THE GODHEAD vs THE TRINITY, part 7 quotes

1 Does the Scriptures actually declare that there are three different Gods and not just one? Yes!

"There is one body, and <u>one Spirit</u>, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: <u>One Lord</u>, one faith, one baptism, <u>One God and Father of all</u>, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:4-6.

How do these verses teach that there are three different Gods, and not just one God?

"There is one...Spirit". The Greek word used for "Spirit" in this text is "pneuma", and this word translates and means "divine God", "the Holy Spirit" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, word #4151).

"There is...one Lord." The Greek word used for Lord in this text is "kurios", and this word translates and means "God, Lord", "supreme in authority" (Strong's, word #2962).

"There is...One God and Father". The Greek word used for God in this text is "theos", and this word translates and means "God", "supreme Divinity" (Strong's, word #2316).

Putting all these translated meanings together this text correctly reads:

"There is one body, and <u>one divine God – the Holy Spirit</u>, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: <u>one Lord God – supreme in authority</u>, one faith, one baptism, <u>one God – supreme Divinity and Father of all</u>, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:4-6.

Therefore the Bible teaches here that there are three different Gods! God - the Father, who is supreme in Divinity; God - the Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who is supreme in authority; and God - the divine Holy Spirit! This is one reason why Paul was inspired to use three different Greek words to describe each of these three different divine Beings and Gods!

2 What about other Biblical texts which state that there is only one God - the Father? Well, this is absolutely true! But instead of twisting these verses to teach that the Father is the only God in the entire universe, which forces you to deny the rest of the Scriptures which declare otherwise, we need to harmonize all these Scripture verses together in order to get a full and complete picture of this truth about God.

There is indeed only one God whose name is the Father. There is indeed only one God whose name is Jesus Christ. And there is indeed only one God whose name is the Holy Spirit. Each of these three Gods have Their own distinctive name, Their own Person and Being with Their own divine characteristics and personality, and They each have their own particular work to do in our salvation.

3 It takes three Gods in order to make possible the salvation of fallen human beings! The plan of our salvation involves three major areas: 1) a sacrifice for sin; 2) the forgiveness of sins; 3) divine grace working upon and within the hearts of humanity to cleanse and change them from loving sin to instead loving righteousness.

God - the Father provides the area of the forgiveness for our sins. But He could not personally come down and sacrifice Himself for us, because we sinners would be instantly consumed by His glory. This reveals that God - the Father alone could not make possible our salvation.

God - the Son provided the area of a sacrifice for sin. But when He became human, He lost His Omnipresence, and thus His bodily presence is physically limited to the second apartment of the heavenly Sanctuary. This means that Jesus cannot personally come down and work upon and dwell within our hearts with divine grace. This reveals that God - the Son alone, or even in union with God the Father, could not make possible our salvation!

So without a third God, who could personally come down and provide this last needed area of grace, the plan of salvation would utterly fail! But this third necessary area of grace is exactly the work that God - the Holy Spirit performs in each one of our lives! This is one of the reasons why the Holy Spirit is referred to as "the spirit of grace" (Zechariah 12:10; Hebrews 10:29).

This is why it took three Gods to redeem mankind from sin and destruction. One God alone could not make possible our salvation, and neither could two Gods. But three different Gods uniting together does make salvation possible. So if there is only one God, then we are hopelessly lost! If there are only two Gods, then we are still hopelessly lost. But since there are three Gods, then humanity can be saved.

- <u>All three Gods</u> were united together in creating the earth and mankind (Genesis 1:1-2 with Elohiym referring to God the Father as Creator Mark 13:19; God the Son Jesus Christ as Creator Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:14-18; and God the Holy Spirit as Creator Psalms 104:30; Job 26:13).
- <u>All three Gods</u> were together when Michael was chosen in heaven to be the Redeemer of mankind (Isaiah 48:16-17).
- <u>All three Gods</u> were together when Michael was conceived of Mary to be born Jesus Christ (Luke 1:35).
- <u>All three Gods</u> were together when Jesus Christ was anointed at His baptism and the beginning of His public ministry (Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:9-10; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 10:38).
- After the death of Jesus Christ on the cross and the fulfilling of the sacrificial part of the plan of salvation, <u>all three Gods</u> were depicted after Jesus ascended back to heaven (Acts 2:33).
- <u>All three Gods</u> were then depicted at the stoning of Stephen and the opening up of the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 7:55).
- <u>All three Gods</u> were depicted making possible the plan of salvation for all mankind (Romans 15:16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; Ephesians 2:18-22; Hebrews 9:14; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 1:20-21),
- All three Gods are depicted as dwelling with their true followers (2 Corinthians 13:14).

5 This Scriptural truth of there being three different Gods in heaven is one reason why Christ gave this command to His followers:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Io, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20.

If there was only one God, then you would baptize only in the name of that one God, because no other God would be able to help you gain salvation! But Jesus commanded to baptize in the names of three different Gods, because each have Their own particular work to do in making possible the salvation of each and every human being who is baptized in Their names.

6 "And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, <u>Holy, holy, holy</u>, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Revelation 4:6-8.

Why did these four beasts say Holy, Holy, Holy if there was just one God sitting on the throne?

"He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. **Therefore being by** <u>the right hand of God exalted</u>, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2:31-36.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and **am set down with my Father in his throne**." Revelation 3:21.

These verses reveal that when Jesus Christ victoriously ascended back up to heaven, the Almighty exalted Jesus to come and sit with Him on His own throne! So now both God - the Father and God - His Son Jesus Christ are sitting together on the same throne of God, with Jesus Christ sitting on His right side.

Since both God - the Father and God - the Son are sitting together on the same throne, then the four living creatures should have said "holy, holy" in giving praise to the Father and Jesus. But they instead said holy, holy, holy three times, thereby revealing that there was a third Divine Person sitting on the throne as well! Since Jesus was sitting on the right side of the Almighty, then who do you think is sitting on the left side of the Almighty and who could rightly be declared holy? It can only be the Holy Spirit, and that is why these four living creatures said Holy three times!

But also notice that the four living creatures did not just say: "Holy, holy, holy, is God" which is singular; but they said "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty" which is plural. This is because these three Greek words for "Lord God Almighty" each refers to a God!

The word "Lord", means God (Strong's, word #2962). The word "God", of course means God, but in a different way (Strong's, word #2316). And the word "Almighty", means God, but in a completely different way than the other two words (Strong's, word #3841). As these four living creatures used three different words which each referred to a God in a completely different way, then when they said "Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty", they were actually saying "Holy, holy, holy, God God God". This reveals that they were actually addressing each one of the three different holy Gods who were unitedly sitting together on the same throne!