Oneness in God, Oneness in Man

In the Beginning

- Genesis 1:1 (NKJV), In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - אֱלֹהִים ('ĕlōhîm) **gods, God**.
 - the plural of 'ĕlōah, is found far more frequently in Scripture than either 'ēl or 'ĕlōah for the true God.
 - Meanings...
- Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV), ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
 - Let us make man...
 - In Our image...
 - According to our likeness...
 - Created in His own image...

The Divine Dance

- John 1:10 (NKJV), "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him..."
- John 5:19-21 (NKJV),
 - ¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself,
 - but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.
 - ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does...

Included in His Divine Koinonia

- 1 John 1:3-4, ³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.
- Holy Spirit is included in this fellowship: 2 Corinthians 13:14,
 Philippians 2:1
- Fellowship, κοινωνία koinōnía;
 - noun from koinōnéō (2841), to share in.
 - Fellowship with, participation.
 - An association involving close mutual relations and involvement—'close association, fellowship.' partnership, i.e., (literally) participation.

"Gorilla" Koinonia

- 1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV), ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.
- Joined, κολλάω kolláō; from kólla (n.f.), glue. To glue together, to make cohere.
- 2 Timothy 2:13 (NKJV), If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Included

- John 17:20-26 (NKJV),
- ²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;
- ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You;
- that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
- ²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.
- ²⁶ And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Equals

- Philippians 2:5-9 (NKJV),
 - ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
 - ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
 - ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
 - ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.
- Equality, ἴσος ísos;
 - adj. Equal, alike in quantity, quality, dignity pertaining to that which is equal, either in number, size, quality, or characteristics—'equal, equivalent, same
- He thought it not to be considered robbery to be equal with God or man. He became and retained fully both!

Likeness

- Is likeness enough?
- It's not enough to be like God. It has never been about being like God, but something more; it's about being one with God.
- Jesus became one with man so man could be truly one with God.

Two Trees...

- Genesis 2:9 (NKJV), The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- The day you eat...
 - Human choice
 - God's will
- Genesis 3:8-9 (NKJV),
 - And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
 - 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"
- 2 Timothy 1:9-10 (NKJV), who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

It's Time

- John 17:4-5 (NKJV), ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- Luke 22:15 (NKJV), Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;
- Restoration of Koinonia, oneness with God.

What the Ek?

John 10:27-30 (NKJV), ²

- ⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
- neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.
- ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.
- ³⁰ I and *My* Father are one."

• ἐκ *ek*;

- primarily meaning out of, from, of, as spoken of such objects which were before in another.
- However, apó (575), of or from, is used of such objects as before were on, by or with another, but are now separated from it, i.e., they are not in it, to which ek corresponds.
- If something is in something else, then the separation from it is expressed with ek, out of,
- while if it is near it, on it, with it, then apó is used.
- Ek is used either in respect of place, time, source, or origin.
- It is the direct opposite of eis (1519), into or in.

To There from Here...

- 1 John 3:2 (NKJV), Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
 - Like, ὅμοιος hómoios;
 - adj. from *homós*, one and the same.
 - Like, similar. It denotes a correspondence in feature, property or nature,
 - while *isos* (2470), equal, denotes a correspondence in measure, capacity or position.
 - In biblical Gr. it means of the same kind,
- 1 John 4:17b (NKJV), because as He is, so are we in this world.
- Matthew 25:40 (NKJV), ⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me"
- Isaiah 51: (NKJV), "Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.

True Righteousness...

- Romans 10:5-11 (NKJV), ⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) ⁷ or, "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
- ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- ⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Deuteronomy 30:12-14)