

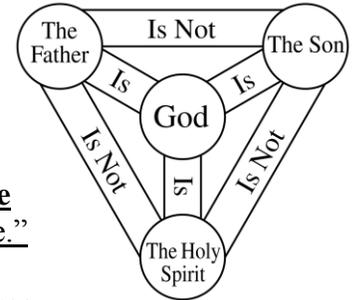
Theology Proper VI (Doctrine of God)
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A. THE DEFINITION OF THE TRINITY

The Athanasian Creed. “We worship **one God** in Trinity, and **Trinity** in Unity; neither confounding the Persons: **nor dividing the Substance.**”

Warfield: “There is **one only and true God**, but in the unity of the Godhead **there are three** coeternal and coequal Persons, **the same in substance** but distinct in subsistence.”

SRBC’s doctrinal statement We believe in **one Triune God**, eternally existing in **three persons**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—**co-eternal in being**, co-identical in nature, **co-equal in power and glory** and having the same attributes and perfections. (Deut. 6:4; 2 Cor. 13:14)



B. BIBLICAL TESTIMONY OF THE TRINITY

• **Old Testament**

- a. God was referring to Himself in the _____ form of the divine name *ELOHIM*
- b. Use of **PLURAL** _____ with reference to God (Gen. 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Is. 6:8)
- c. Distinctions made between God and _____
 - i. Ps. 110:1
- d. Deity of the _____
 - i. Is. 7:14
 - ii. Is. 9:6
- e. Reference to all three Persons in one verse
 - i. Is. 61:1

• **New Testament**

- a. Deity attributed to three Persons
 - i. **THE** _____ **IS GOD** 1 Cor. 8:6
 - ii. **THE** _____ **IS GOD** Heb. 1:8
 - iii. **THE** _____ **IS GOD** 1 Cor. 3:16
- b. Three Persons mentioned together as _____
 - i. Matt. 28:19
 - ii. 2 Cor. 13:14
 - iii. Eph. 4:4-6
- c. Three Persons are _____
 - i. Matt. 3:16-17 Baptism
 - ii. Matt. 17:1-6 Transfiguration
 - iii. Jn. 14:16
 - iv. Jn. 1:1
 - v. Jn. 8:58

THREE FOUNDATIONS

THERE IS ONLY	THERE ARE	THE PERSONS ARE
ONE GOD	3 DIVINE PERSONS	COEQUAL AND COETERNAL

THREE ERRORS

 <p>MODALISM</p> <p>Modalism claims that there is one person who appears to us in three different forms or modes.</p>	 <p>SUBORDINATIONISM</p> <p>Subordinationism claims that the Son and Holy Spirit are subordinate to the Father in nature and being.</p>	 <p>TRITHEISM</p> <p>Tritheism denies that there is only one God and instead claims that there are three Gods.</p>
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OMNIPOTENCE - is <u>all-powerful</u> and able to do anything <u>consistent</u> with His own nature.	EL - the supreme powerful One, ADONAI - our Lord
ETERNALITY – God’s endless existence is not <u>limited</u> by time.	YAHWAH - the ever existent One
INDEPENDENCE (ASEITY) – God is independent of all created things	IMMENSITY AND OMNIPRESENCE – God is <u>constantly</u> everywhere with His whole being.
IMMUTABILITY – God’s perfect <u>unchangeability</u> in His <u>being</u> , <u>character</u> , <u>purpose</u> , and <u>promises</u> .	TRUTH AND FAITHFULNESS – God is the <u>standard</u> of all truth, His Word is <u>reliable</u> and His infinite wisdom and knowledge are 100% accurate.
OMNISCIENCE – <u>Unlimited</u> knowledge	WISDOM – God is ultimately <u>skillful</u> , He always chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals.
UNITY – there is one God, who is <u>indivisible</u> .	TRINITY - Three in one
RIGHTEOUSNESS – God is the final <u>standard</u> of what is right and He always acts in perfect absolute <u>justice</u> consistent with His nature.	LOVE – God eternally <u>gives</u> of Himself to others
HOLINESS – God is perfectly <u>distinct</u> above everything outside of Himself and morally <u>separated</u> from sin.	MERCY - God is <u>good</u> and shows <u>compassion</u> to those in misery and to those who deserve punishment. (not getting what we deserve)
	GRACE – Unmerited favor