

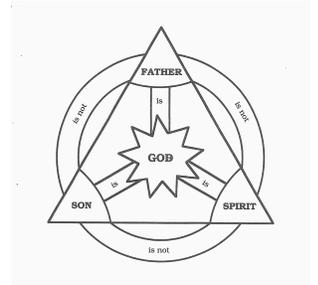
OWN THE TRINITY

The Doctrine of the Trinity, part two

Introduction:

Romans 11:33 *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?*

A Heretical _____



B The _____ Teaches

Matthew 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**, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

2 Corinthians 13:14 *The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit**, be with you all.*

Nehemiah 9:30 *...You bore with them for many years, And admonished them by Your Spirit through Your prophets,*

Ezekiel 11:5 *Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, ...*

Zechariah 7:12 *They made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets.*

TURN to **Mark 12:35-37**, quoting **Psalm 110:1**

TURN to **Luke 4:17-21**, quoting **Isaiah 61:1-2**

TURN to **Genesis 16:7-13**

TURN to **Judges 6:11-23**

C The _____ of the doctrine clarifies the Trinity

Tertullian versus Praxeas = **Modalism**, also called **Sabellianism**

Origin

Arius

Bishop of Alexandria = "**always the Father, always the Son**"

Constantine **The Council of Nicea in AD 325**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten **not made**, of **one BEING** with the Father, through him all things were made.*

Athanasius

The Council of Constantinople in AD 381

The Bible teaches Father, Son and Holy Spirit each possess the divine nature **equally**, [which avoids **Arianism**] **simultaneously** [avoiding **Modalism**] and **fully** [avoiding **Tritheism**, which is wrongly seeing the 3 persons as each 1/3 God]

#1 UNITY - GOD is _____

Deuteronomy 4:35 "To you it was shown that you might know that the Lord, He is God; there is no other besides Him.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is **one**! 5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is **one** God, and **one** mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

James 2:19 You believe that God is **one**. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT are each **Deity**

Acts 5:3 Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4 "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

#2 DIVERSITY - GOD is _____

ONTOLOGICAL EQUALITY but **ECONOMIC SUBORDINATION**

The Trinity is not ONE person who appears to us in three different forms or modes. That is **MODALISM**.

The Trinity is not God the Father as true God who created the Son and the Spirit to function as His arms to accomplish His Will.

That is **ARIANISM**.

The Trinity is not **THREE GODS**, where each person is 1/3 God. That's **TRITHEISM**.

A The Trinity transforms all your _____

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

John 17:11b Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be **one** even as We are. 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be **one**, just as We are one.

B The Trinity elevates your _____

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? 35 Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

C The Trinity makes your _____ possible

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Can you define the Trinity correctly?
- 2-Where do we see the Trinity clearly in the Old Testament and in the New Testament?
- 3-Why was there such a battle in Church History to get the Doctrine of the Trinity correctly explained?
- 4-What difference should the Trinity make in my marriage, my church, my worship and my friendships?
- 5-How should we react when someone attacks our understanding of the Trinity?

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