Series: Doctrine
The Trinity

Sermon Notes
Sunday, October 9th, 2016

Preaching: Brady Traywick

Matthew 3:13-17

The Trinity is one God who eternally exists as three distinct persons – Father, Son, and Spirit – who are each fully and equally God in eternal relation with each other.

The Trinity is a Picture of:

- Who the Lord is…

- What the Lord does…

- How We Should Respond…

Community Group Questions

1. What was you major takeaway from this sermon? What is the Holy Spirit impressing on your heart?

2. How is the Trinitarian nature of God revealed in the Old and New Testaments?

3. What does the Trinitarian nature of God reveal about him?

4. How well can you explain the Trinity? What 2-3 scriptures would you use to support your view?

5. How do you personally resonate with the human longings (community, relationship, humility, peace) rooted in the Trinitarian nature of God?

6. Why is a right understanding of the Trinity essential to our faith?

7. How does your life reflect the Trinity?

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
P.O. Box 270122 Austin, Texas 78727
info@crossroadschurchaustin.com | 512-491-0496 | www.crossroadschurchaustin.com

SermonNotes (1).indd 1 10/7/16 11:46 AM

TRINITY

GOD ETERNALLY EXISTS AS THREE PERSONS, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, AND EACH PERSON IS FULLY GOD, AND THERE IS ONE GOD

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

IF YOU DENY THIS YOU COMMIT THE ERROR OF TRI-THEISM.

FATHER IS

SON IS

SPIRIT IS

IS NOT

IS NOT

IS NOT

GOD

MODALISM

ONE PERSON WHO APPEARS IN DIFFERENT FORMS OR MODES

BAD ILLUSTRATIONS

THE TRINITY IS LIKE WATER BECAUSE IT CAN BE LIQUID, SOLID, AND STEAM WHILE REMAINING H20.

EACH PART IS NEVER IN THE SAME FORM AT THE SAME TIME. GOD IS ALWAYS FULLY GOD WHILE BEING THREE DISTINCT PERSONS.

SUBORDINATIONISM

CLAIMS THAT THE SON AND SPIRIT ARE SUBORDINATE TO THE FATHER IN NATURE AND BEING

BAD ILLUSTRATIONS

THE TRINITY IS LIKE THE SUN BECAUSE IT IS COMPRISED OF A BODY, LIGHT, AND HEAT YET ALL ARE THE SUN.

LIGHT AND HEAT RADIATE AND ONLY EXIST BECAUSE THE BODY EXISTS.

THE THREE PERSONS ARE COEQUAL & COETERNAL

IF YOU DENY THIS YOU COMMIT THE ERROR OF SUBORDINATIONISM.

TRITHEISM

DENIES THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD AND CLAIMS THERE ARE THREE GODS

BAD ILLUSTRATIONS

THE TRINITY IS LIKE AN EGG BECAUSE IT HAS THREE PARTS – EGG, YOLK, AND SHELL BUT IS ONE EGG

EACH PART IS ONLY THAT, A PART, AND CANNOT BE SAID TO BE THE ENTIRE THING.

THERE ARE THREE DIVINE PERSONS

IF YOU DENY THIS YOU COMMIT THE ERROR OF MODALISM.

GOD THE FATHER IS THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF CREATION, REDEMPTION, AND CONSUMMATION, WHO PLANS, DIRECTS, AND SENDS. THE SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE WILLINGLY SUBORDINATE TO HIM IN ROLE EVEN WHILE EQUAL IN DEITY.

GOD THE SON OBEYS THE FATHER, ACCOMPLISHES REDEMPTION, AND WITH THE FATHER SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT TO APPLY THE WORK HE HAS BEGUN. IN ALL THINGS HE GLORIFIES THE FATHER.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS TO COMPLETION THE WORK PLANNED BY THE FATHER AND BEGUN BY THE SON. IN ALL THINGS HE WORKS TO GLORIFY THE SON.

RESOURCES

THE FORGOTTEN TRINITY — JAMES WHITE
FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT — BRUCE WARE
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY — WAYNE GRUDEM

VISUALTHEOLOGY

VISUALTHEOLOGY

SermonNotes (1).indd 2 10/7/16 11:46 AM