

Opening: Pawn Stars accessing the true value of something by its authenticity.

Theology #4 “The deity of the Godhead”

False Concepts concerning the trinity:

Arianism- *The Son is like the Father but is not equal with the Father. The Son is a created being.*

Tritheism- *Three gods*

Saballianism- *Three manifestations of One person.*

I. Three and yet one.

A. *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (1 John 4:1-3).* It must be noted that the phrase *"Jesus Christ is come in the flesh"* is a direct reference to His deity and that GOD came to the earth in flesh. All men are "born in the flesh" therefore this verse has no significance unless it is referring to God coming in the flesh.

The following illustration is not a perfect example, but helps illustrate a point. We all believe in gravity but we cannot explain it. It exists and we can see what it does. We cannot see it or touch it or in anyway explain what it is. Gravity is the most important force in the universe and affects everything in it. The physicist tells us even the smallest particle of subatomic matter is held in place by the force of gravity, yet no one knows what gravity is or what makes it work.

- The three Persons are not each part of God, but are each fully God and equally God. Within God's one undivided being there is an unfolding into three interpersonal relationships such that there are three Persons. The distinctions within the Godhead are not distinctions of His essence and neither are they something added on to His essence, but they are the unfolding of God's one, undivided being into three interpersonal relationships such that there are three real Persons
- We pray to the Father in the name of the Son and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Understanding this enhances our worship.
- In regards to the Trinity, we can say that "Person" means a distinct subject which regards Himself as an "I" and the other two as a "You." These distinct subjects are not a division within the being of God, but "a form of personal existence other than a difference in being." Ill. Egg
- Athanasian Creed- *"We worship one God in trinity and trinity in unity, neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance."*

II. Why Jesus is and has always been God.

A. He possess attributes that belong to God alone.

1. He is self-existent and eternal meaning without beginning or end. John 1:1-4, 5:26, Ex. 3:14.

2. He is immutable meaning that He never changes. Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17

3. He is sovereign creator and sustainer of every living thing. Colossians 3:16-17, Gen. 1:1

4. He is all-knowing. Luke 11:17

B. He is called God and receives worship as God. John 5:20

1. He does not rebuke doubting Thomas for His worship. John 20:28

III. The Holy Spirit of God.

A. Peter refers to the Holy Spirit as God. Acts 5:3-4

B. The Holy Spirit of God is used to describe Him. Eph. 4:30, 2 Peter 1:20-21

C. The Holy Spirit also possess divine attributes.

1. Omnipresent- Everywhere present. Psalm 139:7-10

2. Omniscient- He knows everything and has perfect wisdom. I Cor. 2:10-11

Conclusion: