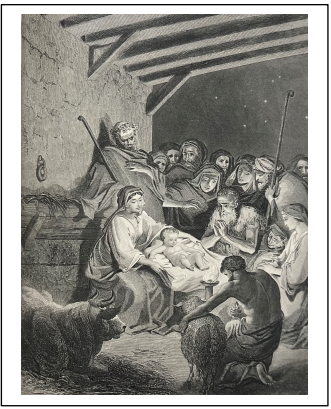
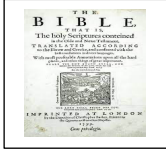
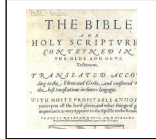




# THE HOLY TRINITY

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Deuteronomy 6:4 specifically communicates to us this truth, “Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.” Perhaps one of the most difficult concepts for Christians to grasp is the Holy Trinity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. If one is not careful, the explanation can cause an individual to explain the Trinity in a tritheistic sense. Furthermore, in making an effort to explain the Trinity, one can also confuse the essence of the Godhead separate from one another to try and define function.

However, as one Baptist theologian describes this concept, the issue becomes more succinctly defined for us. He claimed, “We say, that there is but one divine essence, which is common and undivided to Father, Son, and Spirit; and in this sense we assert that there is but one God. There’s but one essence, though there are different modes of subsisting in it.” By defining the Trinity this

way, there is no minimizing the true unity of God.

In other words, Christians must be careful to choose their phrases to avoid what is called the “Arian heresy,” that there is one supreme God, and two inferior ones, even doubting the eternity of the Son. There is also the error of Sabellian, that “God is but one person.”

Let it be stated by this author that I believe that there is but one God, yet three persons in the Godhead. This is the true Bible doctrine of a monotheist. All throughout church history, from the Councils to the confessions of faith, it was stated that “Though the Father, Word, and Spirit are one, yet not one person.” Jesus made it clear in John 10:30, that “I and my Father are one.” Christ did not mean that He and the Father are one person, because Christ here speaks of Himself as distinct from the Father, and the Father distinct from Christ.

An eighteenth-century Baptist author stated this monotheistic concept of the Trinity in very eloquent but simple terms. “We say that the whole divine nature or essence is in the Father; and that the whole divine nature or essence is in the Son; and that the whole divine nature or essence is in the Holy Ghost; and that is simple and undivided, and common to all three.” Paul specifically stated in I Timothy 2:5, “There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ.”

So, this Christmas, it is my hope as a teacher of theology that your faith in Jesus Christ, as the second person of the Trinity, who within the singularly unified Godhead, will rule in your hearts with peace “to which you are also called” (Colossians 3:15). Have a blessed Christmas everyone! *TKÆ*

“FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN: AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER: AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE”  
(Isaiah 9:6).