

Various Trinitarian Matters

I. Review the Trinity / Christ topic: **OUR GLORIOUS GOD!**

II. **Q & A**

III. **Functional Subordination** in the TRINITY

A. God the Father's ministries

1. Father over all creation (Acts 17:29)
2. Father of the Nation Israel (Ex. 4:22)
3. Father of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 3:17)
4. Father of Believers in Christ (Gal 3:26)
5. Author of the decree (Psalm 2:7-9) **"THE EXALTATION of the God-Man."**
6. Author of Election (Eph. 1:3-6)
7. **Sender of Christ** (John 3:16)
8. Disciplinarian of his children (He. 12:9)

B. God the Son's ministries

1. Became incarnate (John 1:14)
2. Declared the Father to men (John 1:18)
3. Became the propitiation (Romans 3:25)
4. Redeemed believing sinners (Eph 1:7)
5. Provided substitutionary atonement (II Cor. 5:21)
6. Rose from the dead (I Cor. 15:20)
7. Ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9)
8. Intercedes for believers (Hebrew 7:25)

C. God the Holy Spirit's ministries

1. Convicts of sin (John 16:8)
2. Produces the new birth (John 3:5-8)
3. Regenerates (Titus 3:5)
4. Indwells (I Cor. 3:16)
5. Seals (Eph 4:30)
6. Fills (Eph. 5:18)
7. Guides believers into all TRUTH (John 16:13)
8. Glorifies Christ (John 16:14)

D. **Verses that are misunderstood** regarding the Trinitarian Relationships

1. I Cor. 11:3 God ordained roles / rank. Father / Son; Man / Wife. Does NOT imply inferiority
 2. John 14:28 (... for my Father is greater than I) **Not in NATURE**, but in His condition on earth. Also, Christ could be speaking from his human perspective.
 3. Mathew 24:36; Mk 13:32 "Of that time knoweth no one (not the Son) ...but the FATHER ONLY. " Jesus may be speaking in his human realm, in which he is FINITE, not INFINITE.
- E. Please remember: There is ONE ESSENCE of God. In their "BEING," Father-Son-Holy Spirit, there is NO subordination, they are ONE. However, in regards to their FUNCTION there IS SUBORDINATION. I.E. A military Captain vs. a Private. There is NO inequality in regards to their human constitution. There is subordination in regards to their RANK.

IV. **Some TRINITARIAN Formulae.** Scripture passages which succinctly reveal the Trinitarian Truth.

1. Matthew 29:19 (...in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost)
2. II Cor. 13:14. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."
3. Eph. 4:4-6 "There is one body, and one Spirit, ... One Lord, ...One God and Father of all,"
4. I Cor. 12:4-6 "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit...but the same Lord....but it is the same God..."
5. I John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."
6. Isaiah 48:16

V. **Son of Man.** Jesus Christ's favorite SELF DESIGNATION. (81X in the Gospels, 11X in John)

VI. **Modalism**

VII. **Son of God**

1. Jesus Christ is SON of GOD by NATURE. (John 10:30)
2. Believers are sons of GOD by ADOPTION (Gal. 4:5-6; Ro. 8:15)

VII. **"Firstborn"** Colossian 1:15 "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:"

**Ps 57:5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let thy glory be above all the earth.**