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The Doctrine of God Week 13 – The Trinity

The Trinity

Intro

- Is the Trinity an Attribute of God?
- Does getting the Trinity right really matter?
- Historical Issues

What is the Trinity?

There is one God who eternally exists as three distinct persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God.

Other helpful ways to describe the Trinity

- God is one Being and three Persons
- God is one What and three Whos

But, is the word *Trinity* even in the Bible?

Biblical Basis for the Trinity

- 1 Different Persons are called God
- 2 Each Person is Fully God
- 3 There is One God

1. Different Persons are referred to as God

Old Testament Witness

- **Genesis 1:26** “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”
- **Genesis 3:22** “Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil.”
- **Isaiah 6:8** “And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

- **Psalm 45:6-7** “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; ⁷you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions”

New Testament Witness

- **Matthew 28:16** – “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”
- **1 Corinthians 12:4-6** – “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God...”
- **Matthew 3:16-17** – “And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

2. Each Person is Fully God

God The Son

- **John 1:1-3** – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”
 - Christ’s deity is in every aspect of this passage!

Vs. 1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Vs. 2 - He was in the beginning with God.

Vs. 3 - All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Everything that Exists	
Things that were made	Things that were not made

- John 20:28 – “Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”
- Hebrews 1 – The entire chapter!