

## What We Believe – the Deity of Jesus, pt 2

1. Two weeks ago, we introduced the argument that broke out in early Christianity over the nature of Jesus. (quick reminder) What we are going to do today is not our usual sermon. We are going to go from scripture to scripture to scripture to drive a point home: the teaching that Jesus is co-eternal with the Father and of the same essence and character is NOT a manufactured doctrine. The Trinity is taught implicitly throughout scripture even though we might have preferred it to be taught explicitly.
2. So...excuse me, but we need to hammer this truth like a nail. It is worth a Sunday morning of our time.
3. Yahweh is our Judge. **Psalm 50:1-6; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:7-10.** Note that fire and judgment and so much more are the same in both passages.
4. **Ephesians 4:8** is a quotation from **Psalm 68:18.** Applies the name Yahweh to Jesus.
5. **Psalm 102:1,12,25-27** and **Hebrews 1:10-12.**
6. **Isaiah 8:13-15** and **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:4-8.**
7. **Isaiah 40:3,9-11** and **John 1:23** and **Revelation 22:13** (recompense).
8. **Isaiah 44:6** with **Revelation 1:7,8,17,18** and **22:13.**
9. **Isaiah 45:18,22-23** and **Romans 14:9-11; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 2:10.**
10. We could go on – seriously. The number of times Jesus is said to be the one named Yahweh in the Jewish scriptures is amazing. We will content ourselves with one more: **Joel 2:32** and **Romans 10:9-13.**
11. We could also spend today looking at the titles given to God the Father that are also given to Jesus the Son. I will place that in eBlast or in an insert in your bulletin so that you can do that work on your own. But let's switch to a different line of argument here: is plurality a

problem? Does our saying that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all God and all the same essence, One and Three, create a problem?

12. **Genesis 1:1** – Elohim. The word is plural.
13. **Genesis 1:26** – Plural pronouns.
14. **Deuteronomy 6:4** – God is one (echad). In Genesis, Adam and Eve were said to be “echad.”
15. Matthew says to baptize in the Name – singular – and then names three names. **Matthew 28:18-20**.
16. All three show up in **Ephesians 2:17-18**.
17. All three work together in **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:2**.
18. Paul signs off by placing all three names into the last verse of **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:14**.
19. And here is where we shall end, with something stunning: **Genesis 3:13-14 and then John 8:54-58**. The Jews who heard this absolutely understood what Jesus was saying. They picked up stones to kill him.

CS Lewis and the Trilemma: lord, liar or lunatic.