

Doctrinal Studies

Celebrating Christ – The Trinity

The Trinity speaks of the union of three persons in the Godhead: Deity 1—the Father, Deity 2—the Son, and Deity 3—the Holy Spirit. We are going to explore the doctrine of the Trinity with a particular emphasis upon Deity 2. But before we do let's notice a few examples of the occurrences of the number three in the Bible.

1. Three persons in one God—three members of divine perfection.
2. In Isaiah 6 the Seraphim in praising God said, “holy, holy, holy.”
3. Christ was crucified at the third hour.
4. Jonah spent three days and nights in the belly of the great fish.
5. The resurrection of our Lord was on the third day.
6. Three people in the Bible were resuscitated: Jairus' daughter, the widow's son, and Lazarus—a child, a young man, and an adult.
7. Christ has three titles: Prophet, Priest and King. He has three descriptions: the Good Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd, and the Great Shepherd.
8. Testing of man falls into three categories: lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, and the pride of life.
9. The testing of Jesus in Matthew 4 was three-fold:
 - a. lust of the flesh: “change stones into bread.”
 - b. lust of the eye: “view the kingdoms of the earth.”
 - c. pride of life: “cast thyself down and the angels shall bear thee up.”
10. Three great apostates: Cain, Balaam, and Korah.
11. God spoke from Heaven three times concerning His pleasure in the Son's obedience: Matt. 3:17; 17:5; and John 12:28.
12. Blood and oil were applied in three places on the priest's body during the consecration ritual:
 - a. on the tip of the right ear (we hear God)
 - b. on the thumb of the right hand (then there can be productivity)
 - c. on the toe of the right foot (walking uprightly glorifies God)