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## The Doctrine of God: Week 14

### The Trinity

#### Intro

- Review

#### 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.

#### Biblical Basis for the Trinity

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

#### 2. Each Person is Fully God

God the Son - continued

#### The Son is God – Overview

<b>Honors</b>	Jesus shares the <i>honors</i> due only to God. God alone is to be worshipped, yet Jesus is clearly worshipped as God. (John 5:23, John 17:5, Heb 1:6, Rev 1:7, John 20:28, Rev 5:12-14, compare Isaiah 45:23 with Phil 2:9-11)
<b>Attributes</b>	Jesus has the very <i>attributes</i> that only God has. (John 1:1-3, Heb 1:3 and Matt 28:18 Col 1:15-19, Col 2:9, John 14:9, Heb 1:2-3, Rom 8:35-39, Matt 28:20, John 21:17)
<b>Names</b>	Jesus is given the <i>names</i> only given to God. Jesus is called God, Lord, Yahweh, King of Kings, Savior, First and Last (Compare Isaiah 45:23 with Phil 2:9-11; John 20:28, Rev 1:17-18, John 1:1, Titus 2:13, Heb 1:8, 2 Peter 1:1, compare Joel 2:32 with Rom 10:13)
<b>Deeds</b>	Jesus does the very <i>deeds</i> or works that only God can do. (creates in John 1:3, sustains in Heb 1:2-3, sovereign over nature in Matt 8:23-27, giver of life in John 1:4, judges in 2 Cor 5:10, forgives sins in Luke 5:20-21)
<b>Seat</b>	Jesus sits in the very <i>seat</i> or throne of God (Rev 3:21, 7:17; Eph 1:20, compare Dan 7:13-14 with Mark 14:61-64; Rev 22:1, 3; 1 Pet 3:22)

God the Holy Spirit

- **Acts 5:3-5** “But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”
- **1 Corinthians 3:16** “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”
- **Psalms 139:7-8** “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!”
- **Romans 8:9-10** “<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

But now we’ve got a major problem!

### 3. There is One God

- **Deut. 6:4** “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

This passage was ingrained into the identity of every Jew

- **Exodus 15:11** “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”
- **Exodus 20:3** “You shall have no other gods before me.”
- **Isaiah 43:10** “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.”

## The Trinity and Redemption

What's the most well-known verse in the Bible?

...a form of cosmic child abuse—a vengeful Father, punishing his Son for an offence he has not even committed. Understandably, both people inside and outside of the Church have found this twisted version of events morally dubious and a huge barrier to faith. Deeper than that, however, is that such a concept stands in total contradiction to the statement “God is love.” If the cross is a personal act of violence perpetrated by God towards humankind, but borne by his Son, then it makes a mockery of Jesus’ own teaching to love your enemies and to refuse to repay evil with evil.  
-Steve Chalke and Alan Mann, *The Lost Message of Jesus*, pp. 182-183.

Is the cross Cosmic child abuse of the greatest order?

- The Trinity brings resolution to the cross!
- Jesus is not an innocent 3<sup>rd</sup> party. He is the God that saves us!

**Acts 20:28** *“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”*

- No Trinity – No Gospel
- The Trinity and the Mercy of God
  - **Ephesians 2:4**
  - Without the Trinity, there is no Love. Without Love, there is no Mercy. Without Mercy, there is no Salvation.
  - The Plan of the Father, the Purchase by the Son, the Application and the Seal by the Spirit