

Mormons teach that God the Father has a body just like you and me. They ignore the Scriptures that say He does not have an earthly body.

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

God has a spiritual body –

1Co 15:40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

Jehovah Witness's teach that
Jesus is a created being and
changed the Scriptures to make
their doctrine conform to their
doctrine.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the
Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the
Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was a God.
(New World Translation)

Did you notice what the insertion
of the small article “a” did to the
verse?

That addition changed Jesus from
very God to just another man.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the
Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. 2
He was in the beginning with
God. 3 All things came into being
by Him, and apart from Him
nothing came into being that has
come into being.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2 And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

The word translated God
(elohiym) used in Gen 1:1 is
plural – acknowledging that there
are multiple persons present.

God the Father, God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit – all present
at the creation of the heavens and
earth.

Paul tells Colossians that Jesus
reveals Deity – the Godhead

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all
the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
(KJV)

Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. 9 For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

There are three persons in the
Godhead but one God.

A problem often arises when we teach those who are “Oneness Pentecostals” as they say, “But I’ve been baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of my sins.”

We need to know where they’re coming from to teach them correctly.

“Oneness Pentecostals” are taught that “Jesus” is the name of the God and that “Father, Son and Holy Spirit” are titles given to “Jesus”.

The misunderstanding arises from comparing verses like Matt 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

and

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This exact phrasing is given in
Acts 2:38 “in the name of Jesus”
as well as at the baptism of
Cornelius in Acts 10.48

To make this “oneness” doctrine
fit, these Pentecostals must
change the very nature of God!

All three persons of the Godhead are present at the time of Jesus' baptism.

Luke 3:21 Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

When Jesus prayed, He did not speak to Himself, but to His Father

John 17:20 "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

22 "And the glory which Thou
hast given Me I have given to
them; that they may be one, just
as We are one; 23 I in them, and
Thou in Me, that they may be
perfected in unity, that the world
may know that Thou didst send
Me, and didst love them, even as
Thou didst love Me.

The problem is not that they must be baptized in a “church of Christ” in order to be saved – as some claim.

The problem is that they believe in the a god who is not the God of heaven and earth! You can’t be taught wrong and be baptized right!

Acts 19:1 And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found some disciples, 2 and he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

These disciples knew about Jesus, but they didn't know about the Holy Spirit and they misunderstood the nature of God – they had to be baptized correctly in order to be saved.

They needed to know what baptism was for and the authority by which they were baptized.

John's baptism was given to the Jews by God as a sign of their "of repentance" – for Jews only – who were in a covenant relationship with God.

Jesus' baptism was for the remission of sins and to put one into a covenant relationship with God. These disciples had to be baptized correctly to be saved!

Gal 3:24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. (25) But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (26) For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

The misunderstanding is in the
meaning of the word, “name”.
baptizing them in the name of the
Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit – Mt 28:19 is
baptizing in the name of Jesus
Christ – Acts 2:38

Acts 4:7 And when they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"... 10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-- by this name this man stands here before you in good health. ... 12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

You can't be taught wrong and
be baptized right!

As you think about your baptism – was it for
the remission of your sins?

-- was it by the authority the Father, the son
and the Holy Spirit?

-- were you baptized so that the Lord would
add you to His church?

Luk 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord,
Lord,' and do not do what I say?