

# **NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **Sermon: No Other Gospel Part 10**

### **Verses Used to Support the Trinity Doctrine**

**Scripture Text: Matthew 28:19–20**

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## **The Big Bang Theory: God Spoke and BANG! it happened.**

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**Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV) 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.**

Today we will pick back up on why I think the doctrine is nonessential but more controversial as to why I do not accept the doctrine as taught. God is a triune God made up of three distinct personalities joined as one.

I am trying to be very careful not to come across like I have some special revelation, or that I am so much smarter than others Pastore, teachers, theologian, bible scholars or any other in the ministry. I am reserving the right to voice what I believe and why I believe it, not to parrot someone else blindly.

The Trinity is a controversial doctrine; many Christians admit they don't understand it, while many more Christians don't understand it but think they do.

The mystery of the Trinity:  $(1+1+1=1)$  = Nonsense!

This idea that three persons add up to one individual seems like nonsense. And logically, it is.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/beliefs/trinity\\_1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/beliefs/trinity_1.shtml)

There are many in the ministry that do not believe in trinity and there are many faiths that do not believe including Judaism, Islam, Mormons, Jehovah's Witness and even some Pentecostal denominations.

There are many others but I mention those in the mainstream.

We have a tendency to dismiss everything they say because we do not believe or accept their religion.

I want to wind this down as not too seem fixated on the Trinity. I have searched the scriptures and reviewed many sites and writing that adhere to the Trinity doctrine and tried to find the hardest verses that are used to support the Trinity. I limited them as not to go on and on.

Let's begin at the beginning.

**The Trinity of creation of Heavens and the Earth:**

*Genesis 1:1–2 (NKJV) 1 In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Trinitarians believe that God (the Father) and (God the Son, (*John 1:3, Col. 1:16, 17; Heb. 1:2*) and (God the Holy Spirit) were all there creating the heavens and the earth together as One God.

Let me concede that all three may have been involved in creation but I do not believe they did so as one God. What says that they all did not have specific responsibilities at the direction of the One God.

### **The Trinity of creation of man:**

*Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) 26 Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image**, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*

A commentator says that the three persons of the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, consult about it and concur in it, because man, when he was made, was to be dedicated and devoted to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. **Into that great name we are, with good reason, baptized**, for to that great name we owe our being.<sup>1</sup> (MH)

I read of no council taking place and if so, there is no definitive proof that the three acted within one nor does it support the three in one doctrine. The support hangs on the two words “Us and Our”

Some believe that this is the first clear indication of the triunity of God

1:26 Us ... The very name of God, “Elohim” (1:1), is a plural form of El.<sup>2</sup> (JM)

*Elohim* is a grammatically plural noun for “gods” or “deities” in Biblical Hebrew. In Hebrew, the ending *-im* normally indicates a masculine plural. However, when referring to the Hebrew God, *Elohim* is usually understood to be grammatically singular (i.e. it governs a singular verb or adjective). In Modern Hebrew, it is often referred to in the singular despite the *-im* ending that denotes plural masculine nouns in Hebrew.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

[3] Glinert, *Modern Hebrew: An Essential Grammar*, Routledge, p. 14, section 13 “(b) Agreement”.

[4] Gesenius, *A Grammar of the Hebrew Language*.

<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elohim>

In short, the word “God” from Elohim whether it is plural or singular is a matter of interpretation as so many translated words are.

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<sup>1</sup> Henry, M. (1994). [\*Matthew Henry’s commentary on the whole Bible: complete and unabridged in one volume\*](#) (p. 6). Peabody: Hendrickson.

<sup>2</sup> MacArthur, J., Jr. (Ed.). (1997). [\*The MacArthur Study Bible\*](#) (electronic ed., p. 17). Nashville, TN: Word Pub.

### **The three bear witness and are one.**

The following is the strongest passage I found so far that can cause one to believe in the Trinity.

**1 John 5:7 (NKJV) 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.**

Here are John MacArthur's comments on this verse.

These words are a direct reference to the Trinity and what they say is accurate. External manuscript evidence, however, is against them being in the original epistle. **They do not appear in any Gr. mss. dated before ca. tenth century a.d.** Only 8 very late Gr. mss. contain the reading, and these contain the passage in what appears to be a translation from a late recension of the Latin Vulgate.

How can we say that this is definitive when the translation source is in question?

### **Jesus is God**

*John 1:18 (NLT) 18 No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. **He has revealed God to us.***

1:18 Some manuscripts read But the one and only Son.<sup>3</sup> = (Only Begotten Son)

*John 1:18 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.*

### **If you have seen Jesus you have seen the Father.**

*John 14:7–10 (NKJV) 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak **on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.***

This could mean a few things. Because God is seen in Jesus and God are on one accord, Jesus came to do the will of God, (*Matt. 26:39; John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 8:29.4*).

The work Jesus does is done by God in Him. Not by himself as God.

We can have the Holy Spirit dwell/abide in us, Jesus abide in us and God abide in us also.

*John 6:56 (NKJV) 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.*  
(*John 15: 4*).

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<sup>3</sup> Tyndale House Publishers. (2013). [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

<sup>4</sup> MacArthur, J., Jr. (Ed.). (1997). [The MacArthur Study Bible](#) (electronic ed., p. 1561). Nashville, TN: Word Pub.

