

DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

- I. Definition: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one God, yet existing as three Persons without blending or dividing of substance, coequal and co-eternal.
- II. Scripture: 1Pet.1:2; 2Cor.13:14; Mt.18:19; Jn.10:30; cp. Ps.110:1; cp. Isa.48:16; Deut.6:4; cp. Mk.12:29b; Gen.1:26; 3:22; 11:7 "*let Us*".
- III. The Doctrine of the Trinity declares that God is one in essence and three in personality.
 - A. One in essence: One God without blending or dividing of substance, Isa.6:3 "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" (refers to the Lord [singular]); Mt.28:19 "*in the name* (singular) *of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*"
 - B. Three in personality: (when the Bible distinguishes between Their functions).
 - 1. Salvation: Eph.1:36.
 - 2. Revealed: Eph.1:13,14; Jn.14:36.
- IV. Each personality is made up of the same divine characteristics, Jn.16:15, making each one equal to the other.
- V. The Lord Jesus Christ is the visible member of the Godhead, Jn.1:8; 6:46; Col.1:15; 1Jn.4:12; 1Tim.6:16.
- VI. On one occasion, all three members of the Godhead were manifest, Mt.3:13-17 Jesus Christ, the dove (the Holy Spirit), and the Father's voice.
- VII. Light is analogous to the Godhead: one in essence, three in properties, 1Jn.1:5 (actinic, luminiferous, calorific).