

This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ~Jesus  
*John 17:3*

## God Manifest in the Flesh?

Trinity and Oneness (Modalism) advocates like to use 1 Tim. 3:16 to prove Jesus is God. It reads like this in the KJB,

“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.”

First thing we need to know is, the word “God/theos” was forged into a small number of Greek texts around the 4th century. The KJB is based on corrupted manuscripts here.

Since I am not a Greek scholar and don't know the Greek language (as many of you), let's approach this verse anyway with a common sense approach, putting aside the indoctrination that has been handed down to us.

The verses says, “Great is the MYSTERY OF GODLINESS.”

“Godliness” means “righteousness,” as in “godly” or “piety.” Paul is not saying Jesus is God incarnate nor that it is a mystery who God is. Paul certainly knew who God was (Phil. 4:19).

Jer 9:24 says, “But let him who boasts boast in this, that he UNDERSTANDS and KNOWS me...”

It's an insult to God who made us his children that He would not give us enough intelligence to know who He is.

Also, if we go to 2 Cor. 4:11, Paul uses similar terminology,

“For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of JESUS might be made MANIFEST in our mortal flesh.” Does this make us Christ?

Folks, it's not a mystery who God is. Anything we want to know about God starts on the first page of the bible to the last page of the bible.

Even if Paul did say “God” was manifest in the flesh, this still does not make Jesus God Almighty. It is a fact that Jesus manifest the Father in his own life. He was the express image of the Father and we know an image is not the original but a representative or likeness of the original. That's why Jesus said, “He who has seen me has seen the Father.” He he did not say, “He who has seen me has seen the Father because I am the Father.”