

Cut and Paste Christianity- Part 12

3 in 1?

I knew this chapter would eventually come to fruition, but just how in depth we get for this installment may be limited to initially identifying Who are we talking about when we mention God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In looking at Who each One is in the Bible, we can see that They are not three in One nor are They all equal. With all the scripture and history surrounding this topic, it is best we begin defining terms and supporting the direction with what God's Word actually says.

We know from our own past, that most of us attended a church that believed and followed the "Trinity Doctrine." The belief was that God is three separate but co-equal entities. God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The "trinity" is described as one the mysteries of Christianity. It is the belief that our Almighty Creator actually is, not just a god, but an infinite Being that exists in three infinite co-equal Persons. Now here is the rub and fallacy, the word "Trinity" is not used anywhere in the Bible. That should be the first red flag to anyone who subscribes to this doctrine. Would not such a concept of such vast and cosmic importance be mentioned from square one?

My question now, after having been keeping God's Commandments, His Sabbaths, and Holy Days for nearly 10 years is, does anyone out there actually read what the words in the Bible actually say? Apparently not, for I did not find the term "trinity" in any of the translations in my Tecarta Bible app search. I am quite certain, many of those who attend a Sunday church would call this lesson "blaspheming the Holy Spirit" (**John 12:32**) but we know it is not and by the very Words of God, we can prove it from His Bible. As always, we will use scripture to validate any concepts we discuss.

We will begin in looking at where the 3 in 1 may have some origins and make sure we have a clear definition of terms used. We have previously discussed how much can be missed by overlooking the word "if."

Genesis 1:26- "And God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of heaven and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that crawls upon the earth."

I have highlighted "Us" and "Our" from this verse to identify their meanings. "Us" is a pronoun, used as the object of a verb or a preposition to refer to a group that includes the speaker and at least one other person. "Our" is a pronoun and is used as a determiner to show, "of or belonging to us." While the word "of" does not

apply to the Speaker in these verses, I thought it would be a good idea to include its definition as well for later reference. “Of “is a preposition that is used to show *possession, belonging, or origin*. We have previously covered its use in a prior lesson. All definitions came from the Cambridge Dictionary on line. “Us’ and “our” does not automatically mean three.

Who is God the Father?

God the Father is the Almighty God. The Sovereign of the Universe. He gave us His only Son as a sacrifice to pay for our sins. Jesus Christ came to Earth to fulfill the will of God the Father. Christ came to set an example for us to follow. He also came to reveal God the Father to us.

Matthew 11:27- “All things were delivered to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; neither does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son personally chooses to reveal Him.”

John 1:18- “No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, Who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”

If we have seen Him, we have seen the Father as we become one with Him.

John 14:9- “Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long a time, and you have not known Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; why then do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

John 5:37- “And the Father Himself, Who sent Me, has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice nor seen His form at any time.”

John 6:38- “For I did not come down from heaven to do My own will, but the will of Him Who sent Me.”

Because of His sacrifice, we have access to be a member of God’s Family.

John 20:17- “Jesus said to her, “Do not touch Me, because I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brethren and tell them that I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.”

Ephesians 3:14-15- “For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,”

Who is Jesus Christ?

We also know that The Creator God from the Old Testament is the One we know as our Savior Jesus Christ. Let us go back to Genesis 1 to first identify who the Creator was, is and forever shall be, Jesus Christ, the God of the Old Testament.

Missing words, meanings and use in context is overlooked to establish misguided

doctrine. We have said many times that if we were off in our calculations in a trip to the Moon by one degree, we would miss our target by over 4,100 miles. If we were going to the Sun, we would be off by 1.6 million miles. It is critical we get our facts and bearings correct before we begin any journey, especially one with an eternal destination.

Genesis 1:1-2- “In *the* beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

And the earth was without form and void, and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters” This is supported by the Gospel of John.

Exodus 3:14- “And God said to Moses, “I AM THAT I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

John 8:58- “Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM.”

John 1:1-4- “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being

through Him, and not even one thing that was created came into being without Him. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

We know from scripture that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Matthew 14:33- “And those in the ship came and worshiped Him, saying, “You are truly the Son of God.”

Luke 1:35- “And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; and for this reason, the Holy One being begotten in you shall be called the Son of God.”

