

## The Inscrutable Doctrine of the Trinity

1689 London Baptist Confession— “In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and Holy Spirit, of one substance, power, and eternity, each having the whole divine essence, yet the essence undivided: the Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son; all infinite, without beginning, therefore but one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being, but distinguished by several peculiar relative properties and personal relations;”

B. B. Warfield has said, “The OT may be likened to a chamber richly furnished but dimly lighted; the introduction of light brings into it nothing which was not in it before; but it brings out into clearer view much of what is in it but was only dimly or even not at all perceived before. The mystery of the Trinity is not revealed in the OT; but the mystery of the Trinity underlies the OT revelation, and here and there almost comes into view. Thus the OT revelation is not corrected by the fuller revelation which follows it, but only perfected, extended, and enlarged.”

Three essential components to what the Bible teaches about the Trinity:

1. There Are 3 Distinct P\_\_\_\_\_ Within God

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 3:22

Genesis 19:24

Isaiah 48:16

Matthew 3:14-17

Matthew 28:19

Ephesians 4:4-6

From wikipedia, “Oneness teaching asserts that God is a singular Spirit, not a Trinity of persons as in the traditional . . . Protestant understanding. The Father and the Holy Ghost are one and the same Person, says this doctrine; "Father", "Son" and "Holy Ghost" are merely titles reflecting the different manifestations of the One True God in the universe.

John 17:5

Philippians 2:5-8

2. Each Person is F\_\_\_\_\_ God

- a. Jesus as God

Psalm 110:1  
Isaiah 9:6  
Genesis 22:11-12  
Genesis 31:11-13

Exodus 3:2-14

John 1:1-4

John 8:24  
John 8:28  
Jn 8:58  
John 18:5-6, 8

b. Holy Spirit as God

Genesis 1:2

Psalm 139:7-10

Isaiah 40:13-14

Acts 5:3-4

Mark 3:28-29

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

3. There is One God

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Deuteronomy 32:

Isaiah 45:22  
1 Timothy 2:5

Joseph Smith in Doctrines and Covenants said,

“God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens! . . . I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute this idea, and take away the veil, so that you may see. . . It is the first principle of the gospel to know for a

certainly the character of God, and to know that we may converse with Him as one man converses with another, and that He was once a man like us; yea, that God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ Himself did; and I will show it from the Bible . . . Here, then, is eternal life-to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves, and be kings and priests to God, the same as all gods have done before you, namely, by going from one small degree to another, and from a small capacity to a great one; from grace to grace, from exaltation to exaltation, until you attain to the resurrection of the dead, and are able to dwell in everlasting burnings, and to sit in glory, as do those who sit enthroned in everlasting power.<sup>4</sup> The Father has a body of flesh and bone as tangible as man's. . . .”

Isaiah 43:10

Application—

- a. It took all Three members of the Trinity to S\_\_\_\_\_ and to bring you to glory

The Father—1:4-6 (Eph)

The Son—1:8

The Spirit—1:13-14

John 6:37-40

1 Peter 1:1-2

- b. C\_\_\_\_\_ With All Three Members of the Trinity
- c. Follow the Trinitarian Pattern for R\_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Ontological Equality yet Economical Subordination
  - ii. L\_\_\_\_\_

John 3:35

John 5:20

John 17:22-26