



The Trinity
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Quick Thoughts

Imagine that we know nothing about the Trinity, what does the Bible say? What can we learn through the Trinity about the nature of God? About His attributes? About His character? Why is this important? First, when we reflect on the Trinity we see how immeasurably greater God is than we are. Second, God Himself models submission within the Trinity, becoming our example as we follow His command to submit in various relationships in our lives. Finally, embedded within the doctrine of the Trinity is the deity of Jesus Christ and His saving work on the cross that resulted from submission to His Father. The Trinity is one of those closed handed / small bucket issues, and therefore it is central to our Gospel understanding.

Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Romans 3:29-30
James 2:19
Psalm 86:10
Genesis 1:1
Genesis 1:26
Colossians 1:2
I John 3:1
I Corinthians 8:5-6
Colossians 2:9
Hebrews 1:8
Acts 5:3-4
Ephesians 4:4-6
John 14:15-17a
Titus 3:3-7
John 14:8-10
John 5:19
John 6:38
John 7:16
John 16:13-15
Philippians 4:3-8

Links/Resources

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Relationships, Roles, and Relevance, by Bruce Ware
Introducing Christian Doctrine, by Millard Erickson
Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine, by Wayne Grudem

Questions

1. What is the Trinity?
2. Why is the Trinity important for us to study? How does it apply to our lives?
3. How does the example of submission within the Trinity affect your attitude toward submission in your own relationships?
4. How would you explain the Trinity to a 7 year old?