

Belgic Confession, Article 9, "The Trinity," Part 2

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:4-6

Lesson Aim	To understand two things: First, what we can learn as we compare and contrast false religions and heresies with the truth of the Word of God. Second, how we know that God is one yet three according to the Scriptures.
Steps to Learning	<p>Read Belgic Confession, Article 9 and 1 Corinthians 8:4-6. Discuss the sermon and the particulars of the lesson below. It may work best to work through the material over several days or sessions.</p> <p>Given the difficult nature of the doctrine of the Trinity, we would like to recommend books that help to explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Barrett, Matthew. <i>Simply Trinity</i>.- Poythress, Vern S. <i>The Mystery of the Trinity</i>.- Reeves, Michael. <i>Delighting in the Trinity</i>. <p>Related to our encouragement to read the great Bible stories of the Bible. We have another recommendation:</p> <p>Mackenzie, Carine. <i>365 Great Bible stories</i>.</p>
Discuss	<p>What are some false religions that deny the Trinity? Judaism and Islam.</p> <p>Which false teachers did we discuss in the sermon who are heretics? <u>Marcion</u> (rejected the Old Testament), <u>Manes</u> (false idea of dueling eternal principles), <u>Praxeas</u> (denied personal distinctiveness of the persons), <u>Sabellius</u> (the persons were just modes of God's existence), <u>Samosatenus</u> (Jesus was just a man adopted by God and indwelt by the Logos of God) and <u>Arius</u> (Christ was a created being).</p> <p>Which Creeds help us to understand the Trinity? The Apostles', the Nicaean and the Athanasian.</p> <p>What Scriptures did we cover that speak to the Trinitarian nature of God? Genesis 1:26, 3:22; Job 38; John chapter 1; Matthew 3:17; Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:4.</p>
Bible Reading	Joshua 1-7 (covering the great Bible stories)