

Christian Apologetics (Part 83)

The Trinity

I. The Doctrine of the Trinity Stated

→ The one true and living God exists in the three persons of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

II. The Doctrine of the Trinity Defended

A. Four Approaches (Historical Theology, Biblical Theology, Exegesis, Theological Analysis)

B. Common Objections/ Crucial Observations

C. Scripture

1. The Biblical doctrine of the Trinity is revealed _____ and _____ in the Old and New Testaments (Genesis 1:1-3).

-God is a single being (Deuteronomy 6:4).

-At the same time, plurality within the Godhead is indicated in a number of ways.

- By the Use of Plural Pronouns (Genesis 1:26; 3:22)

- By the Use of Plural Verbs with Elohim (Genesis 20:13; 35:7)

- By the Repetition of God's Name to Distinguish Between God and God (Psalm 45:6, 7 with Hebrews 1:8-12; Psalm 110:1)

- By the Angel of the Lord (Genesis 16:7-13; 22:11-18; 31:11, 13; 48:15, 16; Exodus 3:1-4; Judges 13:20-23)

- By the Deity of the Messiah in the OT (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6)

- By God, the Word, and the Spirit as the Joint Causes of Creation and Providence (Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 61:1; 63:9-12; Haggai 2:4, 5)

-All three persons of the Trinity possess the attributes of God (eternity: Psalm 90:2; Micah 5:2; Hebrews 9:14; omniscience: 1 John 3:20; John 21:17; 1 Corinthians 2:10, 11; omnipresence: 1 Kings 8:27; Matthew 28:20; Psalm 139:7-10; indwelling: 2 Corinthians 6:16; Colossians 1:27; John 14:17)

-All three persons of the Trinity perform the works of God (John 5:21; Romans 8:11).

2. The biblical doctrine of the Trinity can be proven by demonstrating three things: the _____ of God, the _____ of the Father, the Son, and the HS, and the _____ of the Father, the Son, and the HS.

-The Singularity of God (Is. 43:10; 44:6, 8; 45:5, 14, 18, 21, 22; 46:9; 47:8; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:5, 6; Galatians 4:8, 9)

-The Deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Father: 1 Corinthians 8:6; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:2; etc.; Son: John 1:1, 14; Colossians 2:9; Holy Spirit: Acts 5:3, 4; 2 Corinthians 3:17)

-The Distinctiveness of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:16, 17; John 5:23; 14:26; 15:26; Ephesians 2:18; Colossians 1:15)