

Sermon Outline – May 27, 2018

Essential Beliefs: The Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 28:16-20

1. Would you like to understand and be able to explain the Holy Trinity?
 2. The Holy Trinity is the _____ between the three persons of the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 3. From where do our essential beliefs, including the Holy Trinity, come?
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4. A Brief Account of the Experience of the Apostles:
 - Who are the Apostles?

• **God the Father**

The Shema: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is _____.”

Deuteronomy 6:4

From the Athanasian Creed: ... *the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God: And yet there are not three gods, but one God. And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.*

• **God the Son, who is Jesus Christ**

What was Jesus doing?

What was Jesus saying?

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” – Jesus John 14:9b

“I and the Father are one.” – Jesus John 10:30

How do we know that the people hearing Jesus clearly understood that Jesus was saying he is God? John 10:31-33

What finally convinced the Apostles that Jesus is God?

The resurrected Jesus came to them and said, “*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*” Matthew 28:18-19.

• **God the Holy Spirit**

5. What difference does it make for us to believe that God is one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

6. Next Step: Understand and be able to explain our essential belief that God is one God in three persons, The Holy Trinity.