

## **THE TRINITARIAN'S DILEMMA!**

Take the word of God as it reads. Do not spend time trying to philosophise away the plain and simple teachings found in Scripture. It has been an interesting observation that when we have discussed the trinity teaching with most pastors or theologians their first response is that you have to go to the Greek to understand the concept of the Godhead. While we believe the Greek is important, we have to be careful not to place all interpretation of Scripture into the hands of the theologians alone. If you must be a theologian to understand, think of the message we are sending to the lay-people of the church!!! The Greek certainly helps, but it certainly does not contradict the plain and simple teachings of Scripture.

We therefore have found after much study and Searching, the trinity view to be confusing, nebulous, and contradictory to the Scriptures.

1. The Trinitarian tells us that we must understand that when the term Son of God is used in talking of Christ prior to his birth in Bethlehem, this term is used only in the sense of pointing forward to the time He would be called the Son because of the incarnation. However nowhere does the Bible make such a statement. **THIS IS PURE SUPPOSITION**. The fact is that Jesus is God's very dear and only Son, and he existed as such before He ever came to this Earth.
2. The Trinitarian view asserts that it was not really God's Son who came to die for you and me, but the member of the Godhead who was playing the role of the Son. However, the Scriptures clearly say "For God so loves the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." Jhn. 3: 16.
3. The Trinitarian tells us that three individual persons make up one God. And because each is God in their own right, and could play any role within the Godhead, and that each is worthy of praise and worship, that each may be prayed to. However, the Scriptures tell us there are only two beings worthy of worship and praise, the Father and the Son. It also tells us we are to pray to the Father, through the Son.
4. The Trinitarian calls Jesus, 'God the Son', and the Holy Spirit, 'God the Spirit', but the Scriptures nowhere use that terminology.

Have we philosophised away the plain and simple teachings of the Scripture and adopted in their place man's ideas of what is right or wrong? Today the trinity is widely accepted to the point that when some one is confronted about it's validity the response is always the same; They never even thought of questioning it. Our prayer is that you will read this, study for yourselves, study to show thyself approved like the faithful Bereans, it is the only way to decide what is truth, put away ALL preconceived ideas and go to the Scriptures to find the truth

**May God bless each and every one as you study for a clearer understanding of the Awesome God we serve?**

## ONE GOD

When our mighty God had delivered the Israelites from bondage, led them through the Red Sea, and brought them to the foot of Mount Sinai, He told the people to sanctify themselves for he had something very important to tell them. It was then that Moses climbed to the top of Mt Sinai to receive instruction for the people of God. In Ex. 20: 1-3 we read, " *And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*" Israel had just been delivered from a land where multiple gods were worshiped, so God immediately let them know there is only one true God.

During Israel's wanderings in the wilderness it seemed that God kept trying over and over again to impress this vital point on their minds. When the Israelites were about to enter the Promised land, God on several occasions again reminded them of this truth. " Unto thee it was shown, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; *there is none else beside him.*" Duet 4 : 35. Then again, just before Moses relates God's command to conquer Canaan. " Hear O Israel, the lord our God, the lord is one." Duet. 6 :4. It seems that the idea of multiple gods was of deep concern to the lord, so much so that he kept reminding the people over and over again so that they would not fall into the error of worshipping multiple gods. To the Hebrew mind, even today, there is One God. The concept of one God made up of three individual persons was foreign to them

Looking at some other texts we find:

Mark 12: 28--32. "Which is the first commandment of all? 29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:" "And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:"

1Cor 8: 6. " But to us *there is but one God, the Father*, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and *one Lord Jesus Christ*, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.

Eph 4: 6. " One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 Tim 2: 5. " For *there is one God*, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"

In these verses it is stated that there is 'ONE God, ' 'The Father.' That it is through the Father that all things exist. (As it will be shown even our dear Lord Jesus Christ exists through the Father). He also states that that we have one lord Jesus, our mediator between the Father and guilty man.

Jhn 17: 3 " And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, ( 'The Father' ) and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Jesus himself says there is only one God, the Father, eternal life is to know THE TRUE GOD, the Father and Jesus whom the Father sent

James 2: 19. " Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."

