

Great Doctrines of the Bible III
"The Lord Our God, The Lord Is One"
Deuteronomy 6: 4-5

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1. What is the greatest question in the universe? This is a question that has been asked by every generation that has ever lived and ever will live - who is God?
2. The Christian Church has always taught that there is only one God – who is supreme over the universe.
3. Part of our problem in understanding God and the Trinity is our way of thinking about God. Because we are human and finite, we have to think in human language and imagery.
4. The problem with the doctrine of the trinity is that there is no one place to look for it in the Bible. The idea of the trinity is implicit throughout the scriptures from the very beginning of Genesis to the final end of Revelation.

I. What Does The Bible Say About Our Triune God?

- A This is not the God of the philosophers.
 1. God is our Father (**Eph. 1: 3; John 3: 16**).
 2. God sent His Son who died and rose from the grave (**Col. 1: 15**).
 3. God sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts (**Acts 2**).
- B The Biblical Revelation
 1. The O. T. states that God is One (**Deut. 6:4**).
 2. The New Testament teaches that God is One.
- C How does the Bible distinguish between the Godhead?
 1. God the Father is One. (**Deut. 6**)
 2. Jesus was and is God (**John 1: 1-2; Phil. 2: 5-11**).
 3. The Holy Spirit is God (**Acts 5: 2-4**).

II. How Does One God Exist As Three Personalities?

- A Some views to be avoided.
 1. Tri-theism teaches three separate persons as Peter, James and John.
 2. Sabellianism states that God appears at times as Father, then as Son, later as Spirit.
 3. Subordinationism teaches that the Son was subordinate to the Father.
 4. Polytheism teaches there are many gods.
- B Some triads we are familiar with.
- C We worship only one God.

III. How To Think About God, Practical Ramifications.

- A It teaches us that God is a God of revelation and communion.
- B It means that the Trinity is the basis of true fellowship in the world.
 1. **Eph. 5: 22**.
- C It serves as an example of how we are to be unified in His community of faith.
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