

The Triune God

The Three Whos in the One What

*"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."
-Isa 45:22*

1. The Bible teaches there is one God (and so should we)

- a. There is one, and no other, God - Deu 6:4-5/Mar 12:28-34, Isa 44:6, 45:5-7, 12, 18-19, 22-23
 - i. Not gods a many - a distinction from polytheistic religions
- b. God is a being completely unique from all others - Isa chapter 40
 - i. God's attributes define the being that he is
- c. Eternal, Infinite, Immortal, Immutable, Omni (-potent, -present, -scient), Creator

2. The Bible calls three God (and so should we)

- a. All three God in designation/demonstration - Phl 1:2, Act 5:1-5, Tit 2:13
 - i. Power to resurrect - Gal 1:1, Jhn 10:17-18, 1Pe 3:18
- b. To be God, each must fully, at all times, have all the attributes of God
 - i. God does not change (immutable) - Psa 102:25-27, Rev 1:8/22:12-13 (Isa 44:6), Heb 13:8, Mal 3:6, Num 23:19, Jas 1:17, Rom 11:29
 - ii. Note: what God does changes - 1Co 12:4-6, Rom 1:16-17
- c. Jesus' two natures: Jesus is both fully God and fully man - Col 2:9, 1Ti 3:16
 - i. Is immortal, yet able to die; Is self sufficient, yet able to hunger and thirst; Is eternal, yet able to be born; Is everywhere, and yet walked on earth
 - ii. Christian unique from Jewish, Islamic, other monotheisms - Phl 2:10-11
- d. One God + Three called God = ??, answer = understanding the who and what

3. Conclusion - A tri-une (three in one) God, three persons in one God, the trinity

- a. The three are distinct in person (who), but one being (what) - Jhn 14:26, 15:26
- b. A lesson in its own right, thus we'll have a forthcoming lesson on this point alone
- c. God = the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost - Mat 3:16-17, 28:19, Mar 1:9-11, 14:36
 - i. Each person is God entirely/fully - see 2. a.
 - ii. Each is equal in essence, attributes, being, e.g. All eternal - Jhn 8:58, Gen 1:2, equal with God - Phl 2:6-7
 - iii. Each is the same God (what), distinct in person (who) - 1Jo 5:7
 - iv. Each coexists in the Godhead at all times

4. Warnings about getting this wrong

- a. Errors can abound:
 - i. Not three separate/different gods
 - ii. Not each one a third of God, or three parts/pieces of the whole God
 - iii. Not one greater god and other lesser created gods
 - iv. Not three masks/modes/forms of a single person