

The Trinity

Volume 5 - Unit 8

I. Definition

There are three eternal distinctions in the one divine essence, known as:

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

II. The Term Itself

-Greek trias - first used by Theophilus of Antioch

-Latin trinitas - first used by Tertullian

Doctrine not dependent on terminology!

III. Heresies – *Every Heresy Denies the Doctrine of the Trinity!*

A. Tritheism

B. Sabellianism

C. Unitarianism

IV. Origin of the Doctrine

V. Biblical Support

A. Old Testament Intimations

1. Elohim

2. Plural pronouns of deity Genesis 1: Z6

3. A plural Jehovah

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Zech 3:Z

4. A distinct Spirit of God

Genesis 1:1-Z

Genesis 6: 3

B. New Testament Teaching

1. Christ's baptismal scene

Matthew 3:16-17

2. Baptismal formula

Matthew 28:19

3. Apostolic benediction

II Corinthians 13:14

4. Apostolic salutation

Revelation 1:4f.

5. Christ's announcement of the coming Holy Spirit John 14:16

6. Revealed deity of each

a. Father

Romans 1: 7

Galatians 1:1

b. Son

John 1:1

Colossians 2:9

John 8:58

c. Holy Spirit

Acts 5:3-4

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - II Corinthians 13:14 – “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”