Romans 1:4- “Who was declared *the* Son of God with power, according to *the* spirit of holiness, by *the* resurrection from *the* dead—Jesus Christ our Lord;” There are numerous scriptures throughout the Gospels and the New Testament that refer to Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God. Jesus Christ came to earth to pay the price for our sins. He was the ultimate sacrifice to reunite us with God. He was the lamb of God to take away the sins of the world.

John 1:29- “On the next day, John sees Jesus coming to him, and he says, “Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:36- “And as he gazed upon Jesus walking, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

1 Peter 1:19- “But by the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot;”

Jesus did not come to preach Jesus and did nothing of His own.

John 14:10-12- “Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I speak to you, I do not speak from My own self; but the Father Himself, Who dwells in Me, does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe Me because of the works themselves. Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me shall also do the works that I do; and greater works than these shall he do because I am going to the Father.”

Is the Holy Spirit a third being?

The Spirit of God is first mentioned in **Genesis 1:2**, which we just read a moment ago, “And the earth was without form and void, and darkness *was* upon the face of

the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” If we again establish the definition of spirit, it will provide a foundation of what we are speaking of.

“Spirit” is a noun and in this instance is the inner character of a person, thought of as different from the material person we can see or touch. When Holy is added to spirit, it is referring to God’s Spirit, His essence, His mind, His power, His will, and His energy. The power and essence of God was hovering above the waters at Creation.

There seems to be, like today, there was pronoun confusion when the Bible was translated. “He” was inserted for it and the third “person” was established as a “he.” “*It*” became a separate and yet equal member of a triune godhead. But again, nowhere in the Bible is the term “trinity” mentioned. Here is just a thought, a speculation, a “cowbell” comment; as Satan was the third most powerful in the Heavenly realm, what better deception could there be to insert a false third identity into the mix? Just a thought.

We were promised God’s Holy Spirit by Jesus before He ascended to Heaven to sit at the Right Hand of God the Father.

Hebrews 1:3- “Who, being *the* brightness of *His* glory and *the* exact image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His own power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at *the* right hand of the Majesty on high;

Luke 24:49- “And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but remain in the city of Jerusalem until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

John 14:15-17- “If you love Me, keep the commandments— namely, My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that it may be with you throughout the age: Even the Spirit of the truth, which the world cannot receive because it perceives it not, nor knows it; but you know it because it dwells with you, and shall be within you.”

John 16:13- “However, when that one has come, even the Spirit of the truth, it will lead you into all truth because it shall not speak from itself, but whatever it shall hear, it shall speak. And it shall disclose to you the things to come.”

We are blessed to receive the Holy Spirit when we repent and are baptized and have hands laid upon us.

Acts 1:8- “But you yourselves shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the ends of the earth.”

Acts 2:38- “Then Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized each one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you yourselves shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

I know this topic will be in more than one part. But before we close for now, I would like to share some scriptures that would or should make those of the “Trinity doctrine” at least question why they believe such an unsupported canon. It may provide us some ammo for having that ready answer when we may be asked about the trinity (**1 Peter 3:15**).

I will use the word “if” to make the point. *If* the triune godhead is all equal, why was not the Holy Spirit mentioned at Creation?

In their writing and in the New Testament, the Apostles do not mention the Holy Spirit in their greetings when addressing the various churches. Why not? The following scriptures support this premise as well throughout the New Testament.

Ephesians 1:2- “Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 1:2-3- “2. *Who have been chosen* according to *the* predetermined knowledge of God *the* Father, by sanctification through *the* Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, according to His abundant mercy, has begotten us again unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;”

2 Peter 1:1-2- “Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained *the* same precious faith as ours by *the* righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in *the* knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,”

2 John 1:3- “Grace, mercy, and peace shall be with us from God *the* Father, and from *the* Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.”

Jude 1:1- “Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to the called *saints*, sanctified by God *the* Father and kept in Jesus Christ:”

Romans 1:7- “To all those who are in Rome, beloved by God, *the* called saints:
Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *our* Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 1:3- “Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the* Lord
Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 1:2-3- “Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the*
Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of mercies, and *the* God of all comfort;”

Galatians 1:3- “Grace and peace *be* to you from God *the* Father and our Lord
Jesus Christ,”

Ephesians 1:2-3- “Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the* Lord
Jesus Christ. Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has
blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *things* with Christ;”

Philippians 1:2- “Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the* Lord
Jesus Christ.”

Colossians 1:2- “To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colossae:
Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 1:1- “Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of *the*
Thessalonians, *which is* in God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and
peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 1:2- “Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the*
Lord Jesus Christ.”

