

The Triune God

Two points from last week: **1)** The Spirit was promised along with the Christ. It is the spirit that takes us to the Father. Therefore the Spirit is the one who makes God known to us as Father. **2)** As the saints are being fitted together in the local gathering they become a dwelling place for the Spirit.

Classical Understanding of the Trinity: False teachers peaked the issue with a man named Arius who began to teach within the church that Jesus was created by God and not co-eternal with God. This is very similar to what the Jehovah Witness claims today. The church for over 200 years did not teach Jesus this way and so they moved together to protect the Trinity as one substance three Persons.

Essence: The state of God's existence that is usually described by using attributes that are given to us in scripture – Holy, Perfection, Eternal, Sovereign, Wisdom, Good, Love, Righteousness, Wrath, Justice Longsuffering, Kind Infinite, and Immutable to name a few.

Why is this important? John 4:7-24

Highly controversial and divisive topic that divides Christianity from false religions.

Three Criticisms' of the Trinity.

- 1) It is a contradiction.
- 2) The word Trinity is not in the Bible.
- 3) Christian's say you can't comprehend it so who's to say it's true.

1) The Christian belief stands on the truth there is One God. Mark 12:28-29; 1 Corinthians 8:4; Galatians 3:20; 1 Timothy 1:17; James 2:19; Jude 1:25.

2) Progressive revelation is not religious progression.

Old Testament hints to the nature of God.

Genesis 1:2; Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 11:6-7

Elohim

Psalm 110

Psalm 139:7-19

Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah 48-49 / Zechariah 12:7-11

