

# GODHEAD COURSE

## Lesson 1

### Is it Important

What is “Christianity”?

Many do not understand the concept of Christianity.

Some think Christianity is a philosophy like communism or Marxism whereby they live. Others, a philosophy of morals promoting a good standard of life, while others look at Christianity as a business transaction with God by following his rules, appeasing Him and earning eternal life.

Christianity is none of that. Christianity is the way to eternal life. Jesus said:

*“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3*

Christianity is knowing God and His Son.

When you become a Christian, you move from having an intellectual knowledge about God to knowing Him intimately and personally. James said “the devils believe there is one God and tremble”.

Intellectual knowledge qualifies you to be a devil. Jesus was talking about the relational or experiential knowledge. However, it is important to understand that relational and experiential knowledge is directly linked with the intellectual.

How could you have a relationship with someone you do not know. How could you experience the love of God if you have a misconception of His love for you?

How could you experience the forgiveness of God if you have a misconception of God’s forgiveness?

Knowledge brings light. Light received into the heart brings salvation.

Jesus said

*“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32*

The bed rock of Christianity is an experiential and relational knowledge with God.

In light of this, it appears to be an oxymoron that believers would claim to be Christians, yet at the same time regard it as unimportant to learn the truth about who God is.

If according to Jesus, eternal life is based on knowing the Father and His Son, why would any Christian refuse to seek this knowledge?

In discussion with many people over the years, it appears that there are two main reasons why people refuse to examine this topic:

1. Tradition and the fear of the unknown

Doing what we always did is very easy, especially when “everyone else does it”. The same goes with belief. Believing what we always believed is very comforting.

For centuries Christianity has been dominated by the trinity doctrine. It has been the norm of Christianity so much so that if a group did not believe in the trinity they were regarded as a cult.

Yet hardly any believer will stop to examine the origin of the trinity doctrine, or will at least objectively examine it.

Jesus was once challenged by the Pharisees regarding His disciples eating with unwashed hands. You see, at that time, the Jews had a man-made tradition that required every Jew to ceremonially wash their hands in a certain way, even if water was not available. They were simply going through a ritualistic motion to fulfil a man-made tradition.

To their challenge, Jesus said:

*“Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Mark 7:6,7*

He went on to say:

*“Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.” Mark 7:13*

This passage speaks directly to the situation we are faced with today. When God’s people replace the teachings of God with the teachings of men, Jesus said

their worship becomes meaningless, worthless, purposeless, or useless. Not only that, but He gives us the reason why: it is because they honour “*me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.*”

Contextually speaking, this was the condition of a Jew who outwardly professed God, yet inwardly was unwilling to accept the Messiah and let go of man-made traditions, known as “*the commandments of men.*”

The anti-type of this is today’s Christian who outwardly professes God, but inwardly is unwilling to let go of man-made traditions, teachings, and doctrines whatever they may be.

Jesus’ answer to our quandary is very clear. Seek the Word of God; seek the teachings of God; let go of man’s traditions, otherwise your worship of Me will be worthless. By holding unto tradition, we making “*the word of God of none effect*” because we refuse to objectively examine it and submit to its authority.

Just because the majority believed “it” for a very long time, it does not make it right. Doctrinal truth is based on the word of God. Our faith is based on what the word of God says.

A true follower of Jesus must be willing to submit to the word of God and accept it as truth and authoritative, irrespective of any man’s opinion and interpretation. You either follow man’s tradition like the pharisees did, and end up condemning the guiltless, or you follow Jesus’s teaching and eat the food He provided.

You cannot have it both ways. Lip service is not enough. The acid test is this: “are you willing to follow the biblical evidence wherever it leads, or have you already determined what truth is, because “everyone believed it for a long time” irrespective of the evidence?”

Whether you like it or not, you will make a choice. By ignoring to examine the evidence, you are making a choice to side with the “known.”

2. This leads us into the second reason why people refuse to examine this topic. It is because they do not understand it’s importance

Their refusal might come under the guise of peace and desire to not cause division, or “it’s a mystery you cannot understand it”. Yet, these same people are ready to cause division and go to court if someone robs them of a precious possession.

Why is that?

Because the precious possession, whatever it may be, is important to them. And rightly so. If you work hard to buy an expensive house or car, you should fight to keep it, so long as it belongs to you legally and morally.

So, the deciding factor that moves one to fight or not to fight is how important the topic is to him. That is why so many refuse to examine the topic of who God is.

They do not understand its importance and implication on their spiritual life.

A common question asked is why agitate things, why not leave the topic alone? The issue in the last days is about the Sabbath and the law of God, it is not about the Godhead.