1Tim. 6:15,16 " *who is the blessed and only Potentate.*"  
'POTENTATE:' = 1413. " A ruler or officer - of great authority, Mighty, Potentate. Websters: = 'Potentate' = One who possesses great power, a Sovereign, Monarch, or Ruler. In Latin it is 'Power Dominion.'  
The scriptures then plainly teach, that there is ONE God, 'the Father.' Nowhere in scripture does it say that this one God is made up of three different individuals

### THE SON OF GOD

If there is one God, the Father "Of whom are all things" as the scripture teaches, then who is Jesus? What is his relationship to the Father? Is he divinity or is he some lesser being as some teach? I believe as we look at the evidence we will see that Jesus is the begotten Son of God. He is divinity, Jesus has inherited all things from the Father: his names, power all authority and is truly worthy of our worship and praise!.

Jhn 3: 16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

1 Jhn 4: 9. " In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

Jhn 1: 14. " And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Please note: God sent the ONLY SON HE HAD. It does NOT say that Jesus became the begotten son when born on earth. It was the begotten Son that was sent.

BEGOTTEN: "monogenes" (Greek) means "only born" - some lexicons say this word could mean 'unique', thus the Trinitarian would state that it must apply to his birth in Bethlehem. However, we have to remember that the word begotten is used to describe the Sons existence in HEAVEN BEFORE HE CAME TO THIS EARTH.

**His existence therefore surely is Unique, since he is the only Son of God (the Father)**

Jhn 8: 41,42. " Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."

Note: Jesus proceeded forth and came from God--two (2) distinct actions.

### **WHO DID THE DISCIPLES DECLARE JESUS TO BE?**

Matt. 14: 33. " Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God."

Jhn 6: 69. "And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jhn 11: 27. " She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."

### WHO DID THE EVIL ANGELS SAY HE WAS?

Matt 8: 29 " And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"

### WHO DID JESUS DECLARE HIMSELF TO BE?

Jhn 10: 36. " Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

There are multitudes of other texts that tell us clearly that Jesus is Gods son. None of them say he was a son only because of his birth in Bethlehem.

Luke 22: 70 Jhn 11: 4; 1: 34; 3: 18; 5: 25. Acts 8: 37. Rms 1: 4.

Gal 2: 20. Eph 4: 10--13. 1Jhn 3: 8; 5: 10,13,20. Mk 3: 11.

The scripture is clear that Jesus is God' son, not a member of the Godhead playing the role of the son as the trinity teaches. To say that Jesus was only called the son because of his anticipated birth in Bethlehem, as Trinitarians do, is pure conjecture, nowhere substantiated by scripture.

It is because Jesus is the Son of God that he has been given all things of the Father.

Heb 1: 2,3. " Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

Note: Christ received all things by inheritance

**Christ is the express image of the Father**

**He is exactly like him a duplicate**

**That is why Jesus can say**

**"He who has seen me has seen the Father" Jhn 14:**

**9.**

**Jhn 5: 25,26. " Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;"**

**Scripture teaches us that Jesus received by inheritance all things from the Father. God granted all power and authority to his son. He, who is the express image of the Father, exactly like him.**

**Jesus is the only son God has and thus is the heir of all that God possesses. His power and authority, his name, his divinity. Everything that is the Father's is also the Son's. Jesus is truly DIVINITY. The apostles did not believe Christ to be a created being like Angels and fallen man. But the begotten SON.**

**Please note: Solomon knew of a son before Jesus ever came to this Earth.**

**Proverbs 30: 4. " Who has ascended into heaven, or descended.....What is his name and what is HIS SONS NAME, if you know?**

**Proverbs 30: 22--25 " The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his way..... I have been established from everlasting.....When there were no depths I was brought forth.....When there were no fountains.....Before the hills, I was brought forth"**

**Many feel that these verses are not referring to Jesus Christ as a person, but wisdom (used in allegorical sense) However they do indeed refer to Jesus, if you read the proverb you will be able to declare " And the son of God declares concerning himself: The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, While as yet he had not made the earth, When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him; Prv 8: 22---30.**

**The scriptures also declare to us that God is not only the Father of Jesus, but his God as well.**

1Peter 1:3. " Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"

2.Cor 20: 17. " The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Jhn. 20: 17. " Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."

