

Introduction

- I. One of the reasons the HC was written was to be a teaching tool.
- II. The doctrine of the Trinity is the basic and central truth of the gospel.

The Triune God of Our Salvation

I. God's Greatness Revealed

- A. The doctrine of the Trinity arises through the progressive revelation of God.
 1. We must understand these terms *essence* and *persons*.
 2. The Triune God is the God we worship (1st command), in whom we trust (Prov. 3:5, 6), and to whom we pray (as Jesus taught us in the Lord's Prayer).
- B. God is one in *essence* and three in *persons*. Athanasian Creed: And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the essence. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
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II. God's Interaction for Salvation

- A. In John 15:9ff, Jesus reveals the interaction of the Trinity for our salvation.
 1. Our salvation is personal. What does this mean?
 2. But let us see in John 15:9, 15, 16, the interaction of the three persons for our salvation.
 3. What do we learn from this?
- B. Two points of application:
 1. May be overwhelmed and impressed with the commitment of the Triune God to us.
 2. This is why we must be committed to Him.

III. God's Mystery of Revelation

- A. How can you know that God is one in being and three in person? Because the Bible tells me.
- B. This morning we bow before the mystery of God.