

The Holy Trinity ***One God, Three Persons***

First, the Biblical Teaching: We serve _____ who eternally exists as _____.

“Triune”: _____ in _____.

The _____ is God, the _____ is God, the _____ is God. All three are to be _____.

The word “Trinity” never appears in the Bible though...

Just because we do not have the word itself in the Bible, it does not mean the doctrine or concept is absent from the Bible. Here is what the Scripture teaches...

There is _____ God (Deut 6:4; Isa 45:5; Eph 4:6).

God is _____ persons (Matt 3:16-17; Matt 28:19; Gen 1:26).

The Classic Formulation: “The Doctrine of the Trinity affirms that the one eternal God exists as three persons. Each of the three persons are fully God and are equal in nature, glory, and power; sharing in the one Godhead. None of the three persons is dependent on the other for deity. Rather, each is God of Himself. There are not three Gods. One God; three persons” (Greg Allison).

Major Errors / Heresies to Avoid:

_____/_____: There are three gods.

_____: Jesus & the Holy Spirit are not God; God is only one person.

_____/_____: All three persons are actually the same person. There is one God who can take three forms or modes.

_____/_____: One God, one person. Asserts Jesus was just a man empowered by God to be Messiah. He was adopted as God’s Son.

_____: Only the Father is God. Other members of the Trinity are subordinate to the Father.

_____: Jesus was a man miraculously born and at the resurrection, He obtained *some* level of equality with God.

_____ : God is made of parts, each member of the Trinity being a “part” or God which makes up a whole.

Historical Development of the Doctrine of the Trinity:

Distinction of the Persons: _____ in _____ but _____ in _____.

_____ Trinity: Distinction in roles.

The Father is primary in _____, the Son is primary in _____, and the Spirit is primary in _____. This, however, is not a division of labor but it is the Triune God Who creates, saves, and sanctifies.

_____ Trinity: Distinction in relations (Being).

“The Father is He *from* whom, the Son is He *through* whom, the Spirit is He *in* whom all things are” (Bavinck).