Mk. 15: 34. " And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? Which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Rev. 3: 12 " Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.

These verses are simply stating to us the same idea as was expressed earlier--that *ALL* things proceed from the Father. The Father is the one true God of Heaven and Jesus, the Son, the exact image of the Father, acknowledges that fact.

The scriptures tell us that whilst the Son shares an equality of nature, glory and honor with the father, these attributes of divinity were inherited from the Father. It is for this reason that the scripture shows us that the Son is always in subjection to the Father.

Jhn 14: 28. " Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I."

This verse was puzzling to me for some time because we know that the Father and Son are equal in power and authority: My dilemma was solved when I found that the Greek word for greater is "MEIZON" which means Elder or More.

1 Cor 11: 3. " But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Hebrews. 1: 8,9. " But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the

sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

**The Father calls the Son, God we have already stated that Jesus is truly DIVINITY because he comes from God. THEREFORE HE POSSESSES BY INHERITANCE all THE NAMES AND ATTRIBUTES OF THE FATHER**

**NOTICE:** also that God calls himself the God of the Son. However because Jesus is truly divinity, he is to be worshipped as is the father " Let all the Angels of God worship him" Hebs. 1: 6. It is one of the vital points. Worshipping the Holy Spirit as another person is breaking the 1st commandment. How can we understand that the worship of God Yahueh (the Father), whether as Spirit or as a "Person" is not breaking the commandments, since it is only a different manifestation of the same Being. The complication comes when we add Yahushua into the picture. How can we worship Yahushua (the Son) also and not be guilty of having another God before Yahueh (the Father)? We are told that the Son also worships the Father and that the Son is forever subject to the Father. When we worship the Son, we are not breaking the first commandment, because we do not place the Son before the Father. The Father has commanded us to worship the Son, as long as the Son stays in subjection to the Father there is no problem. We don't worship Yahushua before Yahueh. Therefore the 1st commandment stands unbroken. That seems to be the limit of my understanding on this point. Are you able to add anything?

Alex replies.

1Cor. 11: 3. "The head of Christ is God"

Heb. 1: 8,9."therefore God, your God has anointed you"

The Father calls the Son, 'God'. It is stated that Yahushua is truly divinity because he comes from the very being of Yahueh. Therefore He (Yahushua) possesses by inheritance ALL the names and attributes of Yahueh. Notice also that Yahueh calls Himself the God of the Son.

However, because Yahushua is truly divinity, He is to be worshipped as is the Father. "Let all the angels of God worship him."Heb.1: 6.

"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgement unto the son, that **all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him.**" Jhn. 5; 22,23. By the Fathers own declarations is the 1st commandment not broken

**Therefore the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment is not broken.**

**Jhn. 5: 22,23. " For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. "**

**1 Cor. 15: 23-28. " But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.**

### **ANTICHRIST**

**In Matt. 16: 13-17. There is a very interesting conversation between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus said, " Who do men say that I, the son of man am? The disciples then gave some answers like Elijah and Jeremiah. Jesus then said, "But who do you say that I am?" Peters answer was absolutely correct. He said, " You are the Christ the Son of the living God." Jesus confirmed Peters answer " Blessed are you Simon Barjonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven." PETER KNEW THAT JESUS WAS THE SON OF GOD!**

**With that thought in mind lets look for a minute at what the scripture teaches us about the Antichrist.**

**1.Jhn. 2: 22 " Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."**

**This verse tells us that the antichrist will deny the Father and the Son. Could it be that through the teaching of the trinity that this will be achieved? Remember that the trinity teaching tells us that Jesus was not really Gods Son in Heaven before coming to this Earth, but only by virtue of his birth in Bethlehem. Jesus, according to this teaching, is the God playing the role of the Son. This denies the very heart of the gospel message that tells us that God (the Father) sent his Son (Jesus) to die for you and me.**

**Is it then a co-incidence? That Jesus follows Peter's confession that he is the Son of God with a confirmation of the fact that he will build his church upon that solid foundation? Matt 16: 18,19. " And I say**

also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (that he is the Son of God) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven:" These are the very verses that the Catholic Church have twisted to build on a different foundation--the pope.

### Two Individual Beings:

2Jhn. 1: 3. " Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love."

