

## 'The Trinity—How Many Gods Are There'

BIBLE READING: *1 Peter 1:1–9*

### I. The Doctrine of the Trinity Debated

#### A. At the Council of Nicaea AD 325

- The Arian Heresy denied the Deity of Christ
- Athanasius defended the Deity of Christ

#### B. At the Council of Constantinople AD 381

- Macedonianism—A Heresy which denied the Deity of Holy Spirit

### II. The Biblical Description of the Trinity

A. God is One *Deuteronomy 4:35, Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6, Isaiah 45:5, 21, 1 Corinthians 8:4, 1 Timothy 2:5, James 2:19*

#### B. God is Three-In-One: As Seen In..

##### The Old Testament

- Seen in the Hebrew word ONE = ECHAD (*ek-cod*)
- Seen in the Plural name for God = ELOHIM (*not echad*)
- Seen in God speaking of Himself = OUR and US

##### The New Testament

- The FATHER *Romans 1:7*
- The SON *Hebrews 1:8*
- The SPIRIT *Acts 5:3–9*

##### The Old and New Testaments

- In Creation *Genesis 1:1, John 1:3, Job 33:4*
- In Incarnation *Luke 1:35*
- In Christ's Baptism *Matthew 3:16–17*
- In Atonement *Hebrews 9:14*
- In Christ's Resurrection *Acts 2:32, John 10:17–18, Romans 1:4*
- In Salvation *1 Peter 1:2*

### III. The Believer's Duty—Is to Obey Each Person of the Trinity

- In Prayer to the Father *Matthew 6:4, Daniel 6:10, Psalm 55:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:17*
- In Witnessing of the Son *John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Matthew 5:13*
- In Conduct—By the Holy Spirit *1 Corinthians 6:19–20*