

Theology 101

The Trinity

Now that we have established a foundation of *what the Bible is*, we will move on to *Whose Book it is*.

- I. The One, True God
 - A. There are many claims today about who or what is a god.
 1. Polytheism - belief in many gods
 2. Pantheism - belief that everything is god
 3. Monotheism - belief in one god
 - B. We believe that there is ONE God - Deuteronomy 6:4, Ephesians 4:6
 - C. To the exclusion of all other “gods” - Exodus 20:3, I Corinthians 6:4-6
 1. True faith is not believing that the Christian God is part of a pantheon of deities with other gods (Allah, Zeus, etc.).
 - D. We are to worship only the one, true God - Psalm 83:18
- II. The Trinity
 - A. The word *Trinity* is not found in the Bible, but the truth is clear
 - B. One God = Three Persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
 1. It is bad math but it is good doctrine!
 - C. From Genesis 1
 1. Verse 1 - “God” is Hebrew *Elohim*, which is plural
 2. Verse 26 - “Let *us* make man in *our* image”
 - D. More Old Testament References to the Trinity
 1. Two Lords in Genesis 19:24
 2. God will save by the Lord in Hosea 1:6-7
 3. The Son is spoken of in Psalm 2:7
 4. The Spirit is differentiated in Genesis 1:1-2 and 6:3
 5. The three holies of Isaiah 6:3
 6. Three Lords in Aaron’s Blessing in Numbers 6:22-27
 - E. New Testament References to the Trinity
 1. At Christ’s Baptism in Matthew 3:16-17
 2. Christ’s prayer to the Father for the Holy Spirit in John 14:16-17
 3. The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20
 4. Paul’s conclusion in II Corinthians 13:14
 - F. Henri Thiessen states ... “the three are equal. And yet this does not exclude the arrangement by means of which the Father is first, the Son second, and the Spirit third. This is not a difference in glory, power, or length of existence, but simply one of order.”
- III. The Attributes of God
 - A. (I’m stealing this outline from Bro. Jonathan Stewart...)
 - B. His GENUINENESS
 1. Spirit - John 4:24
 2. Transcendence - Isaiah 55:8-9
 3. Immanence - Jeremiah 23:23-24

4. Independence - Psalm 90:2, 115:3
 5. Person - Jeremiah 10:10
 6. Triune - see notes above...
- C. His GREATNESS
1. Eternal - Psalm 90:2
 2. Unchanging (Immutable) - Malachi 3:6
 3. Glorious - Psalm 19:1-4
 4. Omnipresent - Psalm 139:8
 5. Omniscient - Psalm 147:4-5
 6. Omnipotent - Matthew 19:26
- D. His GOODNESS
1. True - Hebrews 6:18
 2. Holy - I Peter 1:16
 3. Just - Deuteronomy 32:4
 4. Loving - I John 4:6
 5. Merciful - Psalm 116:5
 6. Gracious - Joel 2:13