We need to study the very words of Jhn. 17 that Christ uttered in the prayer that he offered just before his trial and crucifixion

Jhn 17: 1-3. " These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

This text tells us clearly that there is only ONE true God and that eternal life is to know him, and to know the Son whom he sent?

If there is only one God, one eternal Supreme Being of the universe, and if Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the express image of the Father, one equal in power and authority with him, then who/what is the Holy Spirit?

### WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

As we study the Scriptures we will find something very interesting. The Bible never uses the term "God the spirit" which is how the Holy Spirit is identified in our teachings today.

Terms such as "God's Spirit," "the Spirit of God," "the Spirit of Christ," "the Holy Spirit," are used. This becomes a very important observation, as we shall see. We might also note that the Bible never tells us to pray to or to worship the Spirit. As we shall see there is a very good reason for this.

The Holy Spirit the personal presence of God with us, his personality. The disciples also believed the Spirit to be termed a "person" in the sense that it was the personality of the Father or the Son with us but never with the view that the Holy Spirit was a separate and distinct person from the Father and the Son. We have already established the

fact that there are two divine beings worthy of our worship and praise! We then can understand that he isn't sending some other person (being) to us, but he is sending Himself.

Lets see if this view is in harmony with the Scriptures.

Eph. 4: 4. " *There is one body, and one Spirit,*"

Jhn. 14: 8--18. ". And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

What is Jesus saying here? He is telling the disciples plainly that he isn't going to leave them alone. He is coming back to THEM; he is the other comforter to come. Through his Spirit he would be with them. This was not another individual God coming to them; it was and is the Saviour himself.

You see there is only ONE SPIRIT as the Scripture in Ephesians tells us. That Spirit is the very life of God, the Father, because Jesus is the very essence of the Father, they share the same Spirit. Christ then gives us of that Spirit.

It is interesting to note that the Greek word for " Comforter" And "Advocate" is the same word. In Jhn 14: 16 it says, " I will pray the Father and he will give you another comforter..."

Comforter = Parakletos. Note: talking of the other comforter.

1Jhn. 2: 1. " My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:"

Advocate = Parakletos Note: Jesus is our advocate.

The point here is simply that Jesus Christ IS the other comforter. Some say that Jesus is the comforter and that the Holy Spirit is the other comforter a different and distinct person. The scripture does not teach that. Jesus sends his Spirit to us.

**HE IS THE ONLY COMFORTER. SO WHEN YOU KNEEL TO PRAY REMEMBER, THE ONE WHO STANDS BESIDE YOU, IS THE ONE WHO HAS DONE IT ALL FOR YOU. (REF XXX)**

Jhn. 15: 26. " But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:"

Heb. 1: 9 " Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even thy God*, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Jhn. 5:26. " For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;"

Gal. 4: 6. " And because you are sons, GOD HAS SENT THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON into your hearts, crying out, "Abba Father."

Rms. 8: 9-11. " But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. "

Please note: That the Spirit of the Father and the Son are used interchangeably. That is because there is only one Spirit which they share. Within that truth is a most beautiful knowledge that Christ himself will come to us to comfort us.

There is one Spirit

Eph. 4: 4.

The comforter is the Spirit.

Jhn 14: 26.

The spirit is the Lord.

2Cor. 3: 17,18.

The Lord is Jesus.

1Cor. 8: 6.

Jhn. 17: 21. " That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Jhn. 10: 30. " I and MY Father are ONE"

Rev. 3: 20. " Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me."

Matt. 28: 20. " And, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen."

Heb. 2: 18. " For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

Col. 1: 27. " CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY:"

**Note: Christ formed within is the Main message of the gospel. Christ tells us repeatedly that HE HIMSELF will come to abide with us. He is the one who comes to our aid in times of need and HE IS THE ONE that makes his home with us. The scripture does not say that a different person from Christ, the Holy Spirit, is to be formed within or dwell within to bring us comfort and power to resist temptation. Christ Himself will accomplish this for us. It is through his Spirit he shares with the Father that his work is to accomplished.**

**THERE IS NO OTHER GO-BETWEEN!!!!**

**These are just a few statements from which we learn, that the Spirit of God is that awful and mysterious power, which proceeds from the throne of the universe which is the efficient actor in the work of creation and of redemption.**

