

THE TRI-UNITY OF THE GODHEAD

(A Study of the Attributes of God)

I. CAN YOU REALLY KNOW THE LORD GOD?

II. HOW CAN GOD REALLY BE KNOWN BY US?

III. WHAT IS GOD REALLY LIKE?

IV. IS GOD THREE OR ONE?

A. The Bible Does Not Teach POLYTHEISM

1. The term “trinity” simply means _____. This is often misunderstood to mean that Christians are polytheistic or believe in _____. A better term to describe the biblical teaching about the nature of God would be _____.
2. The Scriptures clearly teach that there is only _____ true God. (Deut. 4:39; 6:4; Isa. 44:6-8; 1 Cor. 8:4-6; 1 Tim. 2:5-6)

B. The Bible Does Not Teach MODALISM (Oneness)

1. Modalism is the false belief that there is one God who is not three _____ but simply manifests Himself in three different modes or ways. This is the belief of the United Pentecostal Church International (UPCI).
2. The Bible plainly teaches that in the unity of the Godhead there are three distinct Persons who are all described by the use of personal _____ and _____ and who possess the qualities of _____. (Matt. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 13:14)

C. The Bible Does Not Teach ARIANISM

1. Arianism teaches that only God the _____ is eternal, and that the Son (Jesus Christ) was _____ by God the Father before anything else, after which the Son created everything else. A form of this teaching is held by the _____. This false belief denies the deity of _____ and the _____.
2. This false teaching is partly supported by a misunderstanding of the word “*prototokos*” translated _____, giving the impression that Jesus was created by the Father. (Col. 1:15, 18; Rev. 1:5)

D. Understanding the BIBLICAL TEACHING of the Tri-Unity of God

1. In the OLD TESTAMENT

- a. The Tri-unity of God is taught by the _____ for God. (Gen. 1:1, 3:5; Deut. 6:4)

- b. The Tri-unity of God is seen by the use of the plural pronouns “ _____ ” and “ _____ ” (Gen. 1:26, 3:22, 11:6-7; Isa. 6:8)
- c. The Tri-unity of God is observed by identifying three persons within the Godhead in the _____ Scripture passage. (Isa. 42:1; 48:12-16; 61:1; 11:1-2; Ps. 110:1; 45:6-7)
- d. The Tri-unity of God is supported by verses that indicate the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Mic. 5:2; Isa. 7:14, 9:6; Ps. 110:1, 45:6-7; Heb.1:8; Dan.7:13-14; Zech. 12:1, 10; Rev. 1:7)

2. In the NEW TESTAMENT

- a. The Tri-unity of God is evident in the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Luke 1:35).
- b. The Tri-unity of God is evident in the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:18-20; John 14:16-17).
- c. The Tri-unity of God is evident by each Person of the Godhead being called _____. The Father (2 Pet. 1:17); The Son (Heb. 1:8); The Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4).
- d. The Tri-unity of God is evident in Jesus’ _____. The Father (Eph. 1:19-20); The Son (John 2:19-21); The Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:11).
- e. The Tri-unity of God is supported in the NT by the many verses that teach the _____ of Jesus Christ. (John 1:1, 14, 5:21-24; 8:24, 8:58; 20:28; Mark 2:5-7; 2 Pet. 1:1; Titus 2:13)

E. Discerning Its PRACTICAL VALUE of Understanding the Tri-unity of God

- 1. As it relates to SUPPLICATIONS, the Tri-unity of God all are involved as we pray to the _____ in the name of the _____ through the power of the _____. (John 14:13; Eph. 6:18)
- 2. As it relates to SALVATION, God the Father _____ you to salvation through the sanctifying ministry of the _____ to obtain the glory of our _____. (2 Thess. 2:13-14)
- 3. As it relates to SPIRITUAL WORSHIP, we “worship _____ (the Father) in the _____, rejoice in _____, and have no confidence in the flesh. (Philip. 3:3)