



Sunday, October 25, 2009: Adoring the Trinity

Scripture: Matthew 28:19

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Sermon Notes:

1. Meditation on this text has contributed to Baptist theology and modern missions, as well as the doctrine of the Trinity.
2. The doctrine of the Trinity underlies the entire New Testament.
3. We worship one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
4. Titus 3:3-5: Paul talks of salvation in terms that display the triune nature of God: God is Saviour. Jesus is Saviour.
5. 1 Corinthians 12:3-6: Paul teaches here that the life of the church is one of interdependence; every believer is needed in the local body.
6. More often than the title Saviour, Paul calls Jesus Lord, identifying Jesus with God's Old Testament name.
7. Revelation 1:4-7: The Lord Jesus sustains all things moment by moment, by the word of His power.
8. The seven Spirits are a symbolic reference to the Holy Spirit who gives grace to the Church.
9. Matthew 28:19: This text is given that we might worship the one true God through all three persons of the Trinity.
10. We do not worship three Gods as Muslims claim.
11. Each person of the Trinity is equally divine. When we approach one Person of the Trinity, we are offering full worship to the other Persons.
12. There is only one God who is the true and living God. All the other gods of the nations are idols. They don't exist.
13. The gods that grip the minds of our contemporaries include power, sex, wealth, and leisure.

14. We are to bear witness to the true and living God, the Maker of the nations. We know the living God; we have the Truth.
15. We must not try to explain or understand comprehensively what we cannot know fully as finite creatures.
16. Who can explain the intricacies of how the Son is eternally God (eternally begotten)? How does the Spirit eternally proceed from the Father and Son?
17. Even in eternity we'll have incomplete knowledge of God.
18. We are called to believe in the revelation of the one triune God though we don't fully understand it.
19. If we could figure out the Trinity, then God ceases to be God.
20. We're called to declare to a world which is sunk in sin that this is the one true God.
21. As worshipers we are to love and to adore our God.
22. We are made to worship; if we don't worship the living God, we'll adore idols.

Application Questions:

1. Show how the sermon texts in Titus 3, 1 Corinthians 12 and Revelation 1 contribute to the doctrine of the Trinity.
2. Is it proper to give religious worship to God the Son or God the Holy Spirit? Explain your answer.
3. What's wrong with attempting to achieve a comprehensive explanation of the Trinity?
4. What are some of the false "gods" that people come up with when they reject the true God?
5. As we come to know the goodness and glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, what should our response be?