**We try to simplify. We want to understand. But the Spirit of God defies a simple explanation. The spirit is God Himself. It is the presence of God, the life of God, the divine nature of God, the glory of God, the hand of God, and the power of God. It is the Spirit of the Father, and the Spirit of Christ. It is the gift of the Father to Christ, and the gift of Christ to men/women. It is the comforter- the manifest presence of Christ in us and with us. The nature of the Holy Spirit of God is wondrous and multifaceted and worth our study, but it will remain beyond our comprehension.**

**WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE???**

**The question that we pondered for a LONG time was-" What difference does it make?" Isn't this just a theological technicality? Many have asked the same question over the past months. The answer to this question, however, has become increasingly clearer to us as we looked closer at the differences and pondered their ramifications. We believe it does matter; we are positive that this is leading all to the omega of deceptions for the last days and is of great concern for our salvation. The Scripture says:**

**Jhn. 17: 3. " And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent:"**

**Jhn. 3:36. " He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."**

**Jhn. 20: 31. " But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."**

**1Jhn. 4:15. " Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."**

**1Jhn. 5: 13. " These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."**

### **IT DOES MATTER!!!!.**

**The scripture says that life eternal is to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. GOD SENT HIS SON!!. This is the heart of the gospel message. The trinity teaching says that Jesus was not really God's son. We are told that we will respond to the sacrifice made in our behalf, in proportion to our estimate of the value of the gift. As parents ourselves, it strikes at our very hearts to realise God gave of himself in the form of his only begotten Son, The trinity teaching obscures that gift. This was no role play, it was God's OWN DEAR SON THAT SUFFERED AND DIED FOR US. The plan of salvation takes on a much deeper meaning.**

**The teaching that God sent HIS OWN SON is the very core of the Christian faith. Take out the foundation, and everything tumbles with it.**

**Who was it that wanted to be like God, to sit on his throne, whose jealousy was the prime cause of his and millions of his followers, the fallen Angels, being driven from Heaven forever, yes none other than Satan. Satan has tampered with the truth about the Son of God and hearts are now trying to respond to God with a faulty understanding of the sacrifice the Father made. From the very beginning Satan has been trying to distort the reality of who Jesus is. He never wanted to accept God (the Father's) declaration that only Christ, God's Son could sit with him and reign with him. Through the teachings of the trinity, Christ's true position has been shrouded in mystery. Satan surely doesn't want us to understand this beautiful Father - Son relationship, because as the scripture tells us "THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE "**

**We are once again on the borders of the promised land; this time it's the heavenly Canaan we are about to enter. The Lord is calling his people back to worship the "ONE TRUE GOD"**

Another main difference that we need to be concerned with deals with the understanding of,  
who the Holy Spirit is

Why then would it make a difference whether we believe the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Spirit or whether we believe him to be a separate person, distinct from Christ?

In answering this we need to remember what Satan's original desire was from the beginning: Isa. 14: 13. " For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:" He was upset because he was not allowed to enter the counsels of Heaven with the Father and the Son. The Son is the only being in the entire universe that can enter the counsels of God. The reason God did not include Satan was that he was not divinity, Satan is a created being.

It has always been Satan's desire to be equal with God:

Isa. 14: 14. " I will be like the most High. "

In Heaven Lucifer (Satan) tried to fight for what he thought his rights should be.

Isa. 14: 12. " How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Rev. 12: 7-9. " And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

But we are told that now he uses a much more subtle device. HE SEEKS TO COPY GOD.

From the Council of Nicea in AD. 325 to the time of the Council of Constantinople in AD. 381 Satan was able to get the Church to misinterpret two things; "another comforter" and "another day" The other "day" which was adopted was Sunday as God's Holy day in place of the Bible Sabbath.

The "other comforter" was the adoption of the Holy Spirit being the third person to make up the trinity, stating the Spirit to be a separate

person, distinct from the Father and the Son. You may recall from Church history that the Church that existed at the time of the Council of Nicea is represented by Pergamos in Rev. 2: 12-17. This was the time of apostasy in God's professed Church. The dark ages would follow this period of history. Today both of these errors are still with us.

