## **The Trinity**

What does the term Trinity mean?

The Trinity doctrine tries to explain the relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It recognizes that they are separate and distinct people. It recognizes the divinity of each and acknowledges that there is only one God and so they must be intimately entwined with one another.

What does Triune mean?

This word is an adjective that describes God. It means 'three in one' which is a restatement of the Trinity doctrine.

Can you think of an analogy that illustrates the Trinity?

Some people use water ( $H_2O$ ) as an example of the Trinity, however, God is not a substance. He does not melt away or evaporate. All three members of the Trinity coexist simultaneously from eternity to eternity.

Three Cricket stumps together make one wicket.

Man.

Is man an example of a Trinity?

Yes.

What are the parts of man mentioned in <u>1Thes</u> <u>5:23</u>?

*Man has a Body, a Soul and a Spirit.* 

Who was man made in the image of?

God.

Do all the members of the Trinity co-exist together simultaneously from eternity to eternity?

Yes.

Why did God say "Let us make man in our image"?

Because one member of the trinity was talking to the others.

Who was the world made by?

The world came into being at the word of God. God said "Let there be..... and it was so" Subsequently, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. His name is Jesus. The creation of the world was the work of the son. Colossians even tells us that Jesus was there at the beginning and that the whole world was created through him. In fact the Bible says that all things still hold together through him. Given this, I don't know how anybody could question the divinity of Jesus.

Is there only one true God?

Yes.

Is there only one Lord?

Yes.

What did the demons call Jesus?

They said You are the 'Holy God'.

What did Thomas call Jesus?

*He said you are my Lord and my God.* 

Did the disciples worship Jesus?

Yes.

What does Emmanuel mean? Who does this name refer to?

*It means God with us and it refers to Jesus.* 

Who does Adonai refer to in the Old testament?

It refers to Jesus.

How many times does Adonai appear in the old testament?

432.

What is God's name?

The Father is Jehovah, The Son's name is Jesus (or Jehovih in the Old testament)

How many times does the word Jehovah appear in the Old Testament?

6528.

How do you explain verses like <u>Ps 110:1</u> that say "the Lord said unto my Lord" (In Hebrew : "Jehovah said unto Adonai")

The Father was speaking to the Son.

John's gospel starts by saying "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and the Word was with God.....and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." What does this mean?

> Jesus was the Word and he became flesh. He was God and he was with the Father who is also God.

How can Jesus be Lord and the Father be Lord if there is only one Lord?

Because Jesus and the Father are one.

Is Jesus the saviour or is God the saviour?

They both are, but there is only one saviour.

What do the following Greek words mean?

kurios means Lord

theos means God

kurios theos means Lord God

pater theos means Father God

theos pater means God the Father

huios theos *means* Son God (Son of God)

pneuma theos *means Spirit God* (Spirit of God)

hagios theos means Holy God

hagios pneuma means Holy Spirit

Do these terms support the notion of The Trinity?

Yes.

Did Jesus pray to God?

Yes. He was praying to the Father.

Did Jesus regard himself as equal with the Father?

No.

Who was the first born over all creation?

Jesus.

Who created the heavens and the earth? (<u>Col</u> <u>1:12-20</u>)

Jesus.

Is there any question that Jesus is divine?

No.

Is there only one God?

Yes.

Then there must be a Trinity!