Over and over the same question is asked using different words.

Is the godhead issue important, is it salvific?

Here is a thought one should consider. Throughout the OT the Sabbath and the temple were always regarded of great importance to the Jews (Jeremiah 7 :4). They esteemed nothing greater than the temple, except the God who was worshipped in it.

When Jesus came to His own, they wanted to kill Him, because they thought He profaned the Sabbath (John 5:18) and wanted to destroy the temple (Matthew 26:61).

But Jesus said to them:

*“In this place is one greater than the temple.” Matt 12:6*

They killed the Anointed One and lost their position as the chosen ones because they failed to recognise the importance of Jesus’s identity, choosing instead to hold onto their traditions. They rejected Him and *“their house was left unto them desolate”* (Matt 23:38). Their temple and Sabbath keeping had become worthless.

Solomon said, “there is nothing new under the sun”.

Today we see a similar thing being repeated. The identity of the Christian’s God and our Saviour has been replaced with an unscriptural, unreasonable, and illogical philosophical ideas.

The Son of God (John 10:36, 5:18; Acts 9:20; 5:42; John 3:16; Mark 14:62; Mat 16:16; 3:17, 17:5; 27:54; Luke 8:28;), in whom is found eternal life, in whom is found salvation and redemption has been replaced with god the son (no scripture).

The spirit of God (Matt 3:16; 1 Cor 2:11; 3:16 ...etc) has been replaced with god the spirit.

The indwelling Christ (2Co\_13:5; Galatians 2:20; 4:6; Eph 3:17; Col 1:26, 27) has been replaced with the indwelling of god the holy spirit (no scripture)

In light of this predicament, it is very alarming that when Christ comes knocking on the hearts of His people today (Rev 3:20), wanting to reveal to them His true identity, He is pushed away under the guise of “not important” and “not salvific”.

Many chose to continue holding onto their traditions thinking that their “temple” or denomination, and their “Sabbath keeping,” or whatever good work they are doing, is more important than the One they worship in the temple, and to whom they keep the Sabbath.

God wants us to know Him; He is not pleased when we hide behind man-made traditions refusing to honestly study the Scriptures in search of an answer to who He is. After all, the scriptures are God’s revelation about Himself and His character.

To the Israelites of old God said:

*“Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.” Hosea 4:1*

God had a controversy with the inhabitants of the land because there was *lack of knowledge of God in the land*. As a matter of fact, a few verses later God said:

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”  
Hosea 4:6*

God wants us to know Him because He wants to develop a relationship with us. The more we know God, the closer our relationship will be. That is why,

like Hosea, we ought to desire *“the knowledge of God”* more than anything else (Hosea 6:6).

One of Jesus’ purpose in coming to earth was to reveal the Father to us:

*“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*

Jesus has made the Father known to humanity. In His prayer He said:

*“I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”  
John 7:26 ESV*

Jesus came to do the Father’s will. And it was the Father’s will that we know Him and His character.

John said:

*“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” 1  
John 5:20*

Jesus, the Son of God, has given us an understanding that we may know God. We are left with no excuse. God has revealed Himself to us through His Son Jesus. To hold onto tradition and man-made teachings on this topic instead of studying the Scriptures in search of the answer to this topic, is tantamount to **honouring God with our lips, but denying Him in our hearts.**

Peter said:

*“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,” 2 Peter 1:2*

Is knowing God important? All depends on how much importance you place on God’s Grace and peace.

In these last days, God has sent a message, the bible refers to it as the first angel’s message, and it goes like this:

*“Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Revelation 14:7*

Do not be so naïve to think that you are immune from deception. Satan is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. In the book of Revelation, we are told that in the last days, Satan will deceive the whole world and lead them to worship him (Rev 12:9; 13:3). Because of this deception, God sent a message calling people back to worshipping Him, the creator of the heaven and earth.

Man made tradition has introduced into Christianity, another God, another Jesus and another Holy spirit. Make no mistake, the bible talks about the Father, Son and Holy spirit, but it does not talk about god the son or god the holy spirit.

If one believes that he is living in the last days, then it is crucial to understand who is his God.

Is the godhead issue important and salvific?

“Look at the Jews”. What happened to them when they got the identity of their Messiah wrong? What happened to them when they refused to accept this Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, as the Son of God?

The identity of the God one worships is salvific.

Jesus said:

*“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3*

**Like it or not, one has to make a choice. Truth does not fear investigation. Heed biblical council and study to show yourself approved unto God. Examine all things and hold fast to that which is good.**

