

Questions to Ask Trinitarians

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The Power of Jesus' Questions

- “John’s baptism – was it from heaven or from people?” (Matt. 21)
 - “We don’t know.” In other words -- “We’re not telling!” “We won’t say!”
- “Since David calls the Messiah ‘lord’ [in Ps. 110:1] how is he his son? And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions” (Matt. 22:45-46)
 - “And the large crowd was listening to him with delight”! (Mark 12:37)

The Goal of Our Questions

- To cause people to think
- And ultimately: “God wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth – that there is one God and one mediator between God and humans, Messiah Jesus, himself human” (1 Tim. 2:4-5).
 - “If God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth...then so, too, do I” (Forrest Maready, *Red Pill Gospel*)

Introductory Questions

- **Question:** How do *you* define the Trinity?

Three who's in one what?

Three Persons in one Being/Substance/Essence?

Trinity revealed in the OT or NT?

2020 Ligonier “State of Theology” Survey

- 65% of American *evangelicals* agree with the statement:

“Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God.”

- “These results suggest a significant need for Christians to be taught Christology, the doctrine of the nature and identity of Jesus Christ.” (thestateoftheology.com)

The Shema (Deut. 6:4 and Mark 12:29)

Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad

Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.

“Right, teacher! **He** is one, and there is no one else besides **Him**.”

- **Question:** How many Persons is “one Lord”? (How many Persons is “He” or “Him”?)
- **Question:** Is this a Trinitarian or unitarian creed? (Was the scribe unitarian or Trinitarian? Was Jesus?)

Isaiah 44:24 and Singular Personal Pronouns

“I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by **Myself**, and spreading out the earth all alone. Who was with **Me?**” (see also Isa. 45:12, 18).

I, me, he, him, his, my, mine, myself, himself

Question: Which person, which “self” is speaking here?

Or – Who is “Myself”? Which self?

Psalm 110:1

- The two different Lords in the Bible – *Adonai* and *adoni*
- One is God and one is not God.
- “YHVH’s proclamation to my lord [*adoni*]: ‘Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.’”

Question: If Jesus is God, why is he called “my lord,” *adoni*, a word that never refers to God?

John 17:3

Jesus prayed, “You, Father, are the only true God.”

Question: How can Jesus be the only true God?

No one can be “also the only” !

Donald Trump is the only true President of the USA. Mike Pence is *also the only* true President of the USA ??

John 17:3

- Jesus said, “This is the life of the age to come – that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Messiah whom You sent.”
- **Question:** Where does the Bible say you have to believe in the Trinity or that Jesus is God in order to be saved/gain eternal life — the life of the age to come?
- **Question:** Why is the Holy Spirit left out?

Jesus has a God, so how can he be God?

- Matt. 27:46
- Mark 15:34
- John 20:17
- Rom. 15:6: God of our lord
- 2 Cor. 1:3: God of our lord
- 2 Cor. 11:31: God of the lord
- Eph. 1:3: God of our lord
- Eph. 1:17: God of our lord
- Heb. 1:9
- 1 Pet. 1:3: God of our lord
- Rev. 1:6
- Rev. 3:2
- Rev. 3:12 (4x!)

What not to ask

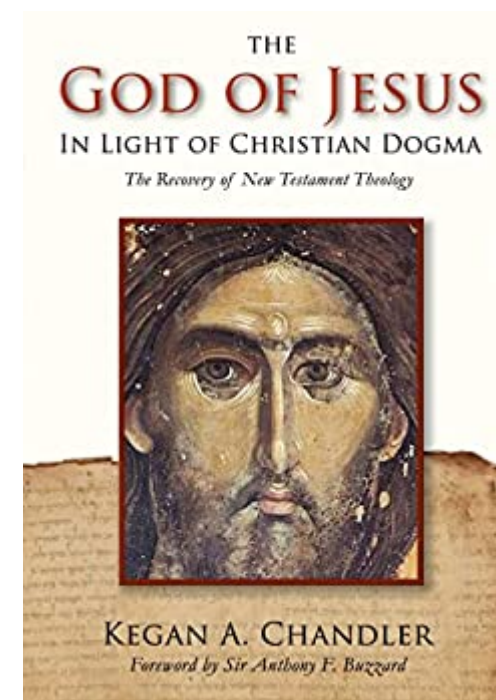
- Who was Jesus praying to? Himself?

Other Questions

- Where does the word “God” in the Bible mean three Persons?
- How many YHWHs are you proposing?

From Kegan Chandler, author of
*The God of Jesus in Light of
Christian Dogma*

- Who is the first Trinitarian?
- However you define death, Scripture says that God cannot die. So if Jesus is God, how did he die?



- “I am 50 years old and since my early teens was trying to understand the Trinity; I haven’t got it yet. I was born in a Catholic family in Pakistan. In my teens I started going to a Protestant church. In my 20s I started taking classes from a United Pentecostal Oneness pastor. I later attended an Assemblies of God church for a few years. I studied Islam extensively but was disappointed with their faith as well. After my own experience and studies I reached the conclusion that Jesus is not God Almighty. I have watched your video on youtube, ‘Five Options in Christology’ and was very impressed. I will try to read your books as well.”

—*California*

- “I have until recently been for my whole Christian life a passionate, and most certainly convinced, Trinitarian. However, the case set forward by Biblical unitarians has been very challenging to me — challenges that I simply cannot in good conscience dismiss and ignore. I have for almost a year now been going over these issues, listening to both sides of the debate, whilst reading the Scriptures daily.”

— *Northern Ireland*

They never told me this in church!



- “One fateful night I met a man who asked me, ‘Do you believe in the Trinity?’ Without blinking an eye I stated with absolute conviction, ‘Of course I am a firm believer in the Trinity.’ This man, Sir Anthony Buzzard, then asked me a few well-aimed questions that completely threw me. They were questions I had not considered in all my previous Christian life, even at Bible college. They were like well-aimed bolts that hit their mark. To use the football analogy, I was on the ground, severely winded.”

Resources

- Books
- Articles: restorationfellowship.org
- Videos:

www.youtube.com/restorationfellowship

“But what about John 1:1?”

- “In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was fully expressive of God. It was with God in the beginning. All things were created by it, and apart from it not one thing was created that has been created.”