/1/12: MATTHEW 28:11-19/ACTS 2:36-39

In Jesus Name. What it is and what it is not.

The flaw in the concept of in “Jesus name”: Applies to all three person / Is to be always audibly expressed/ A formula for Baptism / It obscures the necessary and glorious distinction of the three persons of the Godhead. (The Trinity)

- 1. No Formula in Acts.** *Intentionally* inconsistent. Acts 2:38/8:16/10:48/ 19:5
The Sovereignty of the Spirit. Acts 8:12,13,16 (waits) 38/ 9:18 (none) 10:47,48 (Pre)
- 2. The Name concept is not to be understood as an incantation**/but an identification of authority. Acts 4:1-10 / Mt 21:23-27 / Failure proves it. Acts 19:14/ Mt 17:14-21
- 3. Jesus name for all 3 persons**, denies their distinction, and confounds logical expression. Oneness concludes God to be one person, therefore.....
- 4.** This obscures the glory of the 3 persons and their work in the redemption of sinners and thus produces a legalism that turns the gospel upside down on its head.
- 5. This reductionism of oneness theology** *denies* plurality of persons in the Godhead
Preexistence of the Son in eternity past /Old testament. Prov 30:4/ John 1:1-3/ 17:1-2
Distinction of *volition* and *purpose* necessary to true personhood. “Not my will.” John 5:30/ Luke 22:42 / To say “I and the Father are one, is not to say, I am the Father!”
This has led by consequence to the deification of the believer. “I am God” John 17: 11/21-23 Ye are little gods.
- 6. It destroys Christ’s testimony** – John 5 – 17. If He is the Father, then he cannot bear record. The disciples also cease to *be witnesses* for they have become one, without o/s distinctions.
- 7. This makes them all liars.** John 5:30,31 / 1John 5:6-12
- 8. This would also be an intolerable narcissism of the self absorbed.** “If we are dealing with two natures in one person. We are talking SELF. Not relationship! Not us, we them, they. John 3:11-13
- 9. To commit to this teaching**, of One God, in several manifestations, would make the language, of subject of object relationships superfluous, complicated, deceptive, and irrational. It would be nonsense.
- 10. God has many names: “titles**, nominated to His infinite attributes” official, proper, and Personal. “Wonderful” Rev 19:12 But the one name, by which men are saved, is Jesus. And that was given by the Father to the Son. A relational proposal consistent with his redemptive purpose. Mt 1:21 / Phil 2:9-11/ Acts 4:12