

## SESSION 1: THE TRINITY

### FROM PCC'S DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

#### The Trinity

We believe that God eternally exists in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – and that these three are one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfections, and worthy of precisely the same homage, confidence, and obedience.

I. In the \_\_\_\_\_

A. God is \_\_\_\_\_ Deut. 6:4

B. Indications of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God Gen. 1:26; 11:7

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

Passages to consider:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ -an appearance to Hagar

b. \_\_\_\_\_ -an appearance to Abraham

c. \_\_\_\_\_ -an appearance in Sodom and Gomorrah

d. \_\_\_\_\_ -wisdom as personified as God the Son

e. \_\_\_\_\_ -probably all three persons

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\_\_\_\_\_ -Father and Holy Spirit

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ period

A. \_\_\_\_\_ -lived in Carthage in late 2<sup>nd</sup> and early 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries

1. First early church father to use the term \_\_\_\_\_ in print

2. Provided Trinity theology advice to \_\_\_\_\_ (325 AD)

B. Typical \_\_\_\_\_ triune theology

1. \_\_\_\_\_-lived in Alexandria as contemporary of Tertullian

2. The \_\_\_\_\_

3. Monarchianism-One God, three \_\_\_\_\_

4. Tritheism-Three gods unified by an \_\_\_\_\_

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ period

A. \_\_\_\_\_-God the Father has pre-eminence over the Son and Holy Spirit

B. \_\_\_\_\_-Georg Wilhelm Fredrich Hegel

1. God the Father-God \_\_\_\_\_

2. God the Son-God \_\_\_\_\_

3. God the Spirit-God \_\_\_\_\_

C. Loss of \_\_\_\_\_ in Trinitarian theology

D. The contributions of \_\_\_\_\_ in early to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century

1. Trinity essential to understanding \_\_\_\_\_ of God

2. Affirmed Trinity as taught in \_\_\_\_\_

3. In his book "Dogmatics" he devotes 220 pages to Trinity

a. The Father is the \_\_\_\_\_

b. The Son is the \_\_\_\_\_

c. The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Some reflections

- A. From Genesis forward, God is revealed as \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. From creation forward, God is revealed as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The Holy Spirit was \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament.
- D. Human \_\_\_\_\_ has never fully grasped the Trinity.
- E. I think Karl Barth \_\_\_\_\_.