

TRINITY

The word TRINITY is a theological word that Christians use to describe deity (Godhead). The word is not found in the Bible but is used to describe God as one God existing simultaneously as three persons viz. Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Nicene Creed of 325 A.D. formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. The architects of the Creed did not form the doctrine of the trinity as such but derived the truth from the scriptures.

Some people argue that because the word TRINITY or TRIUNE is not in the Bible, that this doctrine is erroneous. We must also note that OMNIPRESENCE, IMMENSITY OF GOD, TRANSCENDANCE OF GOD are not in the Bible. This does not mean that these are erroneous concepts. They help us to describe God. In fact the word Bible is not in the Bible – that does not make the Bible erroneous.

For the natural man it is impossible for three persons to be one God. Our finite minds cannot understand an infinite God. Because we believe the scriptures are God-breathed, we believe what the scriptures say about God. This document will show that trinity is a Biblical doctrine.

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T - TRINITY OPERATING IN UNITY

1. BAPTISM

Matt 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (KJV)

Baptism is in the NAME, not names, of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost because God is one.

Furthermore, three persons are mentioned.

The Father is deity and for three persons to be involved in baptism equally, each person must be deity.

1. BENEDICTION

Cor. 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. (KJV)

2. INDWELLING THE BELIEVER

Rom 8:9

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (KJV)

Eph. 3:17

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (KJV)

Jn. 14:23

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (KJV)

3. RESURRECTION

• JESUS

John 10:18

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. (KJV)

John 2:19

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. (KJV)

• SPIRIT

Rom.8:11

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (KJV)

• JEHOVAH

1 Cor. 6:14

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. (KJV)

4. CREATION

(Malachi 2:10 CWSB)

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

TRUE GOD IS THE ONE WHO IS CREATOR:

(Jeremiah 10:10-12 CWSB)

10 But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king:at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

- SPIRIT

(Psalms 104:30 CWSB)

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created:and thou renewest the face of the earth.

Job 33:4

4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

(Job 26:13 CWSB)

13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

- JESUS

(Hebrews 1:10 CWSB)

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

(John 1:3 CWSB)

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

(Colossians 1:15-17 CWSB)

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

- FATHER

1 Cor. 8:6

The Father made all things.

(Isaiah 64:8 CWSB)

8 But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

5. SANCTIFICATION

- FATHER

Jude 1

Sanctified by the Father.

- JESUS

Heb.2:11

Both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are one.

1 Cor. 1:2

Sanctified in Christ.

- SPIRIT

Rom. 15:16

Sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

R - REVELATION OF THE TRINITY

God's revelation of truth is progressive. The revelation of the trinity was hidden in the Old Testament.

Eg.

1. *Gen.1:26*

Let us make man.

GOD SAID "LET US" NOT "LET ME".

This implies that a plurality of persons were involved in the creation. Later it was revealed that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were involved in the creation process. (See creation above)

Gen 3:22

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: (KJV)

Gen 11:7

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. (KJV)

Mal.2:10

says " *The one God created us* " indicating that three persons are one God.

2. Gen. 1: 1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (KJV)

The Hebrew name used for God is Elohim. It is a plural pronoun.

This plurality of persons in the Godhead was present before Babylon. That which started in Babylon was a distortion of the truth of the trinity which was known by Satan, as he existed before man.

The existence of the trinity before Babylon is proven by the fact that the trinity created the heavens and the earth as shown above. The heavens and the earth were created long before Babylon.

3. Abraham at Mamre

Gen. 18:1

The Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre. The scripture says that the Lord revealed himself to Abraham as three persons - Gen. 18:2 three men stood by him.

In Gen.18:3 We read that Abraham addressed these three men as **MY LORD** - NOT LORDS.

REASON: God is one but manifests Himself as three persons.

I – ILLUSTRATIONS

The illustration must demonstrate:

- Oneness of substance
- Distinctiveness of persons
- Simultaneous existence
- Co-equality
- Personal relationship to each other.

These illustrations do in a limited way show the concept of three in one but cannot fully illustrate deity.

