



TRINITY Part C Transcript



Hi. I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries and we are going to continue exploring the Deep things of God today. This is the third installment of our Star Project on the Trinity and I think by the time we finish you will gain a better understanding of me and where I'm coming from because this word, "Trinity," the concept of the Trinity (that I hear from the churches) has plagued me for years because there are so many **verses in the Bible that seem to contradict what the churches say the Trinity means**. No one is denying the Father-Son-Holy Spirit, **but it's the definition** the churches give the Trinity that is hard for me to cope with using the scriptures. Years ago, I read a verse in *I Corinthians* which has to do with Christ being the wisdom of God. *I Corinthians 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God, and the wisdom of God.*

What makes that so significant, is that there is a chapter- *Proverbs 8*, where wisdom is personified. In other words, they speak of **the wisdom of God as if it's a person**. When I saw this in *1 Corinthians 1*, (Christ is the wisdom of God) the first thought I had was, "**CAN I GO TO PROVERBS 8 AND SEE CHRIST IN IT?**"

Now, I'm not going to simply rely on Proverbs 8. I want you to see what it would say about Christ if we did that. Let's read a couple of verses and I'll show you what I'm talking about.

Proverbs 8:22 22) The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. 23) I was set up (and that word "set up" means "anointed" --- you're poured upon-you're anointed) *I was set up* (anointed) *from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24) When there were no depths, I was brought forth;* (and "brought forth" is "born") *when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25) Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:* (or was I born).

You can see that if Christ is the wisdom of God and we came over to **Proverbs 8** and said, well he is speaking of Christ here, THAT CREATES HAVOC IN PEOPLE'S MINDS, TO THINK THAT CHRIST WAS BORN IN ENTERNITY. I know of at least one denomination that uses *Proverbs 8*. to **TRY to say Christ was created**. Yet, **he WASN'T created**, we know that. **But, was he BORN?** There's a big difference between being created and being born. This is using the word "brought forth" (number 2342 in the Hebrew). Can I do that? Does the Bible support the concepts that are brought forth in *Proverbs 8*? Does it support that about Christ? Let's look at that verse again: *22) The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his (God's) works of old.*

What ARE God's "works of old"? Is he talking about creation? Could I say, (if this were talking about Christ) that he would say "the Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way before creation"? See, "before his works of old" because we know Christ was the Creator. How would all that fit into this; does it even fit into this?

Revelation 3:14 14) And unto the angel (messenger) of the church of Laodicea write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

So, here is a verse that, if I were to look at ***Proverbs 8*** and say it's talking about wisdom- but it's a picture of Christ. He's **personified** Jesus Christ. Christ himself says in Revelation 3: 14 – I'm the **beginning of the creation of God**. That connects with **Ephesians 3: 9**—**God created all things through Jesus Christ**, and I think in our past two studies we're beginning to see there is **God the Father**, and there is the **Son of God, (the God of Israel)**. **Through the Son of God** (if we take all the scriptures and put them together) we see that the **Father created all things through Jesus Christ! So, it would only make sense what Christ said in Revelation 3- I am the BEGINNING of the creation of God**. Not that he was created, but **he was the BEGINNING OF GOD'S CREATION. God had him, "brought forth" him and "created all things,"** is basically what that would mean to me.

Look again at Proverbs 8: 22) ***The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.*** (You could note" Revelation 3: 14" in your Bible). ***Proverbs 8:23 – I was set up (h5258 anointed) from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.***

This word "**anointing,**" to "**be anointed**" – the Old Testament word for "anointed" is "**Messiah.**" You become **Messiah- the anointed one**. The New Testament word for that is "**Christ.**" "**Christ**" is Greek—it means "**THE ANOINTED ONE.**" "**Christ**" and "**Messiah**" are saying the same thing in two different languages. If you throw in the third language (English) you would have "**ANOINTED ONE**" – **Messiah/ Christ/Anointed One**. What we just read in ***Ephesians 3:9*** – that God created all things through Jesus Christ, **He refers to him as "the Anointed One" BEFORE CREATION. He created all things through Jesus Christ.**

Hebrew word – *Messiah*

Greek word – *Christ*

English word – *anointed one*

Another scripture is ***Philippians 2:5 & 6. – 5) Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus: 6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:***

That word "robbery" is an interesting word. It's Old English and it means **something to be taken- something to be snatched**. He thought it not something to be taken to be equal with God. He was not seeking equality with God. So many people have used that to say he was equal with

God—that's saying he chose **NOT** to be—**HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD**. The point I'm making here is – *Philippians 2:5 & 6. – 5) Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus: 6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:* See what he's doing? He puts Jesus, the Anointed One, "Jesus the Anointed One" in time past, in eternity past. God created all things through Jesus Christ. **Before creation he was the Christ**, so hence, when we look at this in Proverbs 8 that "I was anointed" – see, "**from the beginning I was anointed in the past, I was anointed in eternity.**" That fits exactly with the way Paul is using "Jesus the Christ."

