

TRINITY

"Every [theological] error results from, or upon deeper reflection is traceable to, a departure in the doctrine of the Trinity." Reformed Dogmatics, 2:288, Herman Bavinck.

"[The church] has never tried to explain the mystery of the Trinity, but only sought to formulate the doctrine of the Trinity in such a manner that the errors which endangered it were warded off." Systematic Theology, p. 89. Louis Berkhof.

"There are many people who tell us that we ought not to seek to know God. Instead of seeking to know God, they tell us, we ought simply to feel Him; putting all theology aside, they say, we ought just to sink ourselves in the boundless ocean of God's being.

Such is the attitude of the mystics ancient and modern. But it is not the attitude of the Christian. The Christian, unlike the mystic, knows Him whom He has believed. What shall be said of a religion that depreciates theology, that depreciates the knowledge of God?"

The Triune God, J. Gresham Machen. <https://graceonlinelibrary.org/.../the-triune-god-by-j.../>

"Just as the three persons of the Trinity share a union but are three distinct persons, and the two natures of Christ are united but remain distinct natures, so Christ has union with us without obliterating our own unique personhood. We do not become gods."

Be Who You Are taken from The Hole in Our Holiness, p. 97, Kevin DeYoung.

"It is not easy to find a name that will suitably express so great an excellence, unless it is better to speak in this way: the Trinity, one God, of whom are all things, through whom are all things, in whom are all things. Thus the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and each of these by Himself, is God, and at the same time they are all one God; and each of them by Himself is a complete substance, and yet they are all one substance. The Father is not the Son nor the Holy Spirit; the Son is not the Father nor the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is not the Father nor the Son; but the Father is only Father, the Son is only Son, and the Holy Spirit is only Holy Spirit. To all Three belong the same eternity, the same unchangeableness, the same majesty, the same power. In the Father is unity, in the Son equality, in the Holy Spirit the harmony of unity and equality. And these three attributes are all one because of the unity of the Father, all equal because of the Son, and all harmonious because of the Holy Spirit." On Christian Doctrine, I.V.5. Augustine

"Before all time; prior to all worlds; when there was nothing "outside of" God Himself; when the Father, Son and Spirit found eternal, absolute and unimaginable blessing, pleasure and joy in their Holy Trinity – it was their agreed purpose to create a world which would fall, and in unison – but at infinitely great cost – to bring (some to) grace and salvation."

Salvation, Past, Present, and Future, Tabletalk, p. 36, Sinclair Ferguson.

"In one sense the doctrine of the Trinity is a mastery that we will never be able to understand fully. However, we can understand something of its truth by summarizing the teachings of Scripture in three statements: 1. God is three persons. 2. Each person is fully God. 3. There is one God." Wayne Gruden.