

The Early  
Church  
Was Not  
Trinitarian

## *Things to Think About Before We Begin...*

- Was Moses a Trinitarian?
- When the Israelites prayed or heard the words,  
  
*“Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one,”*  
  
Don't you think they were expected to understand these words?
- If the Almighty was aware that his choice of language and imagery would lead generations of people to believe that He is one person, when He was **not** one person, wouldn't that make Him a deceiver?
- When the Almighty manifested Himself in the flesh on earth (1 Timothy 3:16), did He ever teach the doctrine of ‘the Trinity’ to anyone?
- Did Paul, who wrote two thirds of the books in the New Testament, ever teach the doctrine of ‘the Trinity’ to anyone... ever?
- Did any prophet in the Old Testament, ever teach the doctrine of ‘the Trinity’ to anyone...ever?
- Has anyone, in the entire Bible, from its beginning to its end, ever taught the doctrine of ‘the Trinity’ to anyone?
- If the doctrine of the Trinity is so fundamental to Christianity, as Trinitarians claim, why is there a complete failure on the part of Yahshua, the prophets or apostles to articulate it anywhere?

*God is not a God of confusion ... 1 Corinthians 14:33*

# *Who saved His people out of the land of Egypt?*

***The Old Testament writers tell us this...***

Exodus 13:18

*So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.*

Numbers 21:5

And the people spoke against God and Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.”

Deuteronomy 1:31

‘and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’

Deuteronomy 2:7

“For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.”

Acts 13:17

The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm **He** brought them out of it.

Psalm 106:21

They forgot God their savior, which had done great things in Egypt;

Hosea 13:4

I have been the Lord your God ever since I brought you out of Egypt. You must acknowledge no God but me, for there is no other savior.

### ***The New Testament writers tell us this...***

Jude 1:5 NLT (New Living Translation)

*So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus (Yahshua) first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful.*

Jude 1:5 ESV (English Standard Version)

*Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus (Yahshua), who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.*

Jude 1:5 NET (New English Translation)

*Now I desire to remind you (even though you have been fully informed of these facts once for all) that Jesus (Yahshua), having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, later destroyed those who did not believe.*

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

*I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. All of them ate the same spiritual food, and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.*

see "Rock" - Deuteronomy 32:4, 15, 18, 30-31, 37

This Rock was specifically referred to in the Old Testament:

*"And they remembered that **God** was their **rock**,  
And the **Most High God** their **Redeemer**."*

Psalm 78:35

Hebrews 11:25-26

*He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of **Christ** (Yahshua) than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward.*

John 5:45-47

*"Yet it isn't I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes. If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, **because he wrote about me**. But since you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"*

The New testament writers clearly knew that Yahshua was the Almighty of the Old Testament.

## Moses said what?

After meeting, talking and being trained by the Almighty, Moses said this...

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! The LORD is ONE. “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Moses, who walked and talked with the Almighty for over 40 years said...

*“The LORD our God is one LORD.”*

From the beginning, Moses' taught clearly, boldly and without confusion, *“The Lord is One.”* Furthermore, he told us to teach ***this*** message to our children. Moses, told us to discuss ***this*** message with our families and friends. He told us to speak of ***this*** message throughout the days of our lives!

The Early Church, like Moses, worshipped the ‘One’ Almighty and not ‘three persons.’

## The disciples attributed titles of the Father to Yahshua!

All the saints and all the preachers in the first century Church understood who Yahshua was and who He claimed to be. They understood that Yahshua claimed to be the Almighty, the Father come down from heaven in the body of a man.

The apostle John referred to Yahshua as the *“the first and the last”* (Revelation 1:17; 2:8; 22:13); *“the true light”* (John 1:9); the *“bridegroom”* (Revelation 21:2; *“Savior of the world”* (John 4:42; cf. Isaiah 43:3-11). He also attributed to Yahshua the role of *“Redeemer”* in Revelation 5:9.

The apostle Peter called Yahshua the *“rock”* and *“stone”* (1 Peter 2:6-8; cf. Psalms 18:2; 95:1; and *“the Chief Shepherd”* (1 Peter 5:4).

