

Lesson 4

“God The Trinity”

1. You will never _____ the Trinity but you must _____ it because the Bible _____ it.
2. The reason you will not understand it is because our minds are _____, His mind is _____.

Special Notation

If the prophets had not been inspired, they would have left the trinity out because of its inability to be understood by “natural” man. But we, the children of God, must accept it by faith even as we accepted Christ by faith.

3. The word _____ is not found in the _____, but the _____ of the trinity can be found there.
4. The word “trinity” is from the Latin word _____ which means _____. The threefold manifestation of God.
5. The statement of the _____ became common in most statements of Christian faith as far back as _____ and first placed in Christian writings in _____.

Basic Scriptures include:

Genesis 1-3; 11:1-9; Psalm 110:1; Isaiah 6:8; 48:16; 63:8-10; Matthew 3:16&17; 28:19-20; John 1:1; 8:54; 14:16-17; 15:26&27; 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13&14; Titus 3:4-6

6. There is only _____ God, not _____, and He is God the _____, God the _____ and God the _____.
7. God the Father did not _____ the Son and the Holy Spirit as an act of His _____ power, but God has always been the _____ Father, the _____ Son, and the _____ Spirit.

Special Notation

Many efforts have been made to explain what the trinity is like. Water is liquid, vapor, or ice but is always water. The egg is shell, white, and yolk but one egg. But the clearest explanation is found in 1 Thessalonians 5:23. We are not three persons, but a three-in-one person as is God.

8. The Old Testament teaches the Trinity from the beginning _____, the beginning _____ and the beginning _____.
9. In Genesis 1:1 we read, “In the beginning _____ created the heavens and the earth.”
10. _____ is a plural noun which in English means _____ or more but in Hebrew means _____ or more.
11. _____, writer of the _____, uses the name _____ 500 times in the first _____ books of the _____ of Scripture.
12. The key words of Genesis 1:26&27 are _____ and _____, _____ and _____, in addition to the name _____.

Special Notation

This is another use of the plural noun indicating the Trinity at work in the creation of man, yet indicating one God in the phrase “in His own image.”

13. The Godhead is a _____ in _____. See Genesis 3:22; Genesis 11:7; and Isaiah 6:8.
14. The _____ is stated in the Old Testament. See: Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 11:1-2; and Isaiah 63:10.
15. The _____ is declared in the _____ far more frequently than in the Old Testament and this is done by the fact that the names of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are used _____ as well as _____. See: John 5:36; John 7:37-39; 8:42; 1:1; 1:32 and John 3:34.
16. The Lord’s birth gives testimony of the _____ in both Luke 1:35 and in Matthew 1:20-23.
17. The Lord’s _____ is one of the _____ proofs of the Trinity. Matthew 3:13-17.
18. In verse 16 Jesus _____, the Spirit _____ and the Father _____. A similar experience took place at the Mount of _____. See Mark 1:9-11 and Luke 3:21&22 as additional verses of Christ’s baptism as well as Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:2-5; and Luke 9:28-33 for verses regarding the transfiguration.
19. Another vital reference to the Trinity appears as Christ’s _____ on earth also known as the _____. Matthew 28:16-20.

20. The important thing to note in the Great Commission is the use of the _____ form _____: i.e.; “the name of the Father” not _____.

21. Paul’s letters are _____ with references to the _____. So many that we couldn’t begin to list them all.

See: Romans 1:3&4; 8:1-4; 8:16&17; 1 Corinthians 1:3&4; 2:10-13; 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 3:3; 13:14; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 2:18; 4:4-6; 5:18&20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18&19 and 2 Thessalonians 2:13&14.

22. The _____ also declare the Trinity. See: 1 John 4:2; 4:12-15; Jude 20 and 21.

Special Notation

The General Epistles are those New Testament books which are neither the Gospels or the writings of the Apostle Paul. They include: Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John and Jude. Acts is considered to be a historical or transitional book and Revelation, although an epistle written by the Apostle John, is placed in a category all its own, primarily because of its coverage of prophetic events.

Conclusion:

The facts of the biblical teaching of the Trinity are these: There is one God. This one God has a plural nature. This one God is called the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, all distinct personalities, all designated God and all eternal and equal.

As persons we are a trinity having body, soul, and spirit, all separate but one person. So it is with the Trinity, all three persons are God.

The name “Elohim,” remember, as used throughout Scripture, is a plural noun meaning three or more.

Do we understand it? No! Do we believe it? Yes! Why? Because God revealed Himself this way in the inspired Word of God. God said it, I believe it, and that settles it.