You see Satan has sought to shut Jesus from view as the comforter. Satan FEARS the presence of God, he is desperate in his attempts to turn us from Christ to another God-- himself. The teaching that the Holy Spirit is a separate person other than Christ, takes our eye's off of Jesus to put them on another person, just look at the emphasis today on the Holy Spirit, the Father and the Son are pushed to the background.

Who is it that will set himself up to be the go-between? Who wants to be answering our prayers and directing our lives? Who is it who wants to be EQUAL WITH GOD? Who has always wanted to be worshipped as equal with God? Yes that's correct, Satan has always wanted to be the third member of the Godhead. Satan's most successful plan is to bring himself between the Saviour and us, to become 'another comforter' in sense, answering prayer and sending us power.

The point should be noted: That if it is Satan answering the prayer's of those who thought they were praying to God, then what an opening has been made for a false Spirit to sweep through our Churches.

Satan is always trying to parallel the work of Christ. By getting us to believe in the trinity doctrine, placing the Holy Spirit as a separate person, "God the Spirit" we have now been set up to pray to this being. We have already verified that this is not in harmony with the scripture. My question then is "who is answering those prayers?" Are we shutting out Christ as our Comforter, and putting in his place a false comforter, Satan himself? Could it be that we are getting our answers about what is right and wrong from the same place? If we are now believing that the Holy Spirit can be worshipped and prayed to just like the Father and the Son, where are we being led?

### CONCLUSION

What Difference does it make? We believe it may be the difference between standing firm for Christ during all the trials we have awaiting us or being swept away in the many delusions Satan has prepared for the world. We must be rooted firmly on solid ground and if the foundation is faulty, the building will fall. All our teachings

should be based on the Scriptures, and while no single Scripture passage states the doctrine of the Trinity, it is assumed as fact, then it is only by faith, can we accept the existence of the trinity.

The truth about the Godhead is that it is very clear who the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit are. While there are areas that we cannot understand because the Lord has chosen not to reveal that information to us, WHOM we are to worship is plainly shown in God's word. THIS IS NO MYSTERY.

There is ONE God, the Father! There is ONE begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who is the express image of the Father and possesses, ALL the attributes of his Father. Jesus is the Divine Son of God, God's beloved Son. There is ONE spirit, the shared Spirit of the Father and the Son. We see two Divine Beings who share a common Spirit making them ONE in purpose, thought, and action.

When a house is built on THE Rock, it will stand, but when built on shifting sands it WILL FALL. The point we are trying to make is that if we have a faulty concept of God, we cannot build on solid ground. We really need to give this serious consideration. Rev. 14: 7. "Fear God and give glory to Him"

That is why we MUST sound this message with a distinctive tone. " But if I am asked what I think of Jesus Christ, my reply is, I believe all that the Scriptures say of Him as being in Glory with the Father before the world was, I believe it. If it is said that he was in the beginning with God (the Father) that he was God, that all things were made by Him and for Him, and that without Him was not anything made that was made-I believe it. If the Scriptures say He is the Son of God, I believe it. And when Jesus says "My Father is greater than I" I believe that too. It is the word of the Son of God, and besides this, it is perfectly reasonable and self-evident.

We have listed below some of the texts that have been a confusion to many people as they consider this subject, Study for yourself as you harmonise all Scripture statements.

Gen. `1: 26. " Then God said LET US make man in OUR image, according to OUR likeness.."

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The Hebrew word translated as "God" is elohiym. It is the plural form of eloah. While elohiym is plural, this does not mean that it is more than one. In Hebrew, a plural word may indicate quality as well as quantity. You may be familiar with the Hebrew word Behemoth as found in the book of Job. The behemoth is a very large land animal and is also in the plural form (iym is the plural ending for masculine words, while oth is the plural ending for feminine words). The singular is behemah, which is a land animal. Two behemah (quantity) would be written in the plural - behemoth. One very large animal (quality) would also be in the plural as it is very large and would also be written as behemoth.

As Elohiym is plural, it can be translated as "gods" (quantity) or a very large and powerful "god" (quality). The creator of the heavens and the earth is far above any other god and is therefore elohiym, not just an eloah.

I hope this answers your question.