The apostle Paul referred to Yahshua as the *“rock”* (1 Corinthians 10:4) and the *“bridegroom”* (Ephesians 5:22-33).

The Old Testament role of *‘Redeemer’* (Hosea 13:14; Psalms 130:7) is given to Yahshua, by Paul in Titus 2:13-14.

Yahshua, is the forgiver of sins in Colossians 3:13 and He is *“Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead.”* (2 Timothy 4:1)



## What is so special about these titles?

**All of these titles *are unique to the Father in the Old Testament* but are given to Yahshua in the New Testament!**

The disciples were steeped in the Old Testament and would have only applied these titles with great care. If they did not think Yahshua, the MessiYah was the Father manifested in flesh, they would have never used these words to describe him.

**The disciples considered Yahshua, the MessiYah to be God the Father who came in the flesh.**

The New Testament opens with a passage concluding that Yahshua, is Immanuel (*“God with us”*), which refers to the messianic prediction of Isaiah 7:14. The very title “Christ” carries the same meaning as the Hebrew appellation “MessiYah” (“Anointed One”).

In Zechariah 12:10, Yah says,

*“They will look on me, the one they have pierced.”*

The New Testament writers apply this passage to Yahshua twice (John 19:37; Revelation 1:7) as referring to His crucifixion.

## Paul's view of Yahshua

Paul interprets Isaiah's message,

*“For I am God, and there is no other.... Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear”* Isaiah 45:22-23

as applying to his Lord, writing...

*“at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Philippians 2:10-11

The implications of this are strong, because Paul says that all created beings will call Yahshua, both Christ (MessiYah) and Lord.

### **The disciples attributed the powers of the Almighty to Yahshua.**

There are some things only the Almighty can do, but these very things are attributed to Yahshua by His disciples. He is said to be able to raise the dead (John 5:21; 11:38-44) and forgive sins (Acts 5:31; 13:38).

Moreover, He is said to have been the creator of the universe (John 1:2-3; Colossians 1:16) and in sustaining its existence (Colossians 1:17).

Surely only the Almighty can be said to be the Creator of all things, and the disciples claim this power for Yahshua!

## **The disciples associated Yahshua's name with the Almighty**

Here are some examples. Often in prayers, Yahshua's name is used alongside the Father, as in,

*“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”* Galatians 1:3; Ephesians 1:2

### **Finally, the disciples called Yahshua, the Almighty.**

The apostles John and Paul, and the writer of Hebrews. All three call Yahshua, the Almighty, in multiple ways.

First, from the writing of the apostle John who wrote that Thomas saw the Lord's wounds and cried,

*My Lord and **my God!**”*  
John 20:28

Paul and the writer of Hebrews provide several more examples:

Paul wrote,

*“Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised!”*

Romans 9:5

He calls Yahshua the one in whom,

*“all the fullness of Deity lives in bodily form”*

Colossians 2:9

In Titus 2:13, Yahshua is

*“our great God and Savior”*

And the writer to the Hebrews says of Him,

*“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever.”*

Hebrews 1:8

In summary, there is manifold testimony from Yahshua Himself and from those who knew Him best, that Yahshua claimed to be the Father; and His followers believed this to be the case. They give to the carpenter of Nazareth these unique titles, powers, prerogatives and activities that apply only to the Father.

There is no reasonable doubt that this is what they believed and what Yahshua proclaimed of Himself according to the New Testament. (Mark 14: 62 NLT\*)

\* Footnote from the NLT - **14:62a** Or *The ‘I AM’ is here; or I am the LORD.* See Exodus 3:14.

## **The early Church believed and preached this message well into the fourth Century**

### **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch**

Ignatius of Antioch was called “the disciple of the Apostles.” Ignatius spoke of Yahshua in the Epistle of Polycarp, chapter 1, verse 15, saying, “expect Him, who is above all time, eternal, invisible, though for our sakes made visible, impalpable [intangible], impassible [not capable of experiencing pain], yet for us, subject to sufferings, enduring all manner of ways for our salvation.”

Ignatius depicted Yahshua, the MessiYah as the suffering body of a bodiless Spirit-God who cannot suffer. Ignatius depicted Yahshua, the MessiYah, as the Father dwelling in the body of a mortal man. (Ignatius was killed around 108 AD by the Roman Emperor Trajan – thrown to and eaten by lions.)

