

Portrait Of The Father: The Attributes of God

Session 1: Trinity



Introduction:

Foundation for our study: _____

Attribute: a quality, characteristic, property of something or someone

Why examine God's attributes? Two benefits:

Knowing attributes _____

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Introductory discussion questions:

Which attributes of God have stood out to you in your own study?

Which attributes of God do you find most confusing or troubling?

Session One: Trinity

Trinity = _____

The expression of the Trinity = The Father, The Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit

The New Testament writers do not create the doctrine of the Trinity, they articulate what was already understood.

Despite the fact that the word “trinity” is not found in Scripture, we see strong evidence of the triune nature of God throughout Scripture:

The Trinity is present at creation (Genesis 1, John 1)

The Trinity is present or prophesied about in in the Old Testament

The Trinity is present in Jesus’ birth narrative (Luke 1)

The Trinity is present at Jesus’ baptism (Matt. 3:16-17)

The Trinity is present in Jesus’ teaching (Luke 4:18-19)

The Trinity is present in Jesus’ actions (i.e. Matt. 12:28)

The Trinity is present at the end of Jesus’ life (John 13-17)

The Trinity is present in Jesus’ instructions to His disciples (Matt. 28:19-20)

The Trinity is present at the beginning of the church (Acts 2:32-33, 38-39)

The Trinity is present in the teaching of the early church (1 Peter 1:1-2)

Implication: God is not a transformer - we reject _____

Application:

How does understanding the Trinity affect the way you worship God?

How does understanding the Trinity affect the way you study God’s word?