

IS GOD THREE OR ONE? **(The Tri-Unity of God)**

A. The Bible Does Not Teach POLYTHEISM.

1. The term “trinity” simply means _____. This is often misunderstood to mean that Christians are polytheistic or believe in _____. A better term to describe the biblical teaching about the nature of God would be _____.
2. The Scriptures clearly teach that there is only _____ true God. (Deuteronomy 4:39; Isaiah 44:6-8; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

B. The Bible Does Not Teach MODALISM (Sabellianism).

1. Modalism is the false belief that there is one God who is not three _____, but simply manifests Himself in three different modes or ways. This is the belief of the United Pentecostal Church International (UPCI).
2. The Scriptures clearly teach that in the unity of the Godhead there are three distinct persons who are all described by the use of personal _____ and _____, and who possess the qualities of _____. (Matthew 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

C. The Bible Does Not Teach ARIANISM.

1. Arianism teaches that only God the _____ is eternal, and that the Son (Jesus Christ) was _____ by God the Father before anything else, after which the Son created everything else. A form of his teaching is held by the _____. This false belief denies the deity of _____ and the _____.
2. This false teaching is partly supported by a misunderstanding of the word “prototokos” translated _____, giving the impression that Jesus was created by the Father. (Col. 1:15,18; Rev.1:5)

D. The Bible Does Not Teach BINATARIANISM.

1. Binatarianism teaches that God is _____ persons – God the Father & His Son, but not the Holy Spirit. This false belief was originally held by the Worldwide Church of God (Herbert W. Armstrong) before this denomination converted to Trinitarianism after his death.
2. This teaching undermines the _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit which are clearly taught in the Scriptures (John 16:13; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 2:11; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 4:30; Hebrews 9:14)

E. Answering Some OBJECTIONS.

1. *“The term ‘Trinity’ is not found in the Bible!”*
2. *“The concept of the Trinity is not found in the Old Testament!”*
3. *“The doctrine of the Trinity was originated at some early church council!”*
4. *“The teaching of the Trinity is not fully understandable and therefore, must be rejected!”*

F. Understanding the BIBLICAL TEACHING of the TRI-UNITY of GOD.

1. In the OLD TESTAMENT.

- a. The Tri-unity of God is taught by the _____ for God. (Gen. 1:1, 3:5; Deut. 6:4)
- b. The Tri-unity of God is seen by the use of the plural pronouns _____ and _____. (Gen. 1:26, 3:22, 11:6-7; Isaiah 6:8)
- c. The Tri-unity of God is observed by identifying three persons within the Godhead in the _____ Scripture passage. (Isa. 48:12-16, 42:1, 61:1, 11:1-2; Psalm 110:1; 45:6-7)
- d. The Tri-unity of God is supported by verses that indicate the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6; Psalm 110:1, 45:6-7; Heb.1:8; Dan.7:13-14; Zech. 12:1, 10; Rev. 1:7) Do you know the JW special? (Isaiah 43:10-11, 44:6; Rev. 1:17, 18, 22:12-13)

2. In the New TESTAMENT

- a. The Tri-unity of God is seen in the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Luke 1:35).
- b. The Tri-unity of God is seen in the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:16-17).
- c. The Tri-unity of God is seen in the teachings on _____ (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).
- d. The Tri-unity of God is seen by each person of the Godhead being called _____; The Father (2 Peter 1:17); The Son (Hebrews 1:8); The Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4).
- e. The Tri-unity of God is seen in _____; The Father (Hebrews 1:2); The Son (Colossians 1:16); The Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2) Who created the heavens and the earth? _____ (Genesis 1:1)
- f. The Tri-unity of God is seen in Jesus' _____; The Father (Eph. 1:19-20); The Son (John 2:19-21); The Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11). Who raised up Jesus from the dead? _____! (Acts 2:24)
- g. The Tri-unity of God is supported in the NT by the many verses that teach the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Mark 2:5-7; Jn. 1:1,14, 5:21-24; 8:24, 8:58, 20:28; 2 Pet. 1:1; Tit. 2:13 – Is. 43:10)

G. Discerning Its PRACTICAL VALUE OF UNDERSTANDING THE TRI-UNITY OF GOD.

1. As it relates to SUBMISSION, the Tri-unity of God teaches us that submission is a _____ exercise, not a demeaning of a person's essence. (1 Corinthians 11:3)
2. As it relates to SUPPLICATIONS, the Tri-unity of God all are involved as we pray to the _____, in the name of the _____ through the power of the _____.(John 14:13; Eph. 6:18)
3. As it relates to SALVATION, God the Father _____ you to salvation through the sanctifying ministry of the _____ to obtain the glory of our _____. (2 Thess. 2:13-14)
4. As it relates to SPIRITUAL WORSHIP, we "worship _____ (the Father) in the _____, rejoice in _____, and have no confidence in the flesh. (Philippians 3:3)