

TRINITY BIBLE STUDY- March 30, 2016



1) The Trinity is a Mystery

Creator vs. creation

What would it be like to live in 2 dimensions, like Calvin and Hobbes?

Lesser beings ought not imagine that they can understand greater beings.

a) Mystery but not Ambiguity.

Revelation- God reveals Himself to us as Trinity- Tri- three, unity- One. Three in One. Three distinct persons- One Being.

b) Mystery but not Certainty

Bruxy Cavey- no way we stand before God and God says "You got me, you absolutely understand me." But He will say "thanks for trying"- That is what friends do.

c) Mystery is about Humility

2) The Trinity is Scriptural.

Although the word "Trinity" is not in the Bible- the idea is present throughout its pages.

a) Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was*[a] on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

A) Ancient title: 'In the beginning'

B) God created

C) God said, and there was...(He spoke)

D) God made life

E) God made light!

F) Darkness was there and light was separated from the darkness.

[G) The Holy Spirit hovered]

b) Gospel of John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend[a] it.

A) Starts with 'In the beginning' inferring Genesis!

B) God created everything through Jesus (John 1:2-3)

C) The Word was God and with God made everything!

D) In Jesus is eternal life!

E) Jesus is the light!

F) Jesus' light shines in the darkness and drives it out.

[G) The Holy Spirit hovered.]

<http://otgenesis.blogspot.ca/2012/03/parallels-between-genesis-1-and-john-1.html>

The Bible speaks of:

The Father as God (Philippians 1:2- “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”.)

Jesus as God (Titus 2:13- “looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”),

and the Holy Spirit as God (Acts 5:3–4- But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”).

3) Why is the doctrine of the Trinity important for individual Christians and the Church?

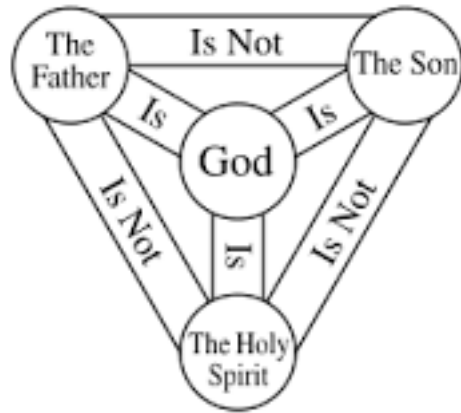
One-ness of God- Power: God vs. Us

Duality of God: Competition/Infatuation

Community of God: Each member of the Trinity loves and praises and lifts up the other. The Father sends the Son who sends the Spirit who glorifies the Son who glorifies the Father who...

Cf- The King’s Cross- Tim Keller

1 Corinthians 12: 24-26: “But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.”



Questions:

- 1) Is Jesus the God of the Old Testament?
- 2) How does the idea of the Trinity help your understanding of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? How does it hinder it?
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