



Introduction to Theology Proper

- The _____ of God cannot be studied apart from the _____ of God.

John 1:14

John 1:17-18

Hebrews 1:1-3

Two Key Theological Terms:

1. The _____ of God: God is _____ His creation.

Psalm 97:9

Isaiah 46:9

2. The _____ of God: God is _____ in His creation.

Jeremiah 23:23

Psalm 8:4

John 1:1-3, 9-11, 14

- Transcendence without Immanence
- Immanence without Transcendence

The Doctrine of the Trinity

Introduction

1. We cannot study the doctrine of God apart from the _____ of God.
 2. In our study of God's character, we must understand that He is both _____ and _____.
- Trinity –

 - Creeds in Church History in reference to the Trinity

Homoiousios vs. Homoousios

Definition of Trinity

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Statement #1: God is three persons

- The Father is not the Son

Matthew 11:25-27

John 17:1-3



- The Son is not the Spirit

Luke 4:1

John 14:16-17

John 16:7, 14

Matthew 3:16-17

And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Statement #2: **Each person is fully God**

- The Father is God

Ephesians 4:4,6

1 Peter 1:3

- The Son is God

John 1:1

John 20:27-29

Titus 2:13

Hebrews 1:8

- The Spirit is God

1 Corinthians 3:16

Acts 5:3-4

- Trinitarian Expressions

Matthew 28:19-20

2 Corinthians 13:14

1 Peter 1:2

Statement #3: There are not three gods but one God

Deuteronomy 6:4

1 Timothy 2:5

James 1:19

Aberrant Views on the Trinity:

Trinity and Gospel

Group Exercise:

Read Ephesians 1:3-14

1. How many times are the Father, Son and Spirit distinguished in salvation?
2. What is the Father's role in salvation? What is the Son's role in salvation? What is the Spirit's role in salvation? Summarize each answer in 1 sentence.



- To experience joy in the doctrine of the Trinity, we must see the Triune God as not only transcendent but _____.

Three Ways the Triune God Works in Salvation

(1) **The Father** _____ **salvation in eternity past and** _____ **His purposes in time.**

Ephesians 1:8-9

Ephesians 1:11

John 4:34

John 5:30

John 17:4

Isaiah 53:10

1 John 3:1

Romans 8:15-17

(2) **The Son makes** _____ **for salvation through His life, death and resurrection from the grave.**

Matthew 5:17

Galatians 3:13

Romans 1:1-4

Ephesians 1:7

(3) **The Spirit** _____ **the work of the Son to sinners who hear the gospel.**

John 16:7-10

Titus 3:4-6

Considerations:

1. The Spirit's _____ to glorify _____.

John 16:13-14

Acts 1:8

2. The work of _____ grants us access to the _____.

1 Timothy 2:5

Matthew 6:9

John 17:3