

- Colossians 2:9 (NASB95) 9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,
- Colossians 2:10 (NASB95) 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

- Κατοικέω
- (1) to live in a locality for any length of time, live, dwell, reside, settle (down)

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- BECAUSE THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE THREE IN PERSONS, THEY COULD AND DID COMMUTATE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

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 Colossians 1:16 (NASB95) — 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

- HOW CAN JESUS BE GOD HERE ON THE EARTH, IN HIS INCARNATION, AND AT THE SAME TIME BE IN HEAVEN WITH GOD THE FATHER???
- ANOTHER QUESTION.. DID THE DEITY OF JESUS DOMINATE HIS HUMANITY?
- WOULD JESUS HAVE TO SURRENDER SOME OF HIS ATTRIBUTES OR QUALITIES IN ORDER FOR HIS DEITY AND HUMANITY TO CO EXIST SIDE BY SIDE IN ONE PERSON?

 "Just as any essence is composed of the sum of its attributes and their relationship, a change of any attribute would necessarily involve a change in essence. For instance, infinity cannot be transferred to the finite; mind cannot be transferred to matter; God cannot be transferred to man, or vice versa. To rob the divine nature of God of a single attribute would destroy His deity, and to rob man of a single human attribute would result in destruction of a true humanity. It is for this reason that the two natures of Christ cannot lose or transfer a single attribute."

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- WE START WITH THE BELIEF THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE ETERNAL GOD.
- THE LIBERAL LOOKS AT SCRIPTURE AND BELIEVES HE MUST INTERPRET **SCRIPTURES IN SUCH A WAY WHICH IS NOT** CONTRARY TO THEIR WAY OF THINKING... THAT MAKES THEM COMPATIBLE WITH WHAT REASONABLE MEN CAN UNDERSTAND AND OF COURSE THEIR MODERN SCIENTIFIC MENTALITY.

• THE ORTHODOX BELIEVER
ACCEPTS THE AUTHORITY OF
SCRIPTURE AND THUS
SCRIPTURE AT FACE VALUE.

- MANY PEOPLE TRY TO UNDERSTAND GOD BASED UPON THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF MAN RATHER THAN SCRIPTURE.
- WE THINK WE CAN UNDERSTAND GOD. WE CAN'T.
- THE FINITE CANNOT COMPREHEND THE INFINITE.

- THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN EVER UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT GOD UNLESS GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO US.
- GOD REVEALS HIMSELF BY INCARNATION OR IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.
- GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO US IN SCRIPTURE BY MEANS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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