

I. Introduction

II. *Question 5: Are there more Gods than one?*

Answer: There is but one only [a], the living and true God [b].

[a]. Deut. 6:4; Isa. 44:6; 45:21-22; 1 Cor. 8:4-6

[b]. Jer. 10:10; John 17:3; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 John 5:20

III. *Question 6: How many persons are there in the Godhead?*

Answer: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost [a]; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. [b]

[a]. Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:2

[b]. Ps. 45:6; John 1:1; 17:5; Acts 5:3-4; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9; Jude 24-25

Notes:

- Unity + Plurality = Trinity
- Three Essential Elements of the Trinity
 - Scripture teaches that there is one true, one living God.
 - Scripture teaches that not only the Father, but also the Son and the Holy Spirit are God.
 - Scripture teaches that the three persons of the Trinity are distinct persons *equal* in power & glory.
- Conclusion: The doctrine of the Trinity is not conceived by man but rather the only logical conclusion for which scripture allows.

Questions 5 & 6 Review

1. What are the three essential truths that make up the doctrine of the trinity?
2. What does the “Godhead” mean?
3. What do unitarians believe?
4. What do polytheists believe?
5. Is the doctrine of the trinity simple to understand? If no, why do we believe it?
6. Cite scripture proving there is only one God...
7. What are four attributes that belong only to God that scripture also proves belong as well to Christ and to the Holy Spirit?
8. What is modalism?
9. What is Monarchianism?
10. Why does Matthew 28:19 require belief in the Trinity?
11. Is the Trinity taught in the OT?

IV. Question 7: What are the decrees of God?

Answer: *The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass [a].*

[a]. Ps. 33:11; Isa. 14:24; Acts 2:23; Eph. 1:11-12

Notes:

- An imperfect analogy
 - God the builder
 - His plans are eternal
 - His plans are absolute
 - His plans are glorious
 - Man the builder

Question 7 Review

1. What does decree mean? Counsel? Foreordained?
2. What does the plan of God include?
3. What item in 6.1 is like the decrees of God?
4. What are some key differences in God's plans vs man's?
5. Who gave God advice for his plan?
6. What are some things that are outside of God's control and his plan?
7. When did God make his plan?
8. Why did God make his plan?
9. Why is it right for God to center his plan around himself and wrong for man?
10. What are two false conclusions commonly drawn from this doctrine of decrees? Why are both wrong?