

The Trinity

Can you explain the Trinity?

Q: "What about the doctrine of the Trinity, the Holy Trinity?"

A: "Trinity" is a term that is not found in the Bible but a word used to describe what is apparent about God in the Scriptures. The Bible clearly speaks of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Ghost...and also clearly presents that there is only one God. Thus the term: "Tri" meaning three, and "Unity" meaning one, Tri+Unity = Trinity. It is a way of acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is yet three "Persons"

who have the same essence of deity.

Some have tried to give human illustrations for the Trinity, such as H₂O being water, ice and steam (all different forms, but all are H₂O). Another illustration is an egg having a shell, egg yolk and egg white, but this egg illustration shows that there would be "parts" to God, which isn't the case.

God the Son (Jesus) is fully, completely God. God the Father is fully, completely God. And God the Holy Spirit is fully, completely God. Yet there is only one God. In our world, with our limited human experience, it's tough to understand the Trinity. But from the beginning we see God this way in Scripture. Notice the plural pronouns "us" and "our" in Genesis 1:26 -- Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Though not a complete list, here is some other Scripture that shows God is one, in Trinity:

- "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" (Deut. 6:4)
- "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God." (Isa. 45:5)
- There is no God but one. (1Cor. 8:4)
- And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon

Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matt. 3:16-17)

- "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)
- Jesus said: "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)
- "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)
- "He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me." (John 12:45)
- If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (Rom. 8:9)
- "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 1:20)
- And the angel answered and said to her [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)
- [Jesus speaking to His disciples] "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another

Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you,

and will be in you." ... "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him,

and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him." (John 14:16-17, 23)

Analogies

The natural phenomenon that best illustrates 3 in 1 is LIGHT

The best example of light is the sun;

It is said that out of every beam of light comes three rays

First the Actinic which is invisible

Second the luminiferous which is visible

Third the Calorific which gives off heat which is felt.

Three obvious aspects of Light one Sun.

Where these three are there is light, where light is these three are.

John said "God is Light" 1John 1:5

God the Father is invisible

He became visible through His Son "I am the Light of the world"

He is operative in the world through the Holy Spirit. "his Spirit can be felt, comfort"

Place 3 candles in one room and they give off one light.

A triangle has three sides, take away one side and it's no longer a triangle.

The doctrines that dispute the Trinity are in gross error. There are many scriptures that support the Trinitarian concept, but one that instantly comes to mind is summed up in one scripture.

One must first believe in the INERRANT WORD OF GOD, and base their hope of eternal life.

And that the word of God is constant and forever settled.

Matt 12: 31-32

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy [against] the [Holy] Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world,
neither in the [world] to come.

This single scripture shows a clearly defined distinction in the Godhead (trinity) it clearly shows that speaking against Jesus is pardonable, but speaking against the Holy Ghost is not.

Jesus wasn't out of his mind in the garden of Gethsemane when he prayed.....Father let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not my will but Thy will be done. (my will, and thy will indicated
2 wills)

Jesus was not delusional on the cross when he prayed Father forgive them..... another clear indicator of the Trinity.

2 John vs 7-11

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8) Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9) Whosoever transgresseth,
and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10) If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive not him into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11) For he that biddeth him God speed is a partaker of his evil deed.

We as true believers are warned in this scripture that we not be a partaker in his deed.- What

deed? The act of denying the existence of "BOTH" the father and the son.
There are an abundance of scripture that lead us to clearly understand that there are three in the "GOD HEAD" God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

1 John 5:7 One God - For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Three Distinct Persons- 1 God

Notice, Father as God- The Word – as God The Holy Ghost -as God. One God eternally existing in three distinct persons.

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

- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

The Word was with God?

If you are with someone you are not alone.

God the Father and the Holy Ghost were not Jesus' Imaginary friends as the Oneness teach!

Well this tells us as a hundred other verses that Jesus the second Person of the Triune Godhead was in deed with God The Father.

You believe that the Son did not exist until the incarnation.

I Believe that when God said let US make man in OUR image....That he was having a conversation with the Son, and The Holy Ghost. God was not Dilusional and talking to himself.

Jesus said Himself, Before the world was I AM, this shows His ETERNAL PRESENT TENSE.

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.

I have 3 son's, The second of which favors me the most, many have said that he looks just like me, talks just like me, and acts just like me. This is what this scripture relates to in referring to "the express image of his person".

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

How Could Jesus Pray to the Father, If he was the Father? And "another Comforter" this could only mean someone other than himself!

Make no mistake, The Christian Doctrine teaches that Jesus is God. Jesus, Fully God, Fully Man, God the Son, The second person of the ONE true triune God of the Bible.

Believe the whole word of God when it tells us that God is indeed ONE, and that The Father is

God, and Jesus is God, and The Holy Spirit (Ghost) is God, and that they all interact with mankind, and each other, as distinct Persons (not separate beings). Simply put, the God of the Bible is One God, an eternally existent triune God. The Trinity. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost. Three in one.

The Atonement.

Unless Jesus suffered and died as a true "person" (not just simply a manifestation of God), fully God and fully man, distinct/separate from (while still one with) the Father, the Atonement is incomplete and we remain in our sin.

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