

## **The Trinity** **By Greg Rangel**

We have previously studied the deity of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit. These doctrines are essential to the Christian faith. The religion that claims to know God cannot have a foundation that is based on the truth of God, but on man's errors and faulty logic if they fail to believe in these doctrines.

The truth of God is written in the Bible for man to come to know the true God as Savior and Lord. Time and time again He said who He was, where He came from, and what He came to do. He revealed Himself as the true and living God through His holy prophets. But the truth of the matter is that man will still take His truth and distort it in order to make disciples after themselves. These groups are called false religions and cults.

As previously state, one of the doctrines with which we have seen the truth of God is the deity of Jesus Christ. And that is that Jesus is the second person of the godhead. By being the Son of God, Jesus partakes of the same nature as His Heavenly Father. Just like man is the son of man, so too Jesus being the Son of God makes Him God.

The other doctrine that we covered was the deity of the Holy Spirit. Throughout Scripture the attributes of the true and living God are applied to the Holy Spirit, as in many other Scriptures that are applied to the Son as well. When it is stated that God was speaking through a certain prophet of the Old Testament, the New Testaments explains that it was the Holy Spirit speaking in that portion of Scripture.

Throughout biblical history Christians have believe and taught in the doctrine of the Trinity. The teaching of the Trinity is defined throughout Scripture as one God who has revealed Himself in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There are not three gods but one. The word "God" being a title and not a name, is applied to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. God is not one person who has disguised Himself in three characters. It is one God who has revealed Himself through His holy prophets as three distinct persons. Once again, the Father is called God, the Son is called God, and the Holy Spirit is called God.

The doctrine of the Trinity has been grossly misunderstood through the ages that it has become so easily for man not to believe in it. Due to that, new heretical doctrines have arisen throughout the centuries that are not based on Scripture but on someone's own preconceived ideas on who and what God should be and what God should do.

Unfortunately many religious and non-religious people who were never diligent students of the Bible and that perhaps never read the Bible from cover to cover for themselves, were so easily deceived by some religious false teaching fanatic who apparently heard God's voice say that all Christian churches deviated from the truth immediately after the death of the Apostles, and in turn they themselves have been called by God to show the world the truth of God that He has revealed only to them

apart from what is written in His Word, and at the same time they have also been called by Him to bring the “true church” out of apostasy.

Hence these false religious teachers begin to deceive those who have failed to study the Word of God for themselves by saying such things as; ‘the word trinity does not exist in the Bible, therefore the trinity does not exist.’ Because they lack studying the Word from cover to cover, people get so easily deceived and immediately begin to repeat what they heard from the founder of their cultish group saying, ‘the word trinity does not exist in the Bible, therefore the trinity does not exist.’ And the leader of their organization becomes very successful because he or she has gained another faithful follower through whom they can spread their cultic message. This mistake is then repeated by some other person who failed to be diligent students of the Bible as well.

As noted in the previous articles, the word Trinity itself does not exist in the Bible. That in itself is true, but the teaching does. And that is what we will be dealing with in the upcoming articles.

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