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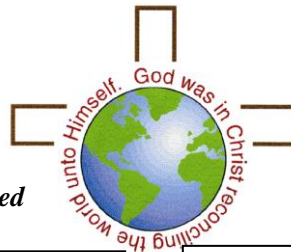
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Why Do We Exist?

The primary reason for the existence of **BEREAN BIBLE INSTITUTE** is simple and straight forward: To help individual believers prepare themselves to effectively serve God. This effort is being made in order to meet the very real and undeniable need for more properly trained pastors, missionaries, Bible teachers, and other workers in the local churches. And, of course, there are two important doctrinal considerations that form the underpinnings of what **BBI** stands for.

First of all, **BEREAN BIBLE INSTITUTE** unashamedly and without reserve proclaims "*Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery*" (Rom. 16:25). We believe and teach that the present Dispensation of Grace in which we are living was a secret (or mystery) hidden in the mind of God until the resurrected, ascended, and glorified Lord Jesus Christ Himself directly revealed it to the Apostle Paul (Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:1-9). This before hidden, or mystery, message of the Gospel of the Grace of God is distinct from the prophesied Gospel of the Kingdom which was foretold by the prophets and preached during Jesus Christ's earthly ministry. We do not apologize for our literal dispensational interpretation of Scripture, but are persuaded that it is the key to properly understanding the Bible.

And secondly, we stand for the foundational doctrines of the Bible which support its message of Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of mankind: That God is the Creator of all things; That there is One God eternally existing in three Persons = Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; The inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture as God's Word; The virgin birth and sinless life of Jesus Christ; That Jesus Christ was literally crucified, buried, and raised from the dead in victory over sin and death; That Jesus Christ is both fully and truly God and fully and truly Man; That all men and women are sinful in nature and deed and therefore completely unable to save themselves; That God has provided salvation for all sinners through the shed blood of Jesus Christ; That salvation is bestowed as an act of God's grace through the means of personal faith in Jesus Christ; That salvation is complete in Jesus Christ and man cannot add to it, earn it, or in anyway merit it by good works of any kind; That all those who believe on

The Old Testament and the Trinity

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But even with the strong emphasis placed on the Oneness

of God, the Old Testament has several indicators that point to the plurality of God (the Hebrew word "Elohim" is plural in meaning, "Godhead" is being).

1. The use of the Hebrew word "Elohim", which is a

THE TRIUNE GOD

By Dr. W. Edward Bedore

The doctrine of the Trinity is a mystery that cannot be fully understood by the limited mind of man. Just as man cannot know or understand the process by which the material universe was formed, he cannot know or understand how One God can exist in three Persons. Just as we accept by faith "*that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things that are visible*" (Heb. 11:3), we must accept by faith that there is One God eternally existing in three Persons. We cannot duplicate the creative process that God used to bring the universe into being and we cannot confine God to a laboratory in order to dissect and analyze Him. If the process of creation is beyond our understanding how much more is the Creator, who spoke all things into existence from nothing, beyond our ability to understand.

Our acceptance of the doctrine of the Trinity is not based on the assumptions or reasoning of man but on clearly stated passages of Scriptures. Just as assumptions and human reasoning have led to wrong ideas about creation, assumptions and human reasoning always lead to false ideas about God. The logic of finite man concerning the origin of life results in theories such as evolution which deny that God is the Creator. In like manner the logic of man alone leads to such teachings as Unitarianism, which denies the Trinity and true Deity of Jesus Christ. To deny these doctrines is to destroy the very message of the Bible. If God is not the Creator then there is no God as revealed in the Bible. If Jesus Christ is not God come in the flesh then there is no Savior and no hope for mankind beyond this life.

There is Only One True God

In bringing the children of Israel out of bondage to make them a special nation for His own purpose, God brought severe plagues on Egypt to show His supremacy over their false gods. The primary purpose of this dramatic deliverance was that Israel "*might know that the Lord Himself is God, there is no other besides Him*" (see Deut. 4:34-35). The nations were all thoroughly saturated with polytheistic idolatry, but God's people were to stand out in their worship of One God without the use of any representative idol (see Exod. 20:2-4). Because of the widespread idolatrous worship of many false gods that was so strongly rooted in the surrounding nations, the Oneness of God was stressed in the Old Testament (see Deut. 4:35,39, 6:4; 32:39; I Kings 8:60; Isa. 45:5,14, 46:9).

conclusion must be that **there is One true God eternally existing in three distinct and equal Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

(II Cor. 13:14).

The Manifestation of the Triune God

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the love of God you all. Amen!"

explanation of the Trinity. These unscriptural views, which persistently resurface, can be divided into three general classifications; Tri-theism, Monarchianism, and Arianism.

Tri-Theism: This view holds to a triad of gods, that there are three distinct and separate gods who act in unison as a kind of triumvirate with a single purpose. This view denies the essential unity of the Godhead, which is clearly taught in

who **has eternally existed in three Persons:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The error of Modalism affects not only the doctrine of the Trinity, but it also affects several important doctrines of Christology as well. First, the idea of the true and full humanity of Jesus Christ must be abandoned because His time on earth as the Son was really only the manifestation of God

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FROM FLORIDA:

“May God’s richest blessing be upon the entire staff and faculty as you teach the Word and also upon each student that they may have an open mind and heart to

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the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation are baptized into the name of Christ by the Holy Spirit and are eternally secure in Christ; That Christ will rapture the Church which is His Body out of the world before the Tribulation; and that Christ will literally return to earth at the end of the Tribulation to establish His



The clock of life is wound but once,
and no man has the power to tell
just when the hands will stop
at late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed.
To lose one's health is more

*Only one life; 'twill soon be past.
Only what's done for
Christ will last.*

THE WAY OUT OF THE PRISON OF SIN

Religion says:

EARN your way out;

Philosophy says:

THINK your way out;

Indulgence says:

DRINK your way out;

Science says;

INVENT your way out;

Industry says:

WORK your way out:

Communism says:

STRIKE your way out;

Fascism says:

BLUFF your way out;

Militarism says:

FIGHT your way out;

The **world** says:

ENTERTAIN your way out;

But **Jesus Christ** says:

I AM the WAY out