All the illustrations are deficient in some way.

1. EGG HAS THREE PARTS - SHELL, ALBUMEN, AND YOLK.

Separate parts but one egg. The problem is that each part does not have the same substance i.e. the parts are not coequal. Furthermore, you can discard the shell and eat the other parts showing again that one part is not essential. This is unity at the expense of co-equality.

2. MAN HAS BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT - ONE MAN

The problem again is that each part does not have the same substance. At the time of his death the body goes to dust but the spirit goes to God i.e. the parts are not co-equal.

3. WATER, VAPOR AND ICE - KNOWN AS H₂O.

H₂O (water) exists as ice, liquid and steam. But ice changes to water and water to steam. They do not co-exist in the same place. Therefore this is a limited or erroneous picture of the trinity. **IN FACT IT ILLUSTRATES THE ERROR OF MODALISM.**

4. EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE

The three sides and three angles are equal but one triangle. You have three distinct sides and 3 distinct angles but one triangle. This is a good illustration but the sides and angles do not demonstrate the personal and relational characteristics of the Godhead.

The word “person” is used today to indicate someone who is separate from another. But the context of its usage in the early church was that a person is one who could relate to another. Thus the word separate is not a good word to describe the persons in the trinity. The word “distinct” is preferred as it preserves the relational dynamics within the trinity. If we use the word “separate” we are implying that the trinity can exist without one or two persons.

The triangle also is positioned in such a way as to convey a pyramidal hierarchy.

5. One person is uncle, brother, father. This also reflects modalism as it shows God as playing three different roles and does not reflect three different persons. God did not take three consecutive roles.

6. One apple – skin, flesh and seed.

This is a flawed illustration because it denies co-equality.

BETTER ILLUSTRATIONS

1. TIME – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE – NOT CALLED THREE TIMES.

Exist simultaneously and are distinct.

2. THREE-LEAF CLOVER (SHAMROCK) – IS CALLED ONE LEAF.

One leaf.

Three distinct “parts”

All have same substance.

All exist at the same time.

3. FLAME, LIGHT AND HEAT

Flame – Father

Light – Son

Heat – Holy Spirit

It illustrates oneness, co-equality and co-existence. The substance is the same – fire.

U - UNITY

- Three that bear record.

1 Jn. 5:7

There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the word and the Holy Ghost and these three are one.

- Oneness of Father and Son.

Jn. 17:22

May be one even as we are one.

John 10:30

I and my Father are one. (KJV)

- One God

Deut. 6:4

The Lord our God is one God.

Hebrew word for one is ECHAD - united one; not YACHID which means only one.

- Husband and wife become one flesh. Two individuals become one.

(Genesis 2:24 CWSB)

24 Therefore shall a man leave -- his father and -- his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife:and they shall be one flesh.

- Trumpeters and singers were one.

(2 Chronicles 5:13 CWSB)

(13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth forever:that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord;

The Father is pre-eminently the Creator - Son and Spirit co-operate in the work.

Son is pre-eminently redeemer - Father and Spirit co-operate in the work.

Spirit is pre-eminently sanctifier - Father and Son co-operate in the work.

N - NON - BIBLICAL VIEWS

1. THERE ARE THREE SEPARATE GODS.

RESPONSE:

The Bible teaches that there is one God.

He is one in essence and substance and three persons at the same time.

Not three separate Gods.

Deut 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (KJV)

Rev. 4: 2

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. (KJV)

(Deuteronomy 4:35 CWSB)

35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God; there is none else beside him.

(Isaiah 45:21-22 CWSB)

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior: there is none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

(Isaiah 44:6-8 CWSB)

6 Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and -- shall come, let them show unto them.

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any

Essence is the nature or substance of a thing.

God is one substance and thus one being.

All three persons have the same substance.

The substance of God is divinity.

- God is spirit.
- God is light.
- God is truth.
- God is a consuming fire.
- God is love.

Norman Geisler: Essence is what you are, person is who you are. God is one "what" but three "whos".

