

1 The Godhead

Topical Studies

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The term Godhead is found three times in the King James Bible:

- Acts 17:29 "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device."
- Romans 1:20 "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."
- Colossians 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."
- I covered this word in *Unique Words of the King James Bible*. 2020.
- The first English Bible to use Godhead was John Wycliffe's in 1380.

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Godhead appears in all the prescribed reference texts. Wycliffe used it first in two locations whereas the Rheims has Divinitie in two locations. See Table 60 below.

4 The Godhead

SOED—godhead *noun*. ME. [ORIGIN from GOD + HEAD.] The character or quality of being God or a god; divine nature or essence. ME. b. With possess. pronoun, as a title: divine personality. LME – E18 Strong's Greek Dictionary 2304. θειος theios *thi''-os* from 2316; godlike (neuter as noun, divinity): - divine, godhead. *The Gk θειος appears twice in the TR; and translated that the Godhead at Acts 17:29, and as divine at 2 Pet. 1:3 in the KJB. JW.*

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Strong's Greek Dictionary 2320. θεοτης theotes *theh-ot'-ace* from 2316; divinity (abstractly): — godhead. *The Gr θεοτης appears once in the TR and translated of the Godhead in the KJB at Col.2:9. JW.*

5 The Godhead in Acts 17: 29

Acts 17:29 "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device."

- Paul declared unto them in verse 23 who was this unknown God whom they ignorantly worshipped:
- "23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;" Acts 17:23-26

6 The Godhead in Romans 1:20

Romans 1:20 "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

- In Psalm 19; we can see the divine nature of God revealed through the creation:
- Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. 6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."
- When did he do all this? Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

7 The Godhead in Colossians 2:9

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

- Colossians 1:19 "For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;"
- Ephesians 3:19 "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."
- 1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

8 The Godhead – The Deity of Christ

- John 1:18 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 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?
- Hebrews 1:3 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;
- 2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

9 The Godhead-Conclusion

From the three reference texts and expanding upon each one further, with other related verses, we can conclude that the Godhead reveals the divine nature of God; that he is the author of creation (Genesis 1:1); all that is made including us, is clearly seen and through its voice, declares the glory of God (Psalm 19:1). When the Lord Jesus Christ began his ministry, he declared through his own person the Godhead when he said if you have seen me, you have seen the father (John 14:9). Through the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, God is manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16).