

God has a Son by Stephen Moore

Whenever we come to consider subjects like the Trinity and the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ it is absolutely vital that we take the complete teaching of the entire Bible and not just verses here and there. God's revelation to mankind is progressive, and He progressively throughout history reveals to us that God is one but also that the one God is a plurality and more specifically a Trinity.

- **The fact of God**

Read Genesis 1:1, Deuteronomy 6:4

The Bible begins not with the good news about the Lord Jesus Christ but with the fact of God and His creation. Before we can show people that God has a Son we must first establish that there is a God.

- **God is a Trinity**

Read Genesis 1:26, 3:22, 11:7, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 28:19

The Creator God reveals Himself to us through His word as being triune in nature which simply means that there is one God in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three persons of the Godhead share the same divine nature completely.

- **Relevancy of the Trinity**

Understanding the Trinity is vital to understanding God and His salvation. Understanding that God is love apart from the Trinity is difficult because before creation who did God love? When we understand that God is a Trinity we can understand that God not only loves but that He is love and that for eternity the Godhead – Father, Son and Holy Spirit enjoyed a perfect, loving and unified relationship within itself. If God is triune then the Trinity affects everything.

Examples

Creation

The Trinity was involved in creation[□]

Cross

The Trinity was involved at the cross[▽]

Salvation

The Trinity is involved in a person's salvation[⊗]

Resurrection

The Trinity was involved in the resurrection[×]

Prayer

The Trinity is involved in prayer[•]

[□] Father – Genesis 1:1, Acts 14:17; Son – John 1:3, Colossians 1:16; Spirit – Genesis 1:2, 2:7, Psalm 33:6

[▽] Hebrews 9:14

[⊗] 1Peter 1:2, Titus 3:4-7. Father - John 3:16, 6:38-40; Son – John 10:17-18, 2Corinthians 5:19, Spirit – John 3:5-8, 16:7-11

[×] Father – Acts 2:24, Son – John 10:17-18, Spirit – Romans 1:4

- ***God has a Son***

God's revelation of His triune nature is progressive. The name for God in the first verse of the Bible is 'Elohim' which is plural. The 'Shema' in Deuteronomy 6:4 explains that 'God is one,' however the word for 'one' is a word that can also mean a 'unity' like a man and a woman being 'one flesh.' Slowly but surely throughout His Word the Bible God reveals that He is a Trinity.

God promised to send His Son

Read Isaiah 9:6, Luke 1:30-33

God fulfilled His promise to send His Son

Read Luke 2:1-20, Mark 1:1+9-11, John 3:16

God calls Jesus His Son and Jesus refers to God as His Father at least 50 times in the gospel of John alone each time implying that He is God's Son.

The Bible teaches that God has a Son

Read Hebrews 1:1-5

God's Son is referred to as the 'exact representation of His being.' This means that God's Son Jesus has all the divine attributes and all the divine nature of God and you can't have all the divine attributes and all the divine nature of God and not be God. The Bible teaches that all three persons of the Godhead – Father, Son and Holy Spirit share the same divine attributes and divine nature.[♦] The divine nature is not divided up between three but the three share all of the divine nature.

- **Jesus is the Jehovah of the Old Testament**

Read Exodus 3:14 and John 8:58, 18:4-8; Isaiah 6:3 and John 12:41; Isaiah 45:22-23 and Philippians 2:10-11, Zechariah 2:8-11.[×]

- **The Bible teaches that the Son of God is God[∇]**

Read Hebrews 1:6-14, 1Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 2:9, Titus 2:13

In Hebrews 1:8 God addresses His Son as God and in verse 10 as Lord. These statements are supported by the traditional Hebrew text and provide conclusive proof that the Son of God is God the Son. In 1Corinthians 8:6 Paul reaffirms the 'Shema' of the Old Testament and now as God is progressing His revelation He inspires Paul to include Jesus in the 'Shema' as Lord. All the fullness of the divine nature dwells in Jesus Christ and to possess the fullness of divinity is to be divine.

[•] Ephesians 2:18, Romans 8:26-27, Hebrews 7:25

[♦] Eternality: Father – Psalm 90:2, Romans 16:26, John 8:58, 17:5, Hebrews 9:14. Read Acts 5:3-4, 2Corinthians 3:17 to discover that the Holy Spirit is described in God's word as God.

[×] In this prophecy Jehovah both sends and comes to earth. There is no way of understanding this apparent contradiction without accepting the Trinity. God [Jehovah] the Father sends God [Jehovah] the Son so Jehovah both sends and comes to earth. Read Zechariah 12:10, 14:3.

[∇] Jesus Christ is the God-Man. This is known as the Hypostatic Union (1 person – 2 natures) and because He is both God and man He can reconcile both God and men. Read John 1:14, Romans 1:1-4, Philippians 2:6-11, 1Timothy 3:16.

The Proof of Jesus Christ's divinity

Read Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:21-28, 2:1-12, 4:39-41, Luke 4:28-30, John 11:43, Romans 1:4

The Lord Jesus Christ lived a sinless perfect life,[□] spoke with authority and performed many miracles demonstrating His power over nature, demons, the devil, disease, people and even death itself raising people from the dead and rising Himself from the dead.

Worship

Read Exodus 20:5, Matthew 4:10, 2:11, 14:33, 28:9+17

When Jesus was tempted by Satan He told Satan to, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.' Jesus knew that the commandments clearly stated that only the one true and living God should be worshipped yet in numerous occasions Jesus received worship. Jesus was either a deceiver or God to receive worship.

- **Jesus was crucified for claiming to be the Son of God**

Read Matthew 26:63-66

The trial of Jesus was completely unique because it was His identity that was on trial. He clearly said that He was the Son of God and the Jews knew that this was implying that He was equal with God which is why they wrongly accused Jesus of blasphemy.

- **Why did the Son of God die?**

Read 1Corinthians 15:1-4, Galatians 2:20, 1Peter 3:18

Adoption

Read John 1:12, Romans 8:12-17, 10:9, Galatians 4:4-7

By turning to God and trusting in who Jesus is and what Jesus has done a person can be adopted by God into His family, escape judgment and punishment for their sins and become His child forever.

[□] Jesus Christ's friends testified to His sinlessness but so did His enemies. Read Mark 1:24, Matthew 27:4+19, Luke 23:4+13-16+41+47