

# THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GOD

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### POPULAR BIBLICAL MISCONCEPTION #2

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### **3 BURNING QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is wrong with me?
- 2. What is truth?
- 3. How do I get right with God?

### TWO OF SATAN'S GREATEST WEAPONS

**RELATIVISM** Assumption that there is no such thing as absolute truth.

**SUBJECTIVISM** I, the subject, have the right to determine what is right and wrong without

submitting my judgment to any authority outside myself.

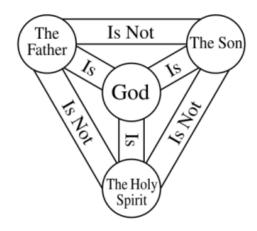
**Hegelian Dialectic: Thesis + Antithesis = Synthesis** 

#### THE TRINITY

In no other subject is error more dangerous, or inquiry more laborious, or the discovery of truth more profitable. – Augustine (~420 AD)

### **SUMMARIZING THE TRINITY**

- 1. There is only 1 God
- 2. The Father is God
- 3. The Son is God
- 4. The Holy Spirit is God
- 5. The Father is not the Son
- 6. The Son is not the Holy Spirit
- 7. The Holy Spirit is not the Father



When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)

"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one." (Deuteronomy 6:4)

# **SALVATION AND THE TRINITY**

# A. GOD THE FATHER INITIATES SALVATION.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the spiritual blessings that Christ has brought us from heaven! Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy and innocent and loving people. God was kind and decided that Christ would choose us to be God's own adopted children. God treated us with undeserved grace because of the Son he dearly loves, and so we should praise God. (Ephesians 1:3-6)

#### B. GOD THE SON ACCOMPLISHES SALVATION.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding. He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ as a plan for the right time – to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him. (Ephesians 1:7-10)

## C. GOD THE SPIRIT APPLIES SALVATION.

In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)