

HOLY TRINITY

I. Introduction

- A. The word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, but the doctrine of the Trinity is clearly shown as a true and factual doctrine within the scriptures. - 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 5:7-8
- B. (Neither are the words “rapture,” “millennium,” or “bible” found in the Bible.)
- C. To better understand the doctrine of the Trinity, a believer must **read** and **believe** the words of God **as they stand** in the KJB. - 1 Cor. 2:9-16
- D. The scriptures also reveal an **UNHOLY** Trinity. - Rev. 16:13
- E. The **UNHOLY** Trinity typified. - Num. 22:41 as follows: **Baal** → false god the father (dragon/satan/devil); **Balak** → false god the son (beast/antichrist); **Balaam** → false prophet (unholy spirit).
- F. There is only one true God, the God of Genesis and creation. - Gen. 1:1; Deut. 6:4
- G. Jesus Christ is God manifested in the flesh. - John 10:30; Rom. 9:5; 1 Tim. 3:16
- H. Jesus Christ **IS NOT** a lesser, inferior, or created God as the JW’s teach. - John 1:18
- I. God’s “address” (place of habitation or dwelling). - Isa. 57:15
- J. God eternally exists (and is manifested) in three distinct persons. - Rom. 1:20; Col. 2:9
- K. The Trinity **IS NOT** three different gods, but **ONE GOD** manifested in three separate/distinct persons.
- L. The belief in a plurality of gods is called “**polytheism**.”
- M. Similar to: each person is manifested as a **CHILD** to their parents, a **PARENT** to their own children, and a **SPOUSE** to the one they married to, but each is only **ONE PERSON**.
- N. God does many things in **threes**: One sun, but putting out **1**) invisible heat rays (Father), **2**) visible yellow light rays (Son), **3**) invisible blue gamma rays (Holy Spirit).
- O. Another example: Water - Depending on the temperature, H₂O can appear as liquid, ice, or steam...but it’s still H₂O, water.
- P. The Trinity is a **scriptural mystery** that nobody can fully explain. - Isa. 55:8-9
- Q. We are not called to fully understand the Trinity, but to **BELIEVE IT** by faith. - Heb. 11:6

II. The Unity of the Godhead as a Trinity:

- A. The Lord is the Holy Spirit. - 2 Cor. 3:17-18
- B. The Holy Ghost is God. - Acts 5:1-4
- C. Jesus Christ is Lord and the true God. - Acts 9:3-6; Phil. 2:11; 1 John 5:20
- D. Jesus Christ and God the Father are one. - John 10:30
- E. Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. - John 1:18
- F. Jesus Christ equal with the Father. - John 5:18
- G. The Son and the Father are both to be equally honoured. - John 5:23
- H. The Son and the Father are both the source of life. - John 5:26
- I. God the Father’s authority has been given to the Son to execute judgment. - John 5:27
- J. Jesus Christ did the will of (and in the name of) His Father. - John 5:30, 43

II. Attributes of the Trinity

- A. All 3 persons of the Trinity have the same attributes.
- B. Although all three persons of the Trinity are distinct persons, they are all three **EQUAL** in attributes, but **SEPARATE/DISTINCT** in function.
- C. Eternal (no beginning/no ending) - Ps. 90:2; Heb. 9:14; Rev. 1:8, 11, 21:6, 22:13
- D. Omnipotence (all power & authority) - Matt. 9:4-8, 10:1, 28:18; John 19:1-11; Rom. 13:1-3; 1 Pet. 1:5; Rom. 15:19; 2 Cor. 12:9
- E. Omniscience (all knowing) - Prov. 15:3; Jer. 17:10; 1 Cor. 2:11
- F. Omnipresence (present everywhere & immensity) - Jer. 23:24; Matt. 18:20; Ps. 139:7-12
- G. Just, Pure & Holy - Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4; Job 4:17; Acts 3:14; Luke 1:15; Rev. 4:11, 15:4
- H. Truthfulness & Honesty - John 7:28; 1 John 5:6; Rev. 3:7
- I. Goodness/Kindness/Longsuffering - Rom. 2:4; Eph. 5:25; Neh. 9:20
- J. Communion with Man - 1 John 1:3; 2 Cor. 13:14

III. The Doctrine of the Trinity (working together in unity)

- A. Nobody can be saved without believing Jesus Christ is the virgin born Son of God and is God manifested in the flesh (deity). - 1 Tim. 3:16; John 1:1-2; 14:7-11; 20:27-29; Titus 3:4-6; Heb. 1:8; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:8-9; 1 John 5:20; Compare Acts 16:31 with Acts 16:34
- B. The water baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ. - Matt. 3:13-17, 28:19 ("**name**" → singular)
- C. There is but one name that matches the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost → "**the Lord**". - Jude 1:5 (Father); 1 Cor. 12:3 & Phil. 2:11 (Son/Jesus); 1 Cor. 3:17 (Holy Spirit)
- D. All 3 persons of the Trinity are active in creation. - Gen. 1:1-3; John 1:1-3 (**Word** = Jesus Christ 7X in KJB → John 1:1 (3X), John 1:14; 1 John 1:1, 5:7; Rev. 19:13); Col. 1:15-16
- E. All 3 persons of the Trinity are active in the incarnation. - John 3:16; Matt. 1:18-20; Luke 1:35
- F. All 3 persons of the Trinity are active in redemption/salvation. - 2 Cor. 5:21; John 16:7-15; Eph. 1:13, 4:30; 1 Cor. 6:11; Heb. 9:14, 10:10-17
- G. The Holy Spirit making intercession for believers. - Rom. 8:26-28
- H. God, as well as each person, is **one being**, but also a Trinity. - 1 Thess. 5:23
- I. An individual's body is a picture of **God the Son**, the Lord Jesus Christ, which can be seen. An individual's soul is a picture of **God the Father** which cannot be seen, felt, or heard. An individual's spirit (like air), is a picture of **God the Holy Spirit**.
- J. Man was **originally** made in the image of God and created by the Holy Trinity of God. However, ever since Adam fell into sin, all men have been created in the image of Adam (i.e. with a sin nature), therefore needing a Saviour. - Gen. 1:26-27 cf. Gen. 5:1-3
- K. Woodbridge correctly said, "He who will try to understand the Trinity fully will lose his mind; but he who will deny the Trinity will lose his soul."