

Just Thinking Apologetics

In addressing the doctrine of the Trinity, it is essential to explain exactly what this doctrine entails. I would like to make 10 essential points that hopefully will help clarify Trinitarian doctrine. These ten points are taken from Christian Philosopher and Theologian, Kenneth Samples.

First, There is only one God. Orthodox Christianity would support the idea of monotheism (only one God), as do the religions of Judaism and Islam. Secondly, each person of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) is fully divine, meaning that they are all considered to be God. Orthodox Christianity would not support three Gods, as this would mean belief in polytheism (belief in many Gods).

A third point to understand is that the three persons are not to be understood as three parts of God. Each person is divine and “equally possesses all of God’s being.” Fourthly, the word person should not be considered to mean a separate entity. If each were separate, then the division of God (the divine essence) would take place. The fifth point to make builds on point four; “God possesses plurality of personhood within his one infinite being.” These concepts are difficult to explain, but they have surfaced, due to the fact of what the scripture presents. I will look at the other 5 points concerning the Trinity, and then dive into the Old Testament and New Testament references of the Holy Trinity.