Shalom  
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**Just a short example:**

Elohiym is used in the following ways:

Gen 1: 26 God (the Father) to His Divine Son

1 Kings 11:5 , 33 Ashtoreth – the pagan female goddess

2 Kings 1: 2, 6 Baalzebub – the pagan god

The reference to Ashtoreth, the pagan female goddess would have been used to designate quality ie. Powerfulness and greatness rather than her masculinity or plurality. If plurality was meant to be shown, the feminine form of the word would have been used "elohoth."

In reply to this e-mail (above extracted) Shimon wrote:

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word for father is "abh", it would seem that the plural would be abhiym, but is in fact Abhot (a feminine suffix, but the word is still masculine). I am not aware of the Hebrew word eloah (god) ever written in the feminine form, but may always use the masculine ending no matter the gender.

I was born and raised as a Christian and my wife and I also struggled with the doctrine of the trinity several years ago. I hope that your search finds truth.

Shalom. Shimon

After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the Father and the Son carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man, IN THEIR OWN IMAGE. THEY WROUGHT TOGETHER IN THE CREATION OF THE EARTH and every living thing upon it. And now God, the Father, said to His Divine Son. "Let US make man"  
There were ONLY TWO BEINGS involved, the Father and the Son.

Gen. 11: 7 Isa. 6: 8. These two verses also use the word "US" could they be referring again to the Father and the Son only, as we are told in Gen 1: 26?

Jhn. 1:1,2. " In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."

*" In the beginning was the Word, (Jesus) and the Word (Jesus) was with God, (TheFather) and the Word (Jesus) was God. The same was in the beginning with God. (The Father)*

Jesus is the Word and has been from the beginning of creation with God (the Father) (Context is, creation of Earth, and time)

Eternity has no beginning.

For only the Father is eternal, truly immortal, and self existing, existing in his own light. When the Father begot his Son, the Father created time, so time as we know it thus began, therefore the same (Jesus) was in the beginning (when time was created) with the father. Proverbs. 8: 30. "Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;"

Heb. 1: 1-10. " Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a

Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" "MADE" used to declare that Jesus was created by Trinitarians, and Satan. 'Not so,' by the Fathers declaration to the angels," and by the declaration of inheritance, was Jesus "MADE BETTER THAN THE ANGELS" For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" Proverbs. 30: 4. " what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?"

So Jesus was with God, the Father, from the creation of time, His only begotten Son, He, Jesus, grew up knowing and loving his Father, and his Father declared unto all the Angels that this is my son, born of my flesh, and is worthy of my name (God) and complete adoration, his word is my word. It is as though I have spoken. Therefore my Son, Jesus, is truly Divine for I have declared it.

Some scriptures that have the Father, Son and Holy Spirit all listed.

Jhn. 14: 16;15: 26; 16: 6-15.      Acts. 1:2-5; 10:36-38.      Matt. 28: 19.

1Cor. 12: 3-6.      2 Thes. 2: 13-16.      Titus. 3: 4-6.

There are others we could list also. While it is true that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all listed, none of the verses state that they exist in the relationship that the Trinity teaches.

Matt. 28: 19      " Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

There is no question at all that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all wrought in the conversion of souls. However, this still does not prove the Holy Spirit to be a separate person distinct from the Father and Son.

Luke. 3:21,22.      " Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

The Spirit of God (The Father's spirit) descended from the Father and rested upon his Son. The dove like figure does not represent another individual coming to Jesus, but simply is an acknowledgement of the Father that Jesus received God's Spirit.

**ONE GOD:** Ex. 20: 1-3. Duet. 4: 35; 6: 35. Mk. 12:28-32.  
1Cor. 8:6. Eph4: 6. 1Tim. 2: 5. Jhn. 17: 3. Jms. 2: 19.

**THE SON OF GOD:** Prv. 8: 22-25; 30: 4. Matt. 8: 29; 14:33. Mk.  
15:34. Lk. 22: 70. Jhn. 1:14; 3:16; 5: 22, 23, 25, 26; 6: 69; 8:41,42;  
10: 36;. 11: 27; 14: 28..