(Revelation 22:1-4 CWSB)

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

The throne is called the throne of the God and the Lamb.
Note that three times in vs. 3 and 4 the singular pronoun is used for God and the lamb. If there were two Gods on the throne the plural pronoun "they" would have been used.

Some people think the Holy Spirit is excluded.

The Holy Spirit is shown as a river flowing from the throne. River is one of the most consistent symbols of the Holy Spirit.

2. MODALISM (SABELLIANISM) - Father, Son, Holy Spirit are modes, roles, aspects, manifestations of one person. THE FATHER BECAME THE SON AND THE SON BECAME THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEY ARE NOT DISTINCT PERSONALITIES. THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE THE SAME PERSON.

RESPONSE :

DISTINCT persons are revealed in scripture:

2.1 Jehovah is called Father.

Jesus is called Son.

The Spirit sent by God is called Holy Spirit.

2.2 Father testifies of the Son - This is my Son.

Mark 1:11

And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (KJV)

Matt 3:17

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.(KJV)

Son testifies of the Father - God is my Father.

John 5:18,19

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. (KJV)

2.3 Father sends the Son

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (KJV)

Son says that he is the one sent.

John 4:34

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.(KJV)

Son returns to the right hand of the Father.

John 16:28

I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. (KJV)

2.4 JESUS IS OUR ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER

(1 John 2:1 NKJV)

Chapter 2

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2.5 JESUS MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US FROM THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

(Romans 8:34 NKJV)

34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

This indicates **DISTINCT** personalities.

(Matthew 22:43-45 NKJV)

43 He said to them, “ How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying:

44 “The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’”?

45 If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son

2.6 Jesus speaks objectively to the Father.

(John 17:1-5 NKJV)

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said:“ Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was

Jesus speaks of being forsaken by the Father.

2.7 Father and Son send Holy Spirit.

John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.(KJV)

John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (KJV)

Son testifies of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.(KJV)

Objective reference to the Holy Spirit.

John 15:26

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: (KJV)

2.8 THE SON IS "WITH" GOD

(John 1:1-2 CWSB)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

You cannot be one with another unless you are a separate person.

2.9 FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT DEMONSTRATED AS DISTINCT.

(Matthew 3:16-17 CWSB)

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

- JESUS SEEN IN THE RIVER
- THE SPIRIT SEEN AS A DOVE
- THE FATHER HEARD FROM HEAVEN.

(John 15:26 NKJV)

26 " But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

(Acts 1:4-5 NKJV)

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, " which," He said, " you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now

We must conclude that the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is neither the Son nor the Father. They are distinct persons.

Qualities of a person:

- Has mind, emotions and will

- Personal pronouns e.g. Father calls Himself “I” and the Son is called “you”. Other pronouns like “mine” and “yours” also prove personality.
- REFER TO NOTES ON PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – MNEMONIC “SPIRIT”

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are co-equally eternal. Their personalities are not consecutive in existence, but simultaneous in existence. All three persons are 100% God.

3 The Father is greater than the Son. The scriptures used to justify this confuse Christ's humanity with his divinity. Jesus has a divine and a human nature (called hypostatic union). As a human is Father was greater but in terms of deity He was equal to the Father.

THERE ARE MANY SCRIPTURES THAT PROVE THE DUAL NATURE OF CHRIST.

HUMAN JESUS/NATURE	DIVINE JESUS/NATURE
1. Born in Bethlehem Mt. 2:1	Before Abraham was I am Jn. 8:58
2. Was thirsty Jn. 19:28	If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink Jn. 7:37
3. Was hungry Luke 4:2	Fed the multitude. Jn. 6:5
I am the bread of life Jn.13: 34	
4. Obeyed the Father's commandments Jn.4: 34	Gave new commandments Jn. 13:34
5. Was baptized Mt. 3:16	Commissioned baptism Mt. 28:19
6. Received the Holy Spirit. Mt. 3:16	Gave the Holy Spirit Jn. 20:22
7. Prayed Lk. 22:41-42	Answers prayers Jn. 14:14
8. Died Jn. 19:30	Raised himself from the dead Jn. 10:18

