

Course Outline

I. Introduction

II. Biblical Basis of the Doctrine of the Trinity

- a. From henotheism to monotheism to Trinitarianism
- b. Word, wisdom, and Spirit in the OT
- c. Christ's unity and diversity with the Father
 - i. The "I am" sayings
 - ii. Phil. 2; Col. 2; Heb. 2

III. Essentials of Trinitarianism

- d. God is one being eternally existing in three persons.
- e. Oneness
 - i. Every operation of the Deity ad extra is one.
 - ii. Perichoresis
- f. Threeness
 - i. The persons are God's self-repetition in distinct form.
 - ii. Relations of opposition
- g. Significance of the doctrine of the Trinity
 - i. Right understanding of God: tritheism and modalism
 - ii. Model for Christian living
 - iii. Historical encounter with the living God

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