



NUTS AND BOLTS OF TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY

**PART – III
PLURALITY IN ONE
GOD**

Christ's incarnation

- Jesus incarnation is the fulness of the God's revelation.
- A new perspective called, trinitarian monotheism introduced.
- The doctrine of trinity made Christianity different from all the other religions.



MAJOR TURN IN THE 4TH CENTURY

- Gospel was accepted by Monotheistic Jews who has scripture
- Gospel was accepted by Philosophical Greeks
- Gospel accepted by Poly theistic Romans

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,
1 Corinthians 1:22,23

- The discussion is theological & proved by signs
- The discussion is philosophical
- The creed should be systemized theological and philosophical composition
- For our modern generation it should be theological, philosophical and practically inspiring our personal and social lives.

Can plurality exist in one God?

- To answer this we take the scripture as our primary source of information (Posteriori argument)
- We dialogue ontologically

Jews seek for scripture & sign

- **1 Cor: 15:3-4:** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures
- **Romans 1: 4:** Jesus was declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
- **Isaiah 9:6:** And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Greeks seek after wisdom

- A person is a being that has certain capacities or attributes such as reason, morality, consciousness/self-consciousness and being a part of a culturally established form of social relations such as kinship, ownership or property or legal responsibility.
- Existence as person – a person is a person because of another person.
- Which means for God to exist He should be more than one person, even as “I am who I am”
- God is self existing, He has His existence in Himself. His triune nature makes Him self existent.

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- **Attributes**
- **All the attributes are social in nature**
- **Omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresent**
- **Sovereignty**
- **Righteousness, Holiness, Goodness, Just, Merciful, Love & etc**

- **1 Corinthians 1: 24: Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**
- **John 14:11: Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me**
- **Matthew 22:44The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool” ’?**

God can exist as trinity only

Lessons we learn

- God exists as a fellowship
- His attributes and being are relational
- His purposes are relational
- Since God created us in His own image
The doctrine of trinity teaches us that
 - ❖ We too are relational
 - ❖ We can neither exist nor be able to survive without others.
 - ❖ Everybody need somebody, we need each other.
 - ❖ Our primary focus in life should be our relationships. Those who do not love their brethren do not know God.

Unity and diversity in the community of Trinity is both majestic and mystery.

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Next time

We need to explore the triune nature of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Which the rest of the creed explains.