

SO WHAT? (application): Here we move toward first-person pronouns as we begin to consider how we must respond to what God has said in His Word.

1. **When we think about the Trinity we long for clarity, but we must settle for mystery.** This is not easy for us to do.

- One of the ways we seek clarity is in analogies, and there are several that attempt to explain the Trinity. The sermon mentions how every analogy can lead us into error and even heresy. This is true. For instance, how can the analogy of water (that it can appear as a gas, a liquid, or a solid) lead us into error?
- Why is it so hard for us put our faith in an idea that we cannot completely understand? What is it that makes us think we must fully understand an idea before we can fully embrace it?

2. **Why should we bother to understand the Trinity?** After all, isn't this just another one of those doctrines that matter in theory but not in the actual day-to-day practice of the people of God? What are we missing if we neglect the doctrine of the Trinity?

3. **One of the marks of the pseudo-Christian groups (Mormons, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Science, etc.) is their refusal to recognize the Trinity.** They may say that they believe that Jesus was God's Son, but they are quick to point out that they don't mean that in the same way the Church has historically understood the Sonship of Christ, in a Trinitarian sense. If someone were to say to you that they are a Christian but they don't believe in the Trinity, how would you respond? After all, why does it matter whether God created the Son or the Son has always existed?