Jhn. 20: 17; 5: 1Cor 11: 3. 1Cor. 15: 23-28 2Cor. 20:17 Gal. 2: 20.  
Heb. 1: 2, 3, 8, 9. 1Pt. 1: 3. 1Jhn. 4: 9. Rev. 3:12



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I think it would be more effective and be regarded as being legitimate research if the word "ancient" was added. Also, if it were made clear that the research came from a traceable source ie. add the website address. My suggestion would be make that line read something like: "by contacting the Ancient-Hebrew research centre that teaches the ancient Hebrew language." Ancient Hebrew is the language of the Bible, not modern Hebrew. ([www.ancient-hebrew.org/3\\_home.html](http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/3_home.html)); email: [webmaster@ancient-hebrew.org](mailto:webmaster@ancient-hebrew.org))

Page 14 (extract from Shimon's email)

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Shimon made a mistake (refer to the italics) that needs to be corrected. He meant to say "I can't say for certain why." These grammatical errors unfortunately change the meaning of what was intended. He meant to say that he couldn't say for sure, but ended up saying he could. I would change it to read as he intended it, without the confusing mistake.

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Are you looking for the SOP references, or have you purposely left them out, so that your article only refers to Bible texts? That would be helpful in giving the article to non-SDA's.

**The point here is simply that Jesus Christ IS the other comforter. Some say that Jesus is the comforter and that the Holy Spirit is the other comforter a different and distinct person. The scripture does not teach that. Jesus sends his Spirit to us.**

**HE IS THE ONLY COMFORTER. SO WHEN YOU KNEEL TO PRAY REMEMBER, THE ONE WHO STANDS BESIDE YOU, IS THE ONE WHO HAS DONE IT ALL FOR YOU. (Reference XXX SOP)**

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**Hebrews. 1: 8,9. " But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."**

**The Father calls the Son, God we have already stated that Jesus is truly DIVINITY because he comes from God. THEREFORE HE POSSESSES BY INHERITANCE *all* THE NAMES AND ATTRIBUTES OF THE FATHER**

**NOTICE: also that God calls himself the God of the Son. However because Jesus is truly divinity, he is to be worshipped as is the Father " Let all the angels of God worship him" Hebs. 1: 6. Therefore the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment is not broken.**

I know this is a very strong point, but I feel it needs to be explained a little more to people trying to make the mental jump from the trinitarian view to the true Godhead view. How is the first commandment not broken if all the angels of God are worshipping the Son? Because the Son is one with the Father. Does that mean - the two of them are one god? Or each of them are god? Or is it because the Son is only secondary to the Father in worship? "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Is the Son a god to be worshipped, but only after God the Father? These questions are hard to explain. Can you help me out here? I can't think how to state the true position either. I'll have to pray about this one.

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**John 14: 28. " Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I."**

**This verse was puzzling to me for some time because we know that the Father and Son are equal in power and authority: My dilemma**

was solved when I found that the Greek word for greater is "MEIZON" which means Elder or More.

Excellent point made on the above text.

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**Please note: Solomon knew of a son before Jesus ever came to this Earth.**

**Proverbs 30: 4. " Who has ascended into heaven, or descended.....What is his name and what is HIS SONS NAME, if you know?**

I must have read this text before, but until I read your article it didn't click. Well done. Good point. I'm sure God has inspired this article.

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**1Tim. 6:15,16 " who is the blessed and only Potentate."**

**'POTENTATE:' = 1413. " A ruler or officer - of great authority, Mighty, Potentate. Websters: = 'Potentate' = One who possesses great power, a Sovereign, Monarch, or Ruler. In Latin it is 'Power Dominion.'**

**The scriptures then plainly teach, that there is ONE God, 'the Father. ' Nowhere in scripture does it say that this one God is made up of three different individuals.**

Another good point made here that clarifies the position of God as being the only true God, the sovereign ruler.

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**It has been an interesting observation that when we have discussed the trinity teaching with most pastors or theologians their first response is that you have to go to the Greek to understand the concept of the Godhead. While we believe the Greek is important, we have to be careful not to place all interpretation of Scripture into the hands of the theologians alone. If you must be a theologian to understand, think of the message we are sending to the lay-people of the church!!! The Greek certainly helps, but it certainly does not contradict the plain and simple teachings of Scripture.**

Perhaps you could also include the ancient Hebrew language. It is usually the ancient Hebrew that theologians refer to in my experience. "Elohiym" is the favourite and you've covered it well in your article.