

IS THERE A TRINITY (Or just ONE GOD?)

According to the Trinity doctrine, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are distinct and separate “persons” and each one is God. The Trinity is stated to be “One God.” How can three Gods be one God? “Can’t be explained,” Trinitarians say.

BUT IS THIS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS?

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are **clearly seen ... even his eternal power and Godhead**; so that they are without excuse.” Rom. 1:20.

(The word “Godhead” does not mean some type God council, it simply means “divine nature.” See Thayer’s lexicon)

The truth is, “Trinity” cannot be explained nor is the word “Trinity” found in the Bible. It was unheard of during the Apostles’ time period. Likewise, the language of the “Trinity” cannot be found in the Bible. Contrast the language of the Trinity with the language of the Bible:

Not in the Bible	In the Bible
Holy Trinity	Holy One
Triune God	One God
God the Son	Son of God
God the Holy Spirit	Spirit of God
One God in three Persons	None other God but One

Since it is not in the Bible, where did the doctrine of the Trinity originate? The first hint of this doctrine was approximately 100 years *after* the last Apostle died and was not fully established until the Catholic Church held the Council of Constantinople in 381 A.D.—almost *three hundred years after the Bible was completed!*

But what does the Bible say about God?

“ONE GOD” is the central theme of the Bible. The belief in One God separated the Jews from the nations around them. When Jesus was asked which was the greatest, or first, commandment, He quoted Deut. 6:4, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.” The scribe who had asked the question replied, “Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he....” Jesus answered him, “Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.”

Fifty-two times the Bible refers to God as the “**Holy One**.” Never is there a mention of a Holy Three. The Bible has clearly and undeniably recorded God’s desire for us to know that there is only One God:

“... that thou mightest know that **the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.**” Deut. 4:35.

“... have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it?* ... **Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.**” Isaiah 44:8.

“I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me ... there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.” Isaiah 45:5-6.

“... that ye may know and believe me, and understand **that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.**” Isaiah 43:10-11.

“... **there is none other God but one.**” I Cor. 8:4.

What more could God say? Could He have worded these scriptures any more strongly? Can we put more faith in a tradition established 300 years after the Bible was written than we can in the Bible itself?

The question is: Who is the “One God” of the Bible?

John the Baptist quoted from Isaiah 40:3 in revealing that he was, “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the **LORD....**” When you see LORD or GOD in all capitals in the Bible, the Hebrew word is actually Jehovah (transliterated). So let’s read that passage with that understanding:

“The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the **Jehovah....**”

We know that John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, but this scripture tells us that he prepared the way for Jehovah! Is this an error? Absolutely not! Jesus was Jehovah God of the Old Testament manifested in flesh! In fact, the name Jesus means, “Jehovah is Salvation.”

God, the ONE TRUE GOD, came in the likeness of sinful flesh to die for our sins. (Rom. 8:3)

Isaiah 9:6, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: ... and his name shall be called ... **The mighty God, The everlasting Father....**”

Acts 20:28, “... to feed **the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**”

I John 3:16, “**Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us:....**”

Col. 2:9, “**For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**”

I Tim. 3:16, “...**God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**”

There is only One God and that One God was manifested in the flesh. The Bible doesn't say that the “second person” was manifested in the flesh! It says GOD was manifested in the flesh. The error of the Trinity is the creation of a “second” God beside the One True God!

“... who hath declared this from ancient time? ... *have* not I the **LORD?** and **there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me** ... for **I am God, and there is none else.** I have sworn by myself, ... That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.” Isaiah 45:21-23

Notice the capital L-O-R-D? This is Jehovah speaking. But who does the Bible say is our “Lord and Saviour?” Jesus Christ! To whom does the Bible say every knee shall bow? Jesus Christ! Jehovah God himself came in flesh and offered that flesh for our sins.

Jehovah is used throughout the Old Testament and in many cases is combined with other words to form compound names. “Jehovahjirah” which means “the Lord our Provider;” Jehovahropheka, “the Lord our Healer;” and Jehovahshalom, “the Lord our Peace” are three of these compound names. Each name is representative of an attribute of God. He is a God who provides, a God who heals, and He is our peace. Yet the Old Testament prophets prophesied that God would one day be known by one name, a new name, and that His name would be great among the Gentiles.

“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his **name one.**” Zech. 14:9.

“And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a **new name**, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.” Isaiah 62:2.

“For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same **my name shall be great among the Gentiles;** ... saith the LORD of hosts.” Mal. 1:11.

“And in **his name** shall the Gentiles trust.” Matt. 12:21.
What is His name? JESUS!

All of the attributes of the compound names of Jehovah are found in Jesus; He is our peace (Isa. 9:6), our healer (Isa. 53:5) and our provider (Matt. 6:33). Jesus is God's name and

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12.

There is ONE GOD. His name is JESUS.