



## Exploring the Issue of Trinity

Trinity is one of the most controversial issues in Christendom. Those who opposed this teaching claimed that it is not biblical because the word trinity is not in the Bible and they have a good point. While those who subscribed to it came up with all kinds of contradicting explanations that sometimes lead to more confusion than clarity.

For once, it is true that the word TRINITY could not be found in the Bible. But on the other hand, the fact could not be denied that the Bible tells us that there is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father is not the Son, the Son is the Spirit or the Spirit the Father and vice versa. The three persons of the Godhead are always working together with different roles but with a common objective and that is always for the good of man.

This study is not designed to explain trinity but an invitation to look at certain passages that somehow touches this issue. This study is not exhaustive in the sense that it is limited to the scope of the passages that will be explored in the process. Furthermore, there is no way that a human mind could fully understand anything about God that is not revealed by God Himself.

**Deuteronomy 29:29** The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

God made it very clear that we can only explore that which He revealed to us especially on issues that pertains His being. To explore the issue of trinity is to explore the being of God.

Therefore, we should be content of what has been revealed to us and we should not go beyond it so that we will spare ourselves from any delusion and confusion caused by speculation. We should instead ask the help of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us through what has been revealed to us in the scriptures. The following are my suggestions that help me understand the issue of trinity.

## I. THE BIBLE SAYS THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD.

A. Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Mark 12:29 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your Soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all in and in all.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator Between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men – the testimony given in its proper time.

## B. Comments

The Bible made it clear there is only one God, If one God then not two or three or more but one. This is the first step that we have to settle in. There is only one God, there is only one

and none other, and His Name is YAWEH who is the self-existent one.

## **II. THIS ONE GOD REVEALED HIMSELF IN THREE PERSONS**

A. 1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. [KJV]

## **III. THIS REVELATION COULD BE UNDERSTOOD THROUGH CREATING THINGS**

A. Romans 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature (in KJV Godhead) have been clearly seen, being understood from has been made, so that men are without excuse.

### **B. Comments**

This passage tells us the God revealed himself through what he created. He is telling us here that we can understand Him better what has been made. In this regard, we are using water as an example. H<sub>2</sub>O is the chemical component of water and water is manifested in three forms liquid, gasses, and ice. The manifestations in some situations can be seen one after the other, but there are also some instances where the three manifestations are present in the same place at the same time. Every time we see water we do not see or feel its chemical component but its manifestation. Each manifestation

served different functions for the good of the rest of creation. God on the other hand is one manifested in three persons the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And it is through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And it is through the persons of the Godhead that we experience in our lives.

2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

We feel and experience the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, the love of God through the Father, and the abiding presence of God through the Holy Spirit.

#### **IV. THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER**

A. 1 Corinthians 15:21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup>When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

B. Comments

Towards the end as everything on earth will be ended on the second coming of Jesus Christ, when God will be fully revealed to us at the resurrection day, we will no longer see Him as one God in three persons the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, But as one God who is all in all.

## CONCLUSION

I am pretty sure that as scholars and intellectuals will scrutinize this work, they will be able to raise intelligent objections that will make it appear entirely flawed and wrong. Nevertheless, as far as myself is concerned, this exploration settles the issue of trinity in my mind and in my heart and that's what matters to me. Nevertheless, it is my prayer and desire that this work will somehow help somebody towards a better understanding of the issue of trinity because it is impossible to completely understand this very controversial issue.