

The Triune Nature Of God

Intro: We turn our attention this morning to an investigation of the mystery of the Triune nature of the Godhead. While the word “trinity” does not appear in the Bible, the concept is revealed from beginning to end. There is no question about it—the teaching of the Trinity is a divinely revealed biblical truth.

I. Definition Of The Trinity, Development In The Early Church, And Erroneous Teachings To Be Avoided

A. Definition of the Trinity (Triunity) of God

B. B. Warfield: “There is one only and true God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three coeternal and coequal Persons, the same in substance but distinct in subsistence.”

B. Illustrations of the Trinity (see diagram on back of your handout)

C. Development of the Trinity in the Early Church

Tertullian—

Athanasius—

D. Errors to avoid concerning the Trinity

Arianism/Unitarianism

Sabellianism or Modalism

Tri-theism

II. Biblical Evidence For The Trinity

A. Old Testament development

B. New Testament revelation

Conclusion:

The doctrine of the trinity is truly beyond human comprehension or the limits of our finite minds, but it is nevertheless a vital truth of the Bible. It is a doctrine that is closely connected to other key doctrines like the deity of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Illustration of the Trinity

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are needed to see this picture.

