

Theology 1 // Class 1.3 The Triune God

1. Introduction: The difficulty of “God as Triune”

2. The History of Trinitarian Doctrine

In the Early Church:

God is One (Exodus 6)

Jesus as Son and Lord

Spirit in the Old and New Testaments

In History:

Christology: Discovering Jesus’ Deity (and various fun heresies along the way)

Pneumatology: Debates about the Spirit

Finding the Trinity

East Vs. West: The ridiculous (but important) *Filioque* Controversy

3. Trinitarian Doctrine

God is One

God is Three

God is a Diversity

God is a Unity

Analogies to the Trinity (and their shortcomings)... Trinity is, by its essence, *beyond us*.

4. Trinitarian Theology (the fun part)

Love as the Essence of God

Love as God’s Fundamental Divine Attribute

Trinity creates space for God to “Be Love” apart from any interaction with Humanity

Love as the foundation for God's Holiness, Jealousy, & Wrath

5. How the Trinity affects the Christian Life

In Prayer

In Ethics

In Relationships

HOMEWORK: Read Chps. 9 & 10 in *Simply Christian*.