

## Worksheet on the Trinity

### I Preliminary Considerations.

The Old Testament by itself would not support the doctrine of the Trinity, but as we look back we can see how that God was "making room" for later revelation about Himself. Note combination of plural and singular in these verses.

Gen. 1:26

Deut. 6:4

Is. 6:8

### II God is One.

Deut. 6:4

Isaiah 43:10,11, 44:6

I Tim. 2:5

James 2:19

### III Three Distinct Persons Are Called God.

A The Father

Matt. 6:9, 11:25

II Thes. 1:1, 2:16

"God the Father" found often in scripture.

This is basically the Old Testament conception of God.

B The Son

John 1:1,14, 8:58

"I Am" throughout John. Compare with Exodus 3:14.

John 12:41

Col. 1:15

Tit. 2:13

C The Holy Spirit

Acts 5:3,4

Is. 6:8-10 with Acts 28:25,26

II Tim. 3:16 & II Pet. 1:21

### IV These Three Operate, and Are Presented as Equals.

A Jesus Baptism Matt. 3:16-17

B Baptismal Formula Matt. 28:19,20

C Creation, Gen. 1:3, 26, John 1:1-3

D Blessing the people of God, I Cor. 12: 4-6, II Cor. 13:14

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### Conclusion:

The early church fathers, in particular at the Council of Constantinople took these two seemingly contradictory truths that God is one God, yet three Persons are divine as the true revelation of who God is. They did not make up the Doctrine of the Trinity. They discovered it in the truth God had revealed about himself.

"We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds (æons), Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man; He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; from thence He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son [1], who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. In one holy universal [catholic] and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."