

LESSON 7: TRINITY

INTRODUCTION

The Trinity is difficult to study because we as humans cannot understand it, and it is never explicitly taught in the Scriptures. It is critical to believe in the trinity because every cult denies part of the Trinity. They usually believe that God the Father is only Jehovah in the Bible, that Jesus is not God, and the Holy Spirit is neither a God nor a person. If you understand the concept of the Trinity, then the cults cannot get a hold of you.

PROOF OF THE TRINITY

Read Genesis 1:26-27

- ▶ How does this verse prove that the Trinity exists?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

- ▶ Why are you baptized in all three parts of the Trinity?

Read Ephesians 1:3-14

- ▶ What does this passage have to say about the Trinity?

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD

Read Psalm 139:1-6, Psalm 139:7-10, and Psalm 139:13-16

- ▶ What characteristics of God are shown in these verses?

JESUS

Read Matthew 24:36

- ▶ What characteristic of God is Jesus limited to in this passage?

Read Mark 6:45-47

- ▶ What characteristic of God is Jesus limited to in this passage?

Read John 4:6

- ▶ What characteristic of God is Jesus limited to in this passage?

This is what Jehovah's Witness use to show that Jesus isn't God. They will get you to agree with them that the description of God in the Bible is that he knows everything, He is everywhere and He is all powerful. But this description does not apply to Jesus.

The answer to the Jehovah's Witness is very simple. If these aren't true in Jesus's life, He can't die for you and cannot be your redeemer.

JESUS IS GOD

Read John 14:7-9, John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:13-20, and John 8:58

- ▶ How do these Scripture define Jesus as God?

The Jehovah's Witness claim that Jesus was just a good man. You must either say that Jesus was God, or He was a liar and a lunatic. You cannot be a good man and run around telling people you are God when you are not.

Read Philippians 2:6 in as many versions as you have available.

- ▶ What does this passage have to say about Jesus being God?

WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?

- ▶ But Jesus never sinned, so why was He baptized?

Read John 12:49

- ▶ Why would Jesus give up being God? How is this vital to the salvation plan?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

Read Matthew 4:1

- ▶ How do we know the Holy Spirit is God?

Read Matthew 12:26-32

- ▶ How does this scripture prove that the Holy Spirit is God?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

Read Ephesians 4:30

- ▶ How does this illustrate that the Holy Spirit is a person?

Read Acts 13:2

- ▶ What does this verse tell us about the Holy Spirit?

PRAYER

- ▶ What is the role of the different parts of the Trinity in prayer?

SUMMARY

The scriptures teach and exemplify that there is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. All three are God. All are part of the God Head. So although the Trinity is never explained, it is clearly taught.

The Trinity has an impact in my prayer life and an impact in keeping me out of a cult. If you understand those things, then you will not have a cult bother you.