

Hard Questions: The Trinity

John 1:1-3

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1. It isn't an accident that John begins this declaration with the same language as Genesis 1:1. The same truth is also reflected in Revelation 3:14.
2. John declares definitively that Jesus exists before Heaven & earth – He is not a created being, but from all eternity.
3. Only God is eternal; since Jesus existed before creation, this Truth is a definitive statement of Jesus' deity. (Colossians 1:16-17)
4. God's Word is the active agent through which God accomplishes His will. (Exodus 24:3-4)
5. By His 'Word' we are promised a path forward leading to the total forgiveness of sin to all who would believe.
6. From all eternity God the Son became Jesus the man, was with God the Father in deep, intimate fellowship. (John 17:1)
7. "The Word IS God" is the clearest declaration of the deity of Jesus and the position of the Trinity.
8. To be the Creator of all, He Himself must be uncreated. (1 John 1:3)
9. The present world is radically different from the original creation. But Jesus has promised that one day He will redeem not only believers, but also the material world. (Romans 8:19)
9. The Word was with God. This is the heart of the doctrine of the Trinity – standing forth from all eternity. One Essence, three persons. (John 1:3)

HEBREW & GREEK WORDS

Selem (tseh'-lem) - *shade; resemblance; representative figure*

Demût (dem-ooth') - *shape* :- fashion, similitude

Arche (ar-khay') source, or origin, a *commencement*, or chief one in authority :- beginning, (at the) first, power, principality, rule

Logos - something *said* (including *thought*); also *reasoning*

SONG TITLES

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