

Discussion questions, Truths That Transform: The Trinity

Pertinent passages: Gen. 1:26-27; 3:22; Deut. 6:4-5; Isa. 6:8; 48:16; Ps. 45:6-7; 110:1; Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; John 1:1-4; 14:23-26; 20:28; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph 4:4-6; Heb. 1:1-8; Jude 20-21.

1. What questions or difficulties have you had regarding the Trinity, or the trinity of God?
2. Discuss this statement: "God eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God, and there is one God." (Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*) Why is each part of this statement important?
3. Discuss this rule of interpretation: "No doctrine may be called biblical that does not take into account all that the Bible has to say about that topic." Can you think of incorrect teachings that arise from not following that principle?
4. Can you review briefly how the doctrine of the Trinity came to be formulated?
5. What are some errors regarding the Trinity that you have encountered? How might a person's view of the Trinity affect his view of salvation?
6. How do you explain the concept of the Trinity to others, like children or those inquiring about Christianity? What illustrations help in explaining the Trinity? How are they limited?
7. Of what benefit is it to you to know God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? How is this truth practical and relevant to your spiritual life, and to life in community?