

The Doctrine of the Trinity – Part 3 – The Doctrine of God the Son – Jesus Christ

1. Who is Jesus
 - a. The vital question concerning Christ in the Trinitarian discussion is whether or not he is God in the highest sense of the term – God of very God!
 - b. The humanity of Christ is accepted readily
 - i. history records the man Jesus of Nazareth
 - ii. A Jewish rabbi; good man, teacher
 - c. The dual nature of Christ – being fully God and fully Man – is the debate
2. Jesus Christ is identified in Scripture as God
 - a. John 1:1, 14 – The Word was God... the Word became flesh
 - b. 1 Timothy 3:16 – the mystery: God manifest in the flesh
 - c. Matthew 1:23 – Immanuel, God with us
 - d. Isaiah 9:6 – The everlasting Father...
3. The attributes (characteristics/qualities) of God are also attested to Christ
 - a. Eternal – John 1:1 Pre-incarnate – John 8:58 “before Abraham was, I AM”
 - b. Immutable (unchanging) – Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever
 - c. Omnipresent – Matthew 28:18-20 “Lo, I am with you always”
 - d. Omnipotent – Matthew 28:18-20 “All power is given me in heaven and earth”
 - e. Omniscient – John 16:30; John 21:17 Christ, “knoweth all things”
4. Christ is to be worshipped
 - a. Scriptures everywhere teach that God alone is proper object of worship
 - i. Commandment 1 “Thou shall have no other gods before me.”
 - b. Yet Christ allowed worship of himself
 - i. Matthew 14:33 after walking on water “those who were in the boat worshipped Him, saying, “truly you are the Son of God.”
 - ii. John 9:38 after healing a blind man “Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshipped Him.
 - iii. If Christ were not fully God then he was truly guilty of blasphemy
5. The Divine works of Christ
 - a. Creation
 - i. John 1:3 “all things made through Him... 10 “The world was made through Him.”
 - ii. Colossians 1:15-17 “He is the image of invisible God... For by Him all things were created...He is before all things and in Him all things consist.”
 - iii. All clearly attribute creation to Christ – therefore Christ is God
 1. Yet, Christ is not the Father
 2. Christ was present, in person, at creation “let us make man...”
 - b. Miracles
 - i. The Father in Old Testament

- ii. The Son in the New Testament
 - c. Pardon of Sin
 - i. Luke 5:20-24 “your sins are forgiven... the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins
 - ii. Acts 4:10-12 “no other name given under heaven whereby we must be saved”
 - d. Final Judgment
 - i. 2 Corinthians 5:10 “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ”
 - ii. Matthew 25:31-46 “when the Son of Man comes in glory... all nations will be gathered before Him”
- 6. Hebrews 1:1-4 The Express image of His person
 - a. God in three persons? One God, three persons?
 - b. Great debate in medical ethics today is no longer life, but personhood. When does a fetus become a person... take on a persona
 - c. How do you identify a “person?”
 - i. By taking note of an individual’s characteristics (attributes), identity, etc...
 - d. Jesus is identified as the express image of God’s personhood, therefore...
- 7. Closing – Jesus is God: