

## Just Thinking Apologetics

A second essential doctrine to consider is the Trinity. Some have questioned this doctrine, because the word is not used in Scripture, however, when you look at what the Scripture states, the doctrine is clear. Simply stated the Trinity is the view of one God who exists as three persons. Another way to express the Trinity is to say that God has one Nature or Essence, but exists as three persons. Sometimes individuals use the word Godhead to indicate the Trinity.

Now some say, as stated earlier, that the word Trinity does not appear in Scripture, and therefore this concept is a mistaken one. Well, using that logic we should never refer to words such as, Bible, cannon, or inerrancy, which do not appear in Scripture either. In fact, the word church comes from the Greek word *ekklēsia*, which literally means “called out people or assembly.” The word church itself was an invented word by King James to represent God’s called out people. Because a word does not exist in the original text does not disprove the concept of the word, in this case, the Trinity. It is interesting that the first use of the word Trinity was given by the early Church father Tertullian at the end of the second century, and has been used ever since as being orthodox.

People have commented about the difficult nature of the Trinity and I have to say that I agree, but think of this, If we had complete knowledge of who God is, then He really would not be God. A.W. Tozer states, “The doctrine of the Trinity... is truth for the heart. The fact that it cannot be satisfactorily explained...is in its favor. Such a truth had to be revealed; no one could imagine it.” In the coming weeks we will look at the truthfulness of the Holy Trinity.