

CLASS 5: THE TRINITY

5.1 INTRODUCTION

Nicene Creed (325 AD): “I believe in one God, the Father Almighty...

“And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God...

“And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and Son...”

5.2 THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

1. God is three _____ (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

Matthew 3:16-17 –

Matthew 28:19 –

- See also: 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:1-2; Jude 20-21

2. Each person is fully _____

A. God the Father

Eph 4:6 –

B. God the Son

John 1:1-4 –

- See also: John 8:58; 10:30; 20:27-29; Heb 1:8

C. God the Holy Spirit

Acts 5:3-4 –

- See also: Matt 28:19; John 14:16; 1 Cor 6:19

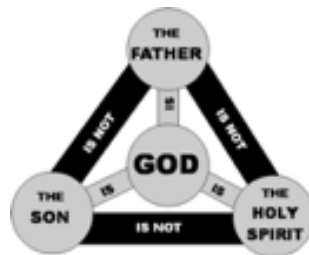
3. There is _____ God

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 –

James 2:19 –

- See also: Isaiah 45:5-6; 46:9

Ryrie's Chart (Basic Theology, 63):



5.3 SOME FAULTY THINKING

#1 – Father, Son, Holy Spirit are just three different _____ for God (Modalism)

(denies first statement – yet three separate persons are clear – Mt 3:16-17)

#2 – Jesus/Holy Spirit are _____ God (Arianism/Jehovah's Witnesses)

(denies second statement – Yet we saw that Jesus is God – Jn 1:1)

#3 – There are _____ gods (Tritheism)

(denies third statement – Yet God is one – Dt 6:4)

5.4 WHAT ARE SOME WAYS IN WHICH WE TRY TO UNDERSTAND THIS?

1. By _____

- A. Egg – shell, yolk, egg whites
- B. H₂O – liquid, vapor, solid
- C. Ryrie’s Chart, pg. 63 (see above)

2. All analogies fall short in some way. We therefore must take God at His Word!

5.5 DIFFERENTIATING MEMBERS OF THE TRINITY

1. Each has a different way of relating to _____

Ephesians 1:3-14 –

1 Peter 1:2 –

2. Each has a different way of relating to _____

- The Father sent His Son (John 3:16; Rom 8:32)
- Christ the Son came in obedience to the Father (Matt 26:39; Rom 5:19)
- The Holy Spirit points to and magnifies the Son (John 15:26; 16:13-14)

5.6 PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. The matter of our _____

- God the Father: foreknew us
- God the Son: died for us
- God the Holy Spirit: sanctifies us

1 Peter 1:2 –

2. The matter of _____

- God the Father: we pray to Him
- God the Son: we pray in His name on the basis of His work
- God the Holy Spirit: intercedes and “helps” our prayer

Matthew 6:9 –

John 16:23-24 –

Romans 8:26-27 –