

Colossians 1.19 – Who Is Jesus?, Part 3 Teaching Card

What does the Bible Say about the Trinity?

1. **God is One** (Deut 6.4-5; Isaiah 44.6; 1 Tim 1.17)
2. **God is Three Persons** (Gen 1.26, 11.7; 1 Peter 1.1-2)
3. **All Three Persons are God**
 - a. **The Father is God**
 - i. 30+ Passages
 - ii. John 6.27
 - iii. Titus 1.4
 - iv. Hebrews 9.14
 - b. **The Holy Spirit is God**
 - i. 1 Corinthians 3.16
 - ii. John 16.7-9
 - iii. Acts 5.3-4
 - c. **Jesus is God**
 - i. John 1.1
 - ii. John 8.58-59
 - iii. Titus 2.13
 - iv. 1 Corinthians 8.6 // Deut 6

The Fullness of God in Jesus → Jesus possesses all of the Divine attributes the Father possesses

Examples: Omnipotence, Eternality, Omniscience, Sovereignty, etc.

How should we think about the Trinity?

Essence – what a thing is; its substance

Each Person in the Godhead is 100% God

The Father is God, The Son is God, The Holy Spirit is God

The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is not the Father

The Son is not less than The Father in essence (godness), The Holy Spirit is not less than The Son in essence (Each are fully, wholly God)

Heretical Teachings On The Trinity

1. **Adoptionism** – Jesus as human was adopted into the godhead; became God at adoption as Son:
Today –Unitarians
2. **Modalism** – God is One Being and Person and reveals Self as three persons or modes throughout redemptive history: No Eternal Trinity Exists:
Today – Oneness Pentecostalism; Bishop T.D. Jakes
3. **Arianism** – Jesus is not God and not equal to God the Father in essence: Today – Jehovah’s Witnesses
4. **Tritheism** – Three gods rather than One God in Three persons: Today – Mormonism

What We Believe: There is One God In Being Represented In Three Persons, coeternal, coexistent, coequal in rank, power and majesty... 100% God

Why does this matter?

1. Worship (Spirit and Truth)
2. Evangelism and Missions
3. Knowing God (His grace) and Loving God (John 1.14, 16-18)
 - a. No Trinity = No Grace, No Eternal Love, Power over Love (Love is Created)
 - b. Knowing/Loving God dependent on Jesus knowing and loving the Father (Matt 11.27; John 15.10-11)
 - c. Trinity – Tied to love in believers (John 17.26)