

## THE GODHEAD - TRINITY

- I. The Trinity refers to the three person distinction in the Godhead.
  - A. God the Father.
  - B. God the Son Jesus Christ.
  - C. God the Holy Spirit.
  
- II. These three are a single unit but have distinct personalities.
  - A. Three are one. I Jn 5:7
  - B. One are three.
  - C. There are not three God's - there is only one Spirit essence.
  
- III. There are three distinct personalities separate from one another.
  - A. We see this manifested at Jesus' baptism. Matt 3:13-17
    1. God the son was baptized.
    2. God the Holy Spirit descended as a dove.
    3. God the Father spoke from above.
  - B. The doctrine that there is only one in the Godhead is not biblical.
  - C. Note that Baptism is in the name of three. Mt 28:18-20
  
- IV. Jesus is not God the Father.
  - A. Jesus prayed "to" his father. Mt 14:23, Mt 26:53, Jn 17:1-3
  - B. Jesus would not pray to himself.
  - C. Jesus was God's son. Jn 3:16, Mt 16:16
  - D. Jesus bore witness of God the father. Jn 8:12-19, Jn 1:14
  
- V. Jesus was not the Holy Spirit.
  - A. The Holy Spirit descended on Christ. Mt 3:16
  - B. Jesus contrasts Himself and the Holy Spirit. Mt 12:31-32
  - C. Jesus promised that God would send the Comforter. Jn 15:26, 16:13
  
- VI. How can God and Christ be one if they are really three?
  - A. They are one in purpose and motive. Jn 10:30
  - B. They are one as husband and wife must be one. Mt 19:5-6
  - C. They are one as the body being many members is one. I Cor 12
  
- VII. In Christ dwelt the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Col 2:6-9
  - A. To know Christ is to know God. Jn 14:7
  
- VIII. Context must determine who the word "God" refers to.
  - A. "God" refers to the Father. Mt 27:46
  - B. "God" refers to Jesus Christ. Heb 1:8, Jn 1:1-3
  - C. "God" refers to the Holy Spirit. Acts 5:3-4
  - D. "God" is a title of divinity and can refer to all three persons.
  
- IX. All three played a role in Creation.
  - A. God the Father was there. Gen 1
  - B. God the Son was there. Jn 1:1-3
  - C. God the Holy Spirit was there. Gen 1:2
  - D. Let "us" make man. Gen 1:26
  
- X. God is "one" as is stated within Deuteronomy 6:4.
  - A. Hebrew word used here is "achid" also used in Gen 2:24, Ex 26:6-11.
  - B. Both OT and NT are monotheistic but God has three in one.