E - EQUALITY IN THE TRINITY

1. ALL CALLED GOD.

(A). HOLY SPIRIT

(Acts 5:4 CWSB)

4 While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? -- why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

(B). SON

John 20:28

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. (KJV)

Isa 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (KJV)

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (KJV)

(Colossians 2:9 CWSB)

9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

FATHER CALLS THE SON GOD

(Psalms 45:6-7 CWSB)

6 Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

(Hebrews 1:8-9 CWSB)

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

(C). FATHER

Exod 20:2

I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. (KJV)

Rom 1:7

To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

1 Pet 1:2

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. (KJV)

2. OMNIPOTENCE

• **FATHER**

Rev 19:6

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (KJV)

• **JESUS**

Matt 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (KJV)

- SPIRIT

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (KJV)

3. OMNIPRESENT

- FATHER

Jer 23:24

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. (KJV)

- JESUS

Matt 18:20

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (KJV)

- SPIRIT

Ps. 139: 7,8

*Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. (KJV)*

1 Cor. 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (KJV)

1 Cor. 6:16

What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. (KJV)

4. OMNISCIENT

- FATHER

Heb. 4:13

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. (KJV)

Ps 147:5

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. (KJV)

- JESUS

Col. 2:3

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (KJV)

Peter said – “*Thou knowest all things.*”

JESUS ACCEPTED PETER’S STATEMENT.

- SPIRIT

1 Cor. 2:10-11

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.11 For what man knoweth the things

of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. (KJV)

5. ETERNAL

- FATHER

(Psalms 90:2 CWSB)

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

(Deuteronomy 33:27 CWSB)

27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms:and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

- SON

(Micah 5:2 CWSB)

2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

- HOLY SPIRIT

(Hebrews 9:14 CWSB)

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

CONCLUSION

Trinity or Triune Godhead does appear in Scriptures but Scriptures teach:

1. There are three **DISTINCT** persons.
2. Each is equal to the other in Nature, Substance and power.
3. Not three separate Gods - but one God.
4. Each person is called God.
5. All persons called God together.

WHY IS MODALISM HERESY?

1. IT DOES NOT LEAD ONE TO WORSHIP THE GOD OF THE BIBLE.

(Matthew 4:10 NKJV)

10 Then Jesus said to him, “ Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve. ’”

The God of the bible is one God revealed as there separate persons all equally God.

Modalists are worshipping a false god. This is idolatry.

(Exodus 20:3 NKJV)

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

2. MODALISM PROMOTES A CHANGING GOD.

The father changes to the son at one time and the son changes to the Holy Spirit another time.

This contradicts Heb. 13:8

(Hebrews 13:8 NKJV)

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

3. MODALISM DENIES THE SON AS A DISTINCT PERSON.

Thus it denies the reality of Jesus Christ as a person who died on the cross. Propitiation is the work of the Son.

Thus modalism denies the substitutionary work of the Son.

They thus deny the Son as a DISTINCT person died, was buried and rose again. Thus the modalist is flawed in his faith. One is saved by grace through faith.

Modalists thus deny the atoning work of Christ.

In denying the son as a DISTINCT person they deny the Father also.

(1 John 2:23 NKJV)

23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

(Luke 9:26 NKJV)

26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

(Luke 12:9 NKJV)

9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

Although the modalist uses the name of Jesus he is calling on a false Jesus.

4. MODALISM DENIES THE FATHER

The modalistic belief is that the Father became sinful and killed himself. It denies the Father as the righteous judge who is without sin and punished his son who became sin. It also denies the Father as a giver of his Son as a gift. Thus it denies the Father.

(1 John 2:22 NKJV)

22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

5. MODALISM DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A DISTINCT PERSON.

This is denial of the Holy Spirit.

THE HERETIC IS NOT SAVED BECAUSE HIS FAITH IS IN A FALSE CHRIST.