

The Trinity: Continued

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As we have previously seen, the doctrine of the Trinity has been attacked tremendously by various religious groups which are identified as cults because they deviate from the essential truths of Christianity. These cults will try to come up with well reasoned arguments against the doctrine of the Trinity. But they fail to admit that Christianity has taught and believed in the doctrine of Trinity since the time of Jesus. Apart from that they fail to see that the Bible teaches the doctrine of the Trinity as well. That is what we will continue to focus on in this article.

In our last article we saw the plurality of God. We saw the numerous instances in Scripture where the Lord speaks as a plural God. We also saw how the Prophet Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on His throne (Isaiah 6). There we saw how the Seraphims that were around the throne cried out saying, "...holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty." By that we saw that they were worshiping the true and living God which has revealed Himself in three distinct persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That is why the Seraphims cried out three times.

The Trinity is revealed in more detailed to us in the New Testament. For example, after Jesus was baptized we see the Trinity present. Mat 3:16-17 says; "*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw **the Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: **And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***" In this instance, we see all three persons of the godhead present. The Father was the one that referred to Jesus as His beloved Son. The Holy Spirit was the one that descended like a dove upon Jesus.

We also see the Trinity in the Words of Jesus. Jesus said in John 14:26 "*But the Comforter, which is **the Holy Ghost**, whom **the Father** will send in **my name**, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*" Here we see the Comforter which Jesus says is the Holy Spirit. Jesus also mentions the Father.

Jesus also said in John 15:26; "*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from **the Father**, even **the Spirit** of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of **me**.*" Once again we see the Trinity present there in His Words.

To further see that the Trinity is a biblical doctrine, we now see some of the last Words of Jesus prior to descending up into heaven. In Mat 28:18-19 we read; "*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of **the Father**, and of **the Son**, and of **the Holy Ghost**.*" If God did not exist in three distinct persons, then there would be no reason at all to mention "...in the name of..." (name is singular to show that there is one God) and then mention three distinct persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But since the true and living God exists as a triune God, then we will see it revealed in Scripture as we have studied in the previous articles (for a list of the previous article please visit us online at www.borderlandcc.org).

Another Scriptural example that shows us the Trinity is found in 1 Peter. Peter wrote; "*Elect according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, through sanctification of **the Spirit**, unto*

*obedience and sprinkling of the blood of **Jesus Christ**: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*” Once again we see the Father present, the Son present, and the Holy Spirit present.

To further see that the Trinity once again is biblical doctrine, we now see what John the Apostle wrote in his first epistle. He wrote in 1 John 5:7; *“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”* This is one of the most clearest verses that show us the Trinity. God has decided to reveal Himself in three distinct persons. That is why the many examples that we cited exist in Scripture.