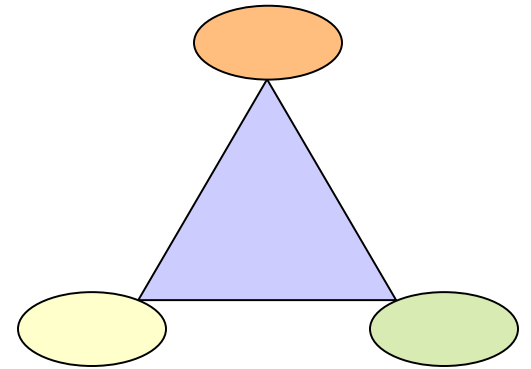
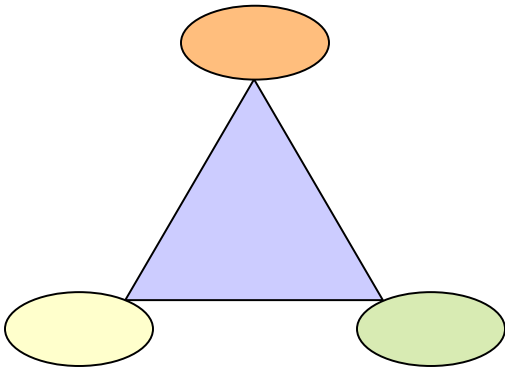


Theology 103

The Trinity
1 John 5:7



Not Everyone believes in the Trinity

The Bible when it speaks of God, it speaks of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit yet claims God is one (Deut.6:1-3)

The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, fully and completely God. Yet there is but one God.

It is tough to understand the trinity!

Do you remember Arius?

Does the Bible say

- There is only one God?
- The Father, Son, and Spirit is God?
- That they are each separate persons?

Then there must be a trinity!

1. Belief and the Trinity

1. The early church fathers:

Polycarp, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Augustine.

2. Our Creeds:

The Athanasian Creed, the Apostles' creed,
The Nicene Creed, a Baptist Catechism.

3. Some today:

Francis Shaffer

2. The Bible and the Trinity

Old Testament:

Genesis 1:1 & 1:26 Elohim & us

Isaiah 6:1-8 – The LORD, the Lord, and us.

Isaiah 7:14 & 9:6 – The child's name

Isaiah 48:16 – The Lord God, His Spirit, and me.

Isaiah 61:1-3 AND Luke 4:16-21.

Isaiah 63:9,10

In the New Testament

Declarations:

Luke 1:35; Matthew 3:16,17, Matthew 28:19; 2
Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2

Deity:

The Father = John 6:27, Romans 1:7, 1 Peter 1:2

The Son = John 1:1,10:1-36; Titus 2:14

The Spirit = Acts 5:3,4; 1 Corinthians 3:16

Descriptions

All 3 are persons – they speak, hear, and act.

All 3 possess attributes of God – Life, love, light, holiness, sovereignty.

All 3 do the works of God – salvation

So is there an explanation that is completely convincing & satisfying ???

NO!

So we have **2 choices**.

1. **We can accept the trinity** as one of those aspects about God we cannot fully understand with our finite and incredibly limited minds.
2. **We can reject the references** in the Word as contradictory and thus means there are serious errors in the Word.

The repercussions to the second are obvious.