

2)His _____:

a)Jehovah - Zech. 12:10 – (cf. Rev. 1:7) Jeremiah 23:5,6 – (cf. 1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 3:22, 2 Cor. 5:21) Ps. 68:18 – (cf. Eph. 4:8-10).

b)Elohim, God - Isa. 40:3 – (cf. Lk. 3:4) Acts. 20:28; Jn. 20:28 – “My Lord and my God.” Titus 2:13 – “the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” 1 John 5:20-21

c.The Spirit is Recognized as God:

1)*Acts 5:3-4 – “lie to the Holy Spirit...not lied unto men, but unto God”

2)I Cor. 2:11 – “For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

d. Evidence for the Tri-Unity - The Great Commission – Matthew 28:19 - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the _____ (singular, not plural “names”) of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

BUILDING A SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

On Theology Proper, EFCA Statement of Faith

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

I. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

A. God’s Incommunicable Attributes

1. Traits of God that are His and His Alone—No Other Creature in Heaven or Earth (not an exhaustive list)
 - a. Omniscience – all knowing – Ps. 139; Isa. 46
 - b. Immutability – unchanging – Mal. 3
 - c. Sovereignty- in control of everything – Isa. 45
 - d. Self-Existent & Eternal – No beginning or end – Gen 1
 - e. Omnipotent; Omnipresent, immeasurable, incomprehensible
2. Traits are Limitless—Infinite
3. Traits are Beyond Human Comprehension
4. Traits Inspire Awe, Worship, and Obedience
5. Traits Show Us Our Need to Hate Sin and Love Others
6. Traits Are Not for Us to Imitate

B. God’s Communicable Attributes

1. Traits of God He Shares With/ Gives to Humanity – Gen. 1:26-27
 - a. Truth, Love, Kindness, Justice, Wisdom, Mercy, even Holiness
 - b. They must be interpreted in and by God, not the world we live in
 - c. They define sin (missing the mark) using God as the standard
1. What is like God is right; what is not like God is wrong
2. Moses said, “Show me now Your ways, that I may know you...” Ex. 33:13
3. For example: Lying is sin because God is truth
2. See comments on traits above
3. We are Commanded to Imitate – 1 Pet. 1:15-16

II. THE NATURE OF GOD

- A. The Different Views of God – see Handout
- B. The General Definition of God
 1. The Three Major Features
 - The _____ of God
 - The ____ Eternal _____ of the One God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - The _____ of Each of the Three
 2. The Compilation in Creeds
 - The Nicene Creed
 - The Athanasian Creed
- C. The Biblical Proof of the Doctrine of the Trinity
 1. The Doctrine of the Trinity in the Old Testament

God is One - _____ - Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

Three Distinct Person as Deity –

- a. The Father is Recognized as God: Elohim – Gen. 1:26
 - b. The Son is Recognized as God: Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 6:1-3
 - c. The Spirit is Recognized as God: Gen. 1:1-2; Ex. 31:3; Judges 15:14; Isa.11:2
2. The Doctrine of the Trinity in the New Testament

God is One: 1 Tim. 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (c.f. 1 Cor. 8:4-6; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; James 2:19)

Three Distinct Persons as Deity – See Handout

a. The Father is Recognized as God: Pet. 1:2 – Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...”

b. The Son is Recognized as God:

- 1) His _____:
 - a) He was sent into the world (Jn. 17:18)
 - b) He descended out of heaven (Jn. 3:13)
 - c) He said, “I am from above” (Jn. 8:23)
 - d) John the Baptist said, “He was before me.” (Jn. 1:15, 30)
 - e) He came down from heaven (Jn. 6:33,38, 41,50,51,58,62)
 - f) “Before Abraham was, I am.” (Jn. 8:58).
 - g) In the beginning was the Word... (Jn. 1:1)
 - h) glory, which I had with thee before the world was – (Jn. 17:5)