Proverbs 8: 24) When there were no depths I was brought forth when there were no fountains abounding with water 25) Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: It looks like **before creation** (and according to this) -**WISDOM WAS BORN**. But **WISDOM PERSONIFIED, is that CHRIST?** Is there anything in the Bible speaking of him being born in eternity?

Micah 5: 2. But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, (Bethlehem is the literal city where Christ was born) *but you, Bethlehem Ephrata, though you be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you (Bethlehem) shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel;* (this is a prophecy about the birth of Jesus Christ) *whose goings forth (h4163 origin) have been from old, from everlasting* (or from eternity). The word "goings forth (h4163) in Hebrew literally is the word *origin*. His **origin** is **from old, from everlasting**."

Have you ever considered Jesus Christ as Creator, as the God of Israel, having an **Origin** – (**originating from**)? This fits exactly with what he is saying in Proverbs 8. He **was brought forth BEFORE anything was created**. He was **brought forth- he ORIGINATED in eternity!** Why is that so hard for people to accept? This ***DOES NOT DENY THE TRINITY***. There is a **Father, there is a Son, and there is a Holy Spirit. What that denies is THEIR DEFINITION of the Trinity**. There's nothing wrong with trinitarian concepts in the Bible. The problem is that they have taken it and made something of it that should not be. What they are saying concerning the Trinity is not true; the **Trinity, itself, we see a Father, a Son, and Holy Spirit**.

Matthew 28: 18, 19 18) Jesus came and spoke unto them saying all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth (which shows it was **given to him**. The **Father and Son ARE NOT EQUAL**. All power was **GIVEN TO him**.) *19) Go ye therefore and TEACH ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* (That word "ghost" is *Spirit*).

When we talk about baptizing, I know we think of getting in the water, getting dunked in the water and raised back up and you're baptized. But, you see, you wouldn't get in the water unless you were told something and the "telling," giving you the water of the word, immerses you in that truth. So, when he says "go into all nations," he isn't necessarily meaning "make sure you get them all dunked under water" – he is saying "teach them of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Today these churches will use this verse and they'll say, "See, there's the Trinity." Well, okay, I see the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but **where does that give you the right to say they're co-equal and co-eternal?** The Bible does not bear that out. The Bible simply does not say what they are saying it does and **just because they find a verse with Father, Son and Holy Spirit in it—that's supposed to mean they're co-eternal co-equal?** That's fabricated. **THAT IS NOT THE TRUTH.**

We have read in the first two studies, and now in this one, verses that TOTALLY contradict what we have been taught about the Trinity.

Like I've said, I wanted to do a Star Project to make this simple. I didn't say it's going to be easy to swallow—I said let's make it simple. **If you choose to go along with your organized religion versus the scripture, then you're doing that to yourself—you're condemning yourself—because this is how the love of God is manifest to us.**

Romans 8:32: He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

If anything disproves the church's definition of the Trinity, that does. ***He that spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not WITH HIM freely give us all things?*** When you throw in there the lie that the Father and Son are co-eternal, ***then God gave us nothing.*** According to the scripture, God so loved the world he gave you **his only begotten Son.** **Was he the only begotten Son?**

Personify Proverbs 8 and you'll see Jesus Christ born in eternity past. You'll see Jesus Christ, anointed in eternity past. The beauty of that is that the rest of the Bible bears that out. You don't need Proverbs 8 to see that. All we really need to do is come before God in solitude. Pray and ask him- **LET HIM INSPIRE YOUR HEART. LET HIM INSPIRE YOUR THINKING.**

1 John 4:9: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Two things about this... #1: This shows you how much God loves you. **If Jesus was REALLY his Son, then God REALLY loves you like you would a child, because that was his Son! That was the price he was willing to pay to REDEEM you from iniquity, to get you to THINK differently – to SEE differently.** If you try to tell me that they're co-equal and co-eternal, then that verse doesn't have any love in it. One Pastor tried to tell me that they are **role-playing** – that it really wasn't the son – they're just role playing. **THEY ARE NOT ROLE PLAYING. Jesus Christ IS the Son of God and he WAS the Son of God from eternity past.**

#2: God brought forth his Son to help us. Remember ***Revelation 13: 8? Christ is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world,*** meaning he was born to give his life to help us. He was brought forth by God, anointed by God, to help us. Remember what Jesus said to Pilate? ***"For this reason was I born and for this cause came I into the world, that I might bear witness to the***

truth.” (John 18:37) Two births in that verse: for this reason **was I born** and for this **cause came I into the world**. Jesus came into the world through Bethlehem as a babe in a manger. He was the God of Israel. He was born to bear witness to the truth. **That’s exactly what he did**. Now, can we accept the truth and follow the Lamb wheresoever he goes, or are we going to try to cling to a denominational group that has no life in and of itself. The life comes from Jesus Christ. **He says HE’S THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD.**

I believe it. I’ve always believed it, but I was told so many things that it was hard to work my way through it. Hence, now I’m sitting here trying to help you. It really is very simple – just take it to the Lord and He will convince you in your own heart that Jesus is his Son.