

The Magnificence of Jesus in the Trinity (Part 4)

REVELATION OF THE TRINITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

SEVEN TRUTHS ABOUT THE TRINITY

One God exists forever as three distinct persons, equal in nature as God and enjoying a deep relationship of love with each other, fully possessing the divine nature, yet differing in function and authority in their relationship and work together, while dwelling in each other.

#1. There is only one God.

God is only one being; He is essentially one—His essential nature is one (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 45:5-6, 21-22; 44:6-8). The apostles taught that there is one God (Rom. 3:30; 1 Cor. 8:6; 1 Tim. 2:5).

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. (Jas. 2:19)

#2. God forever dwells in three distinct persons who are coequal as divine persons.

How God with one undivided being can dwell in three persons is beyond our full understanding. There are real distinctions among each person. There is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Spirit. Each possesses a mind, emotions, and will or divine intelligence, emotion (desire, love, and joy), and free choice in relation to one another and to creation.

1. Coequal: The Father, Son, and Spirit are coequal in a unity of one substance or essence as God without any inequalities. There are three persons; yet not three gods, but one God.

2. Distinctions: Distinctions exist among them that are based upon their unique relationship. The unique expression of the Father is in the way He relates as Father to the Son and the Spirit. The unique expression of the Son is in the way He relates as Son to the Father. The unique expression of the Spirit is in the way He relates as Spirit to the Father and Son.

3. Forever: For all eternity, the Father has functioned as the Father, and the Son as the Son, and the Spirit as the Spirit. God is unchangeable (Mal. 3:6; Jas. 1:17). Therefore, these distinctions are eternal and not something that began at creation or redemption. Jesus was already the Son when the Father so loved the world that He sent His Son (Jn. 3:16)

Prayer:

Father teach us always to abide in you... understand and walk in the unity of your person. You are divine in all your person, coequal yet distinct...