

Session 4

The Doctrine of God (Trinity/The Person of Christ)

I. Discipleship Scenario

2. Discussion Questions

a. “The Trinity” (Chap. 6 of Bible Doctrine)

Review Questions

- Provide scriptural evidence for the existence of the Trinity from both the Old and New Testaments.
- List the three statements given in the chapter that summarize the biblical teaching on the Trinity, and give scriptural support for each one.
- Which of the above three statements does each of the following heresies deny?
 1. Modalism
 2. Arianism
 3. Subordinationism
 4. Tritheism
- What are the distinctions between the persons of the Trinity? How do these distinctions apply to the work of creation? Of redemption?

Questions for Personal Application

- Have you ever thought that if your church allows new or different kinds of ministry to develop, it might hinder the unity of the church? How might the fact of unity and diversity in the Trinity help you approach those questions?
- In addition to our relationships within our families, we all exist in other relationships to human authority (e.g., in government, employment, voluntary societies, the church, educational institutions, and athletics). Whether in the family or in any of these other areas, give an example of a way in which your use of authority or your response to authority might become more like a pattern of relationships in the Trinity.

b. “*The Person of Christ*” (Chap. 14 of Bible Doctrine)

Review Questions

- Provide three evidences from Scripture for the humanity of Christ.
- Give two reasons why was it necessary for Jesus to be fully human?
- Name three ways in which the Bible explicitly states that Jesus is God or that he is divine.
- Why was Jesus’ deity necessary?
- In what ways were the following views erroneous in their view of Christ?
 1. Arianism
 2. Apollinarianism
 3. Nestorianism
 4. Monophysitism
- Describe the Chalcedonian Definition’s contribution to a proper understanding of the person of Christ.

Questions for Personal Application

- After reading this chapter, are there specific ways in which you now think of Jesus as being more like you than you did before? What are these? How can a clearer understanding of Jesus’ humanity help you face temptations? How can it help you to pray?
- What are the most difficult situations in your life right now? Can you think of any similar situations that Jesus might have faced? Does that encourage you to pray confidently to him?
- Can you picture what it could have been like if you had been present when Jesus said, “*Before Abraham was, I am*”? What would have you felt? What are the implications of a statement like that to your life today?
- After reading this chapter, is there anything that you understand more fully about the deity of Jesus? How should a more accurate understanding of the deity of Christ affect your worship of Him?

3. Scripture Memory Verse

John 1:14 ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



Matthew 3:16-17 ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

4. Exercise

Review Scripture memory verses to-date.

5. Assignment for Next Time

Read chapter 15 in Bible Doctrine and the *Introduction* to The Death of Death in the Death of Christ, by J.I. Packer. Next meeting is _____.