WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

First of all, the Trinity is not a biblical term. According to Wikipedia, the <u>doctrine</u> of the **Trinity** defines <u>God</u> as three divine persons or <u>hypostases</u>: the <u>Father</u>, the <u>Son</u> (<u>Jesus</u>), and the <u>Holy Spirit</u>; "one God in three persons". The three <u>persons</u> are distinct, yet are one "substance, essence or nature". This has been a highly debated topic from the beginnings of the Christian faith and continues to be. Those who subscribe to this belief are called Trinitarians.

From the various references in the Bible, it would appear as if there are two or three persons in the Godhead, but is there really three persons as it is popularly believed. The apostle Paul calls this a "GREAT MYSTERY" The biblical passages Colossians 2:2 and 1 Timothy 3:16. What then is a mystery? In general terms, a mystery is defined as anything that is kept secret or remains unexplained or unknown. In Biblical terms, this is a hidden truth or wisdom? "Therefore please consider this, that if it is actually as it appears, then there is no mystery. So then, if it appears that there are three persons in the Godhead and there are actually three persons in the Godhead, would not it be inappropriate to call it a mystery? So maybe it is not as it appears to be; and if not, how do we explain it?

The Godhead is really not very complicated. It is made complicated by the devil who has been twisting the Truth to bring complexity to God's word. He has been doing this from the time man was placed in the Garden of Eden, so that men would not know the Only True God. The Bible speaks of God sending forth His Only Begotten Son into the world for the purpose of redeeming mankind. God became incarnate as the Son of Man, but on the God side, He is the Son of God. Many through ignorance are fallen under the spell of Satan, being taught that the Son of God was incarnated. It is easy to believe this lie if you have already believed the other lie that Son of God was "eternally generated." These are twisted words and are therefore doctrines of devils. If we would take heed to the warnings of Jesus Christ we would not become victims.

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many: (Matthew 24:3). Sadly, the many speaks of majority. The Son of God did not come down from heaven into earth as the second person in the trinity. This is not what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches us that "God was manifested in the flesh" or rather appeared in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus (Yahushua) is the God-man, Emmanuel [God with Us] (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23).

God's redemptive plan involves the restoration of fellowship between God and man which was severed as a result of Adam's transgression. Mankind was alienated from God and did not know Him as Father. For us to re-enter God's family and be restored to fellowship, we would have to be adopted in. **God could not reintroduce Himself as Father, having neither sons nor daughters**. God would have looked very ridiculous, calling Himself Father, and having no children, so He

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begat His only Son (Only Begotten). By this Son, many other sons would become His for He also is the Father (John 10:30, 14:9,10 Isaiah 9:6). *Please see my article, The New Birth*

As Jesus (Yahushua) began speaking about His Father in every major discourse, those listening were asking, "who is His Father?" Some were afraid to ask but it had gotten to the point where one of His disciples could not take it anymore. To him, Jesus was giving him too much of a headache, and I am sure that he was speaking for others as well. Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. He Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves (John 14:8-11 NKJV).

Is not this explanation by Jesus sufficient or enough to settle the doubts that there was not another "person" apart from the one that they were beholding? Apparently, **for many Christians, it is not sufficient**, but I will tell you this. When you study the discourses that Jesus had with anyone, you will find that He answers every question thoroughly, in every instance. The case of Nicodemus in John 3 is a perfect example of this. The events surrounding the life of Christ were pre-ordained from before the foundation of the world, for Him to reveal Truth.

The key understanding that we need here is to understand what Jesus meant when He said, "I am in the Father, and the Father in Me." This simple tells us that **Jesus was in His Father's will**. Jesus spoke in many instances of His coming to do His Father's will, which was spoken of remarkable in (Psalm 40:7-8 NIV): *Then I said*, "Here I am, I have come - it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

It is said that before the incarnation that Christ was in God, but after the incarnation, that God was in Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him (John 1:18 NKJV). Christ was in the will of God. After Jesus came into the world, it was "...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself ..." (2 Corinthians 5:19). For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power (Colossians 2:9-10 NKJV).

The Apostle Paul wrote to the various churches for this purpose, "that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:2-3). This mystery is revealed in the simple phrase, GOD WAS IN CHRIST RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF. The mystery of "God" is the mystery of His will. The mystery of the Father is

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explained above. Father is certainly a name or title for redemptive purposes. See also 1 Corinthians 15:24 -28. The **mystery of Christ** is the works manifested through the [Messiah] [Servant] [Agent]. Jesus said, believe Me for the very works sake.

It is even this simple, God, manifested in the flesh on earth is Son, [Christ the Messiah] however when Christ ascended back to heaven, He is Father. The Father sends Jesus in the form of the Holy Spirit to indwell His saints and here we have Paul calling Him, the "Spirit of His Son" (Galatians 4:6). All this is explained by Jesus between the 14th and 16th chapters of the Gospel of John. This excerpt from John 16:7 states, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper [Holy Spirit] will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

There are not three persons, but one Omnipresent Spirit. "God is Spirit....." (John 4:24). "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30). The apostle Paul also confirms; "Now the Lord is the Spirit ..." 2 Corinthians 3:17). God is ONE. The other reason why many fail to believe that God is one is because they do not believe in the Omnipresence of God and to understand that He fills both heaven and earth at the same time. Omnipresence is heavenly concept, so it is hard for us to easily grasp, even though we claim that God is omnipresent.

Jonathan Edwards, known as one of the great theologians from the 18th century wrote that Matthew 3:17 proves that God is a trinity, because when Jesus was baptized, the Father spoke from heaven, as the Holy Ghost descended as a dove. This is the shortsightedness shared by many. This is just the case of another human being just being human, thinking earthly and not heavenly. It is amazing how many people even call the dove a person, because they say, that makes three. **God is Spirit, and this one Omnipresent Spirit is not limited by neither space, time or dimension.** Until we learn this, we will try to put God in a box when the word says that "even the highest heavens cannot contain him" (2 Chronicles 2:6). God was in Jesus but Jesus was also in God! For this reason, Jesus said, My Father is greater than I (John 14:28).

This truth can also be simply seen from this illustration. This most profound statements was made by the apostle Paul in the first chapter of Romans. "because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:19-20).

The Lord, created, formed and made the heavens and the earth, but what I believe Paul had in mind was this, even as James tell us; "who have been made in the similitude of God" (James 3:9).

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Man was created in the Likeness of God and through Jesus Christ, we are made in His Image. We are Body, Soul and Spirit just as God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit but we are only one person. ME, MYSELF and I are one being. When I look at my self in the mirror, I do not see my spirit and my soul. However, they are an integral part of who I am.

Even though the laws of heaven are different from the laws of earth as we are told you that the Son is only manifested in earth's atmosphere. However the invisible was made visible by the things that are seen, long before Jesus was manifested, and we could understand God's eternal power and Godhead [Deity].

God is not three persons as claimed by Trinitarians. There is no such thing as a Trinity. The Serpent has deceived Christendom with the Trinitarian Doctrine. It is clearly a doctrine of devils.

The Shema: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Deut. 6:4)



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