

TRINITY IN THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND APOLOGETICS SYLLABUS

A 6-Week Bible Study Series

Purpose:

To explore how the doctrine of the Trinity was faithfully developed through Scripture, defended in church history, and can be clearly explained and upheld in modern apologetics. This study equips believers to understand, articulate, and defend the triune nature of God with biblical and historical clarity.

Week 1: Why the Trinity Matters

- **Key Texts:** Matt. 28:19, John 1:1–3, 14; 2 Cor. 13:14
 - **Focus:** The Trinity as essential to salvation, worship, and the nature of God
 - **Concepts:** Person vs. Nature, Monotheism, Distinction without Division
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Week 2: From Scripture to Creed

- **Key Texts:** John 14:8–11, Matt. 3:16–17; **Nicene Creed (325 AD)**
 - **Focus:** How the early Church moved from Scripture to formal creeds
 - **Concepts:** Homoousios, Arianism, Orthodoxy, Creedal development
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Week 3: Heresies that Helped

- **Key Texts:** Col. 1:15–20, John 10:30–38, 1 John 4:1–3
 - **Focus:** How false teachings (e.g., Arianism, Modalism) clarified true doctrine
 - **Concepts:** Heresy, Eternal Generation, Subordinationism
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Week 4: Unity Without Confusion

- **Key Texts:** Deut. 6:4, John 17:20–23, Heb. 1:3
 - **Focus:** Essence and personhood in Trinitarian theology; avoiding false analogies
 - **Concepts:** Perichoresis, Economic vs. Ontological Trinity, Hypostasis
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Week 5: Explaining the Trinity Simply

- **Key Texts:** 1 Pet. 3:15, Titus 2:13, John 15:26
 - **Focus:** How to explain the Trinity with scriptural clarity and relational depth
 - **Concepts:** Analogy vs. Revelation, Communication Theology, Relational Oneness
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Week 6: Defending the Trinity Today

- **Key Texts:** Jude 1:3, John 8:58, Acts 5:3–4, Phil. 2:5–11
 - **Focus:** Responding to modern objections from Unitarians, skeptics, and others
 - **Concepts:** Mystery vs. Contradiction, Subordinationism, Scriptural Apologetics
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Each session includes:

- Scriptural teaching and theological development
- Group discussion and reflection
- Personal and apologetics application
- Weekly take-home challenges
- Key terms and core doctrinal vocabulary