

***God, the Trinity – Job 11:7; Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Colossians 2:9***

(God Series Lesson 4 – 2 Chronicles 7:13-14)

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**Introduction**

1. The awesome, mysterious, wonderful Trinity! The Godhead, the Godhood, the Tri-Unity. The word “Trinity” is not in Scripture. Neither is the word “providence.” But these two doctrines are cardinal. God is Trinity. God works providentially in our lives. Paul said that the fullness of the Godhead dwelt in Jesus (Colossians 2:9).

**I. Monotheism**

- a. The church was born from Judaism and the Jews had a difficult time accepting Jesus because He claimed to be God. Their belief that there was only one God crucified Jesus.
- b. Jesus did not come to reject monotheism (Mark 12:29; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19).
- c. The world persecuted Christians as atheists. Why? Because they did not believe in the pluralistic gods. They believed there was only one God. We must believe in one God!

**II. Trinity**

- a. Christians are likewise Trinitarians. This is the way God is with Himself.
- b. In Genesis 1:26, God says, “Let us make man in Our image” Have you ever wondered about that verse? “Let us” – who is the us?
- c. In Matthew 28:18–20, believers were baptized into the singular “name” of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is a plural subject with a singular verb.
- d. There is the Loving Father, the Living Lord Jesus (The Son), and the Empowering Spirit. Each are God (2 Corinthians 13:14)!

**III. Wrong Answers**

- a. “Unitarian” – It is opposed to Trinitarian.
- b. Modalistic Monarchianism – they try to explain the Trinity with premise of one God who appeared in three forms. In Matthew 3 God talked from heaven, Jesus was baptized as a man, and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. You have “three” at one place at the same time.
- c. Tritheism – three gods. There is only one God! The Trinity is not a congregation with three members. The bible condemns both atheism and a plurality of gods.
- d. Gnosticism, Docetism, etc. are errors that attempt to harmonize the Trinity.

The Trinity means family, fellowship, interpersonal relations. That is why saved sinners are called into a body, a communion, a fellowship. Do not be satisfied with this short study of the Trinity. Study the relationships and authority found in the Godhead, check the other claims found throughout the bible about Jesus, The Father, and the Spirit.

“Try to explain the Trinity and you may lose your mind. But try to explain it away and you will lose your soul!” And the Apostle John says, “Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father” (1 John 2:23). No Person of the Trinity is expendable!