

Series: YAFI 2024

Title: Why I Believe in the Trinity

Text: (2 Pet 3:15)(Deut 6:4) “Hear, O Israel: The LORD [YHWH] our God is one LORD:”

Introduction - The trinity is NOT a Bible Word.

BUT: The Trinity IS a Bible Truth. (1 Pet 3:15)
(Jude 3-4) This Doctrine is under attack/being perverted.

I. There is One God: (Isaiah 45:5)

II. Jehovah Yahweh is the Single Divine Being: (Deut 6:4)

III. The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is God: (Rom 1:7)

IV. The Son, Jesus Christ, is God:

A. We believe in the Deity of Christ: Jesus Is God
(John 1:1-3,14) The WORD is God.
(John 10:30) *I and the Father are One!*
(Titus 2:13) *great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

B. We believe in the Virgin Birth: (Isa 7:14)

(Matt 1:18-21)

C. We believe in the Sinless Humanity of Christ:

(Phil 2:8)

1. Earthly Fathers Pass the Sin Nature: (Ro 5:12)

2. Christ had no Earthly Father: (2 Cor 5:21)

D. We believe the suffering death of Jesus Christ:

(Isa. 53:6)(1 John 2:2)(1 Pet 3:18)

V. The Holy Spirit is God: (Acts 5:3-4)

VI. The Father, Son, & Holy Spirit are each distinct:

(Matt 28:18-20)

A. *All Three were present at the Baptism of Jesus*
(Luke 3:22)(2 Cor 13:14)

VII. Conclusion: The Bible teaches the Trinity.

A. The Trinity is the basis of our reality: (Rom 1:20)

1. The entire creation is characteristic of a trinity:

Time, Space, & Matter (Gen 1:1)

2. He exists apart from all that He created.

Any being bound by one of these is not God.

3. The Creation is A Trinity of Trinities

Time: Past Present, Future

Space: Length, Width, Height

Matter: Solid, Liquid, Gas

4. A Trinity of Trinities in continuum: (Deut 6:4)

The concept of the Trinity is present from the opening verse of the Bible

The word "God" here is the same as in (Gen 1:1) is "elohim."

This is not a simple plural of the word 'god.'

The plural of that word, which means 'two,' is "elohim."

"Elohim" means "three or more." (Gen 1:26)

SO then maybe we need to see what God meant by One!

Consider what Jesus said about His relationship to the Father.

(John 10:30) *I and the Father are One!*

(John 17:22) “*And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:”*

God gave us a picture of this in Marriage: (Gen. 2:24).

God gave us a picture of this in the local church:

(Rom 12:5)(1 Cor 10:17)(1 Cor 12:20)

The Hebrew word used for God as one is *echad*.

(Num 13:23) *echad* refers to a cluster of grapes. (Gen 11:6)

Echad is used to describe "*one flesh*" of marriage (Gen. 2:24)

VIII. What difference does it make?

It's all wishful thinking B/c no one likes to be offensive.

(John 8:54-55)

They are Not Jehovah. ex. Allah is NOT the God of the Bible!

(Mark 12:32) *for there is 1 God; & there is none other but he*

Jehovah is different in His Being

He is Infinite, Limitless in Power, in Presence, in Knowledge.

Jehovah is different also in His Nature

God is by nature a spirit (**Jn 4:24**) and as such He is invisible and without flesh and bone (**Lk 24:39**).

He cannot be represented by an image, but is revealed to us only in the person of God the Son, Jesus Christ (**Heb.1:1**)

Jehovah is different in His Person

God is a being with a personality, and not a thing or a force. He has intelligence, mind, will, reason, individuality, self-consciousness, and self determination. (James 2:23)

Jehovah is different in His Emotions

He grieves: (Gen 6:6)

He has anger: (1Kings 11;9)

He feels: (Deut 6:15)

He loves: (Rev 3:19)

Jehovah is different in that His Emotions don't Rule Him

(Zech 9:9) *behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is Just.*

(Acts 10:34) *God is no respecter of persons:*

(Deut 6:4) *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD*

The God of the bible is the only one that can Save you!

(1 Pet 1:2)

The God of the bible is the only one that can Keep you!

(1 Pet 1:5)

The God of the bible is the only one that Indwells you!

(1 Cor 3:16)

The God of the bible is the only one that will Speak to you Directly!

(Rom 8:15-16)

You don't need a priest to talk to God for you. (1 Tim 2:5)

He knows what the Father is thinking about you! (Jer 29:11)

HE will speak to you through God's Word: (Jn 14:26)

The God of the bible is the only one that Empowers you!
(Zech 4:6)

Ramifications: (1 Cor 6:19-20)

The Trinity of God is under attack from he Cults.

The Lost people don't even know WHO or What Jesus is.

The Lost people don't know what Jesus did for them and why.