



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

Jesus, the Trinity and a 5-way Test

I. Recall 2nd Timothy 3:16-17 – There is “profitable doctrine”

A. The Greek word for doctrine is *didaskalia* – we see it used in the New Testament to describe different doctrines:

1. Mark 7:1-8 – Man-made doctrine and doctrines of God – there is a difference between the two
2. Ephesians 4:11-16 – there are false doctrines
3. 1st Timothy 1:3-11 – only sound doctrine should be taught

II. What is Fundamental Doctrine? How do we identify it? (From John MacArthur)

A. It must come from Scripture - *sola Scriptura*

B. They are clear in Scripture - no secret decoder rings. Example: Trinity (there but not)

C. Everything essential to saving faith depends on it

1. Jesus is the Messiah
2. Resurrection is real
3. Justification by faith

D. Anything we are forbidden to deny

1. Sin (1st John 1)
2. Love
3. Incarnate Christ

E. It's summed up in Jesus' work and as a person

1. He is the Logos
2. His atoning death, resurrection, miracles

III. The Trinity

A. Dr. Wayne Grudem's Three Statements:

1. God is three persons.
2. Each person is fully God.
3. There is one God.

B. Trinity Glimpses in the Old Testament

1. Genesis 1:26 – “us” and “our”
2. Psalm 110:1 – “LORD” and “Lord”

a. Primary OT Names for God – Psalm 16:1-2

- 1) Elohim (El) - God or god - Exodus 15:11a “*Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?*”
- 2) Adonay - Lord
- 3) YHWH – LORD

b. YHWH - Masoretes (about 950 AD) - Aaron ben Moses ben Asher - Masoretic Text – MT

3. Isaiah 63:10 - grieving “his Holy Spirit”

C. New Testament Revelation

1. Matthew 3:16-17
2. 1st Peter 1:1-2

D. God is Three Persons

1. God the Father – John 1:1-2
2. God the Son – 1st John 2:1
3. God the Holy Spirit – John 14:26

E. Each Person is Fully God

1. God the Father is fully God (not a hard one)
2. God the Son is fully God - John 20:24-29
3. God the Holy Spirit is fully God - Matthew 28:16-20

F. There is One God – OT and NT Examples

1. The Shema – Deuteronomy 6:4-5
2. James 2:19

IV. “Must Believes” about Jesus

1. Virgin Conception
2. Sinless Life
3. Died on the cross for my sins
4. Bodily resurrected
5. Ascended to Heaven
6. Intercedes at God’s right hand
7. Both God AND man at same time

V. My “Take Away”

- Sometimes it takes digging and praying to see God’s revelation to us.
- The Truth is always in Scripture because God’s Word never lies.
- You don’t get the choice to pick and choose what you believe about Jesus. He’s a Package Deal.

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