Hebrews 1:1- “God, Who spoke to the fathers at different times in the past and in
many ways by the prophets, has spoken to us in these last days by *His* Son,”

1 Timothy 1:1-2- “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ according to *the* commandment
of God our Savior, and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, *Who is* our hope, To Timothy, *my*
true son in *the* faith: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus
our Lord.”

2 Timothy 1:1-2- “Paul, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ by *the* will of God, according
to *the* promise of life which *is* in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, *my* beloved son:
Grace, mercy *and* peace from God *the* Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Titus 1:4- “To Titus, a true son according to *our* common faith: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.”

Philemon 1:3- “Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.”

Revelation 1:1- “*The* revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him, to show to His servants the things that *are* ordained to come to pass shortly; and He made it known, having sent *it* by His angel to His servant John;”

These verses hardly seem equal in supporting that the Holy Spirit is equal to God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Additional Scriptural support for debunking an equal triune godhead is supported in the following verses.

John 5:30- “I have no power to do anything of Myself; but as I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father, Who sent Me.”

John 6:29- “Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in Him Whom He has sent.”

John 6:38- “For I did not come down from heaven to do My own will, but the will of Him Who sent Me.”

John 14:28- “You have heard Me say to you that I am going away, and that I will come to you again. If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced that I said, ‘I am going to the Father’ *because My Father is greater than I.*” *How can anyone miss this line of scripture?*

John 17:21-22- “That they all may be one, even as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, in order that the world may believe that You did send Me. And I have given them the glory that You gave to Me, in order that they may be one, in the same way that We are one:”

If they were equal, why would God the Father need to give Jesus anything?

1 Corinthians 15:27-28- “For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when it is said that all things have been put in subjection, *it is* clearly evident that *it does* not include Him Who put all things in subjection under Him. But when

He has put all things in subjection to Him, then shall the Son Himself also be subject to Him Who put all things in subjection to Him, so that God may be all in all.

1 Corinthians 8:6- “Still, to us *there is* one God the Father, from Whom *are* all things, and we *are* in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom *are* all things, and we *are* by Him.”

1 Timothy 6:13-15- “I charge you in the sight of God, Who gives life to every *living* thing, and Jesus Christ, Who *in* testifying before Pontius Pilate gave the exemplary profession *of faith*, That you keep this commandment without fault *and* without rebuke until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; Which in His own times the blessed and only Sovereign will make known, the King of kings and Lord of lords;”

The Catholic Church and a majority of Protestant churches believe that the Word of God is a mystery. Undoubtedly to them, it is.

Deuteronomy 29:29- “The secret things *belong* to the LORD our God, but the things *which are* revealed *belong* to us and to our children forever so that we may do all the words of this law.”

2 Corinthians 11:1-3- “I would *that* you might bear with me in a little nonsense; but indeed, do bear with me. For I am jealous over you with *the fervent* jealousy of God because I have espoused you to one husband, so that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from *the* simplicity that *is* in Christ.”

God’s truth is revealed to those who earnestly seek Him in all things. We have His Holy Spirit, His mind within us to teach lead and guide us in our understanding of His Bible, what it says and how it applies to us in all aspects of life. It is only complicated and a mystery if we water it down and cut and paste its content to fit our needs.

Matthew 13:10-11- “And His disciples came to Him and asked, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” And He answered *and* said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.”

However, we have been given such a precious gift in His truth and understanding through His Holy Spirit.

Matthew 13:15-17- “For the heart of this people has grown fat, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and should hear with their ears, and should understand with their hearts, and should be converted, and I should heal them.’ But blessed *are* your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. For truly I say to you, many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see what you see, and have not seen; and to hear what you hear, and have not heard.”

Such a blessing should not be wasted. Seek God in spirit, His Word and grow in His wisdom and knowledge.

John 4:24- “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

We may have had some scriptural overload with this topic but we are just laying the foundation. We may address it again at a later date and get into the history of “the trinity” and how it came to be.

God calls us to His truth and way of life. We become joined to Him. There is nothing secret about that. The only mystery that comes to mind is, how can so many profess to be Christian and fail to do what His Bible says? God’s Word is not exactly complicated to those to whom He has called. The Bible will be complex

and confusing to those who approach worshipping Him on their own terms and not follow His Commandments. Onward to Pentecost! Amen.

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