

## STAR PROJECT



### Trinity Part B Transcript

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Hi. I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. We are exploring the Deep Things of God.

This is the second installment of the Star Project on **The Trinity**. In the first episode, (Part A) I shared with you one definition, describing **The Trinity** as being three people; The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit – (three co-eternal persons). If you look online, you will find several definitions of the Trinity. You'll discover people will say that the **Father/Son/Holy Spirit** are “**co-divine**”, “**co-equal**”, “**co-substantial**”, and there is “**one God in three persons**”. In today's study, we will examine “**co-equal**”, and in our next episode we'll explore “**co-eternal**”.

Let's begin with *1 Corinthians 11:3 - 3) But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

That speaks volumes! Why would Paul say that Christ has a head? Let me show you something he says in Ephesians. *Ephesians 1:3 3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 17) that (the) God of our Lord Jesus Christ, (the) Father of glory may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

That's what we're looking at today, that we would have a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God. *1 Peter 1: 3 3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again into a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ...*

Christ has a Head. Christ has a Father and Christ has a God. When I read these verses, and then (some of) The Trinity definitions, I think... THAT DOESN'T FIT. What is it that people can't accept about Jesus Christ being the Son of God? Having a Head? Having a God?

*Revelation 3:12 12) Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, (now, who is speaking here? This is Christ Jesus Christ, LONG AFTER the resurrection) and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of (my) God, and the name of the city of (my) God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from (my) God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

Four times in one verse Jesus himself states that **HE HAS A GOD**, and you know he also said that in John 20:17. **17) *Jesus said unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended (to my Father:) but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; to my God, and your God.***

Immediately after the resurrection, **he is referring to HIS Father as HIS God.**

When the Book of Revelation is given, Jesus refers to **HAVING a God**, which **we know is his Father. He has a God.** Let's look at yet another verse. ***Hebrews 1:8 8) (this is the Father to the Son and is a quote from Psalms 45.) But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, o God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.*** Here, we see the **Father referring to his Son as God.** **9) *You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even your God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*** The FATHER REFERS TO HIS SON AS GOD, but **THE FATHER TELLS HIS SON, "I am YOUR GOD"**.

If we're going to have in a Trinity definition that **the Father and the Son are co-equal, then that makes that Trinity definition FALSE.** If you're going to say that the Father and the Son are co-Divine, **then that Trinity definition is FALSE AS WELL.**

Maybe for some minds I'm raising questions but let me show you another verse. This is in **1 Corinthians 8:6.** **6) *But unto us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things and we by him.*** **7) *Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge:***

Does Jesus have a God? **He does.** Does he have a father? **He does-** that's his God. Does he have a Head? **He does.** That is his Father and his God. So, we see in ***the Gospel of John Chapter 1***, that Jesus is God. Why would Paul say in **1 Corinthians 8: 6** what we just read? ***But to us there is one God the Father.*** The best way I can explain, is at one time in my life I worked at a print shop, and it was started by a man who turned the shop over to his son. When the son would come into the shop, **he was the boss.** He was the guy. **But, when the father and the son were in the shop together, we treated them both equally, BUT in their sphere BETWEEN the father and the son, THEY WERE NOT EQUAL.**

This was the father's business and he had turned it over to his son. You would see the father give his son commands- you know, "go get that ticket", "give me this" "bring this over here." that kind of thing. **THE SON WAS SUBJECT TO HIS FATHER.** Between them, the father was the boss, and we on the floor knew that (even though we treated them equally). Now, maybe that's a crude representation of God and his Father and his Son. **Keep in mind that today we're exploring co-equal. The next time we'll examine co-eternal and what that means. Jesus refers to his Father as HIS God. The apostles refer to God as the Father, and the God of Jesus.** Paul says **God is the head of Jesus,** so let's look at the ***Gospel of John 17:3.***

(Jesus is praying to God)- **3) and this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.** THAT is even MORE explanatory. That helps us see that, from Jesus Christ to his Father, he refers to him as **the only true God.**

Maybe again, that raises question marks for you. Maybe there are things still yet to be uncovered that will help us see. But, in the meantime, **I can't deny what is written in the scripture.** I see people taking the doctrine of the Trinity and making more out of it, by putting their own meanings to it. **I believe the scriptures are plain - that the Father and the Son are NOT co-equal.**

Let's go back to the ***Gospel of John 1:1*** – (this is kind of where we started with Part A of the Trinity Project) **1) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.*** There is a word the King James left out here, and most Bibles do. It's the definite article; it is the word **"the"** and it is before the word "God". Here's the way this reads: **1) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with (the) God, and the Word was God.*** **2) *The same was in the beginning with (the) God.***

Two places in the Gospel of John (the very beginning of the first two verses) **they left out the word THE, making a distinction between the Word OF God and THE God.** We already see the Word is Jesus Christ- he's the God of Israel. He is Divine. But, according to the apostles, in Christ and the Father, **he, himself HAS a God, and he IS NOT co-eternal/ co-equal and he is NOT co-equal with the Father.**

**1 Corinthians 15:22** **22) *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*** **23) *But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*** **24) *Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*** **25) *For he must reign, until he has put all enemies under his feet.*** **26) *The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*** **27) *For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, (it means everyone EXCEPT the one who did put all things under him- the Father)*** **28) *And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, (so) that God may be all in all.***

That is quite a few scriptures-- because **we're talking about the end of the world.** We're talking about **the end, when the kingdom is delivered to the Father.** ***Psalms 110: 1*** **1) *The Father is to put all things under the feet of Christ.*** This verse, ***(Psalms 110 verse 1)*** is **the most quoted Old Testament verse in the New Testament.** **The FATHER is putting all things under the feet of the Son.** When he does, **the kingdom will be delivered to God** and the Son will be **SUBJECT** to his Father.

Would you say the Father and Son are co-equal? Hopefully not. **Hopefully, you are beginning to see the co-equal part of the Trinity Doctrine begins to break down. The scriptures DESTROY that concept.**