*1 John 4:15 (NKJV) 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, **God abides in him, and he in God.** (1 John 4:12)*

**Why are Father, Son and Holy Spirit mentioned in Matthew 28:19?**

**Does Matthew 28 verse 19 Prove the Trinity?**

<https://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/booklets/is-god-a-trinity/does-matthew-28-verse-19-prove-the-trinity>

*Matthew 28:19 (NKJV) 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

First let's understand that baptism saves no one. (*Eph 2:8-9*). Baptism is an outward show of the covenant relationship with us, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. If a Christian does not have the opportunity to be baptized it does not mean they are not saved. If a Christian refused to be baptized when having a chance to do so then their conversion is questioned for lack of obedience to Christ.

My Thought: By being Baptized in these names indicates the authority by which it is done and the relationship I am entering into. I am baptized in the name of God recognizing that God is my Savior and supreme sovereign. Being baptized in the name of Jesus, "the Son", recognizes the authority of the work salvation through Jesus my savior. Again, openly recognizing Jesus as my Lord. Being baptized in the name of the Holy Spirit recognizes the Holy Spirit as an integral part of salvation as the holy agent of God and the down payment of the assurance of salvation

*1 John 3:24 (NKJV) 24 Now he who keeps His [God's] commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. (Romans 8:16)*

*Ephesians 1:13–14 (NKJV) 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,** 14 **who is the guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

All three are integral parts of the total process as spoken of in our memory verse of the month. *Titus 3:4–7 (NKJV) 4 But when the kindness and the love of **God our Savior** toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,** 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly **through Jesus Christ our Savior,** 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

This passage does not definitively prove the Trinity of three in one.

How does this fit in? only one name to be saved, yet we baptize in three names.

*Acts 4:12 (NKJV) 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there ***is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.***"*

If all three are one then why the lack of forgiveness if blasphemed against the Holy Spirit and not the other names

*Mark 3:28–30 (NKJV) 28 “Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; 29 **but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation**”—30 because they said, “He has an unclean spirit.”*

*Acts 5:3–4 (NKJV) 3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why **has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**”*

When you lie to a representative of a higher authority you in effect lie to that authority.

*2 Timothy 2:15 (NRSV) 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly explaining the word of truth.***

You have been very patient during this series and sometime longer than anticipated messages. Let me help you leave here today with a smile on your face.

### **The Lie Clock**

After a long life, and a tumultuous marriage, Stan Herman dies and arrives at the Gates of Heaven, where he sees a huge wall of clocks behind him.

He asks an angel, "What are all those clocks?"

The angel answers, "Those are Lie-Clocks. Everyone on Earth has a Lie-Clock. Every time you lie the hands on your clock will move."

"Oh," says Herman, "whose clock is that?"

"That's Moses' clock. The hands have never moved, indicating that he never told a lie."

"Incredible," says Herman. "And whose clock is that one?"

The angel responds, "That's Abraham Lincoln's clock. The hands have moved twice, telling us that Abe told only two lies in his entire life."

"So where's my clock?" asks Herman.

"Your clock is in God's office. He's using it as a ceiling fan."

**Message Scriptures: Matthew 28:19–20, Genesis 1:1–2, (John 1:3, Col. 1:16, 17; Heb. 1:2), Genesis 1:26, 1 John 5:7, John 1:18, John 14:7–10, John 6:56, John 15: 4, 1 John 4:15, 1 John 4:12, Matthew 28:19, Eph 2:8-9, 1 John 3:24, Ephesians 1:13–14, Titus 3:4–7, Acts 4:12, Mark 3:28–30**

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## Did God Purchase the Church with His Own Blood?

*Acts 20:28–30 (NKJV) 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, **to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.** 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.*

Some have said: "This proves that Christ is God, for he is called so here, where yet he is said to purchase the church *with his own blood*; the blood was his as man, yet so close is the union between the divine and human nature that it is here called the blood of God<sup>5</sup>"

Paul believed so strongly in the unity of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ that he could speak of Christ's death as shedding the blood of God—**who has no body** <sup>6</sup>  
(*John 4:24; cf. Luke 24:39*)

Here is how the New Revised Standard version translated this passage.

*Acts 20:28 (NRSV) 28 Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that **he obtained with the blood of his own Son.***

One of the false heretical views concerning the Trinity was **Patripassianism, the belief that God the Father suffered and died on the cross along with God the Son, or, more properly, the Father suffered as the Son.** In short it means that it was God that died on the cross not Jesus or at best it was God as Jesus. (**Modalism**). The word Patripassianism literally means "Father's suffering."  
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Patripassianism.html>

I know I have to address the statement "**to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**"

A few weeks ago, I spoke about the origins of the Bible coming from ancient manuscripts. Often those manuscripts did not agree with each other. The NIV makes note that some manuscripts translated the verse to read "**to shepherd the church "of the Lord" which He purchased with His own blood.**"

*Luke 22:20 (NKJV) 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.**"*

*1 John 1:7 (NKJV) 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** (Col. 1:14. Heb. 9:14. 1 Pet. 1:19.)*

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<sup>6</sup> MacArthur, J., Jr. (Ed.). (1997). [\*The MacArthur Study Bible\*](#) (electronic ed., p. 1672). Nashville, TN: Word Pub.