

## Lord's Day 8; Jeremiah 10

### FAITH IN THE TRIUNE GOD

- I. The doctrine of the Trinity was developed with specifics in the early new dispensational church.
  - A. They used three words not in the Bible for concepts about God which are revealed in Scripture.
  - A. The true church always maintained the oneness of the Godhead; there are not multiple gods (Deut. 6:4).
  - B. And the true church maintained the three persons in the Godhead.
    1. Consider the Nicene, Athanasian, Chalcedon Creeds.
    2. The three persons are distinct, but inseparable in the Divine Being; equal to each other in deity, dignity, power, and glory.
    3. They are distinguished by their names, which show their relationship to each other.
- II. The basis for our faith in the Trinity is the Biblical proof.
  - A. There is more than one Person because of the use of "us" Genesis 1:26,27; 3:22.
    1. The identity of the plural persons became increasingly clear in the New Dispensation.
    2. The clearest evidence is found in the baptism formula (Matt. 28:19) and in the apostolic benediction (II Cor. 13:14).
  - B. Scripture teaches both the deity of the Son.
    1. In Phil. 2:10,11, Paul speaks of Jesus and quotes Isaiah 45:22,23 which speaks of every knee bowing to God.
    2. John's narrative especially affirms the deity of Christ.
- III. The significance.
  - A. Some deny the Triune God to their eternal condemnation.
  - B. Scripture's revelation concerning God becomes praise and prayer when it is a genuine knowledge.
    1. First, God is living, a living God.
    2. Second, His oneness means perfect unity in God, no conflict or strife, only perfect fellowship and unity.
  - C. The life within the Godhead is experienced in redeemed humanity.
    1. We experience a living relationship with God (through Christ).
    2. This experience with God is consciously reflected in our fellowship and friendship with each other.