### **Polycarp of Smyrna**

Polycarp of Smyrna (69-155 AD) was a disciple of the Apostle John. Polycarp endorsed Ignatius' teachings, calling him an example of holiness, and urged the Philippians to follow his example. MODALISM – Jesus is another MODE or FORM of the Father. Both Ignatius and Polycarp are called MODALISTS by historians - which was what later religious leaders called ONENESS BELIEVERS. Modalists did not believe that God was three persons. They believed that Yahshua was a MODE, or FORM, of God. They were clearly not Trinitarian.

## Noetus

Another early Church father, named Noetus, who lived around 130 AD was also said to be a MODALIST - that is, ONE. In reality, God does not even have three modes. He is ONE Spirit, incarnate in the body of Yahshua. The historian Hippolytus said that Noetus believed that, "Yahshua, confessed Himself to be the SON to those who saw Him, while to those who could receive it He did not hide the fact that He was the Father."

## Irenaeus

Another early Church father, Irenaeus, who lived from about 135-200 AD, said, "The Father is that which is invisible about the Son, and the Son is that which is visible about the Father. The Father is God revealing Himself, and the SON is God revealed."

## Praxeus

Tertullian (who was arguably the first Trinitarian) complained that Praxeus in 150-200 AD asserted that, "Jesus, the MessiYah is God and Father Almighty."

## Sabellius

In 180 AD, Sabellius taught that, "Father, Son and Holy Spirit were NOT distinct persons, but modes of one divine person. Oneness Apostolics, "Constitute the majority of believers."

## **Zephyrinus**

Zephyrinus, the Bishop of Rome in 210 AD, said, "I know ONE GOD, Christ Jesus, ...beside Him I know no other."

## **Callistus**

Callistus, the Bishop of Rome in 220 AD, said, "The Word is the Son Himself, the Father Himself; there is only one and the same INDIVISIBLE Spirit, ...The Father is not one and the Son another. They are ONE AND THE SAME."

## **Dionysius**

In 265 AD, the Bishop of Rome was Dionysius. Dionysius complained about those who "divide and cut to pieces that most sacred doctrine of the Church of God, the Divine Monarchy, making it as if it were three powers and partitive substances and godheads three." In other words, in 265 AD, the Bishop of Rome condemned the doctrine of the Trinity that was gaining acceptance.

By 325 AD, the Roman Caesar Constantine had stopped persecuting the Church and had begun to endorse the new Trinitarian version of God. In the organizational meeting of the Roman Catholic institution at the Council of Nicaea (Italy), the NICAEAN CREED WAS FORMULATED.

In 380, Marcellus of Ancyra, with Photinus (Marcellus' disciple), and Priscillian still contended that the Christian faith is in: "Father, Son, and Spirit ... one God Christ: He is God, Son of God, Savior... In Christ, the Father is known."

Marcellus added, "God is invisible; none has seen Him at any time. **So He came in name and form as such that He could make Himself known.**" He was of course referring to Yahshua, the MessiYah.

## **Commodianus**

In 400 AD, a Christian poet named Commodianus said that Father, Son and Holy Ghost are "different designations given to the same person."

## **Peter Abelard**

In 1121, Peter Abelard, a French scholastic philosopher, theologian and preeminent logician, was known to be ONENESS. He was charged with heresy by the Synod of Soissons and shut up in the convent of St. Medard. Chambers Biographical Dictionary called Peter Abelard "the keenest thinker and boldest theologian of the 12th Century."

## **Michael Servetus**

In 1531, Michael Servetus published a paper entitled, "THE ERROR OF THE TRINITY," in which he expounded the doctrine of the Oneness of God. For that paper, he was burned at the stake. Servetus said, "Christ is in the Father as a voice from the



speaker. He and the Father are one, as the ray and the sun are one light. An amazing mystery is that God can thus be conjoined with man and man with God. A great wonder that He has taken to Himself the body of Christ that it should be His peculiar dwelling place."

Servetus also said, "[Christ] manifests God to us, being the expression of His very being, and through him alone, God can be known."

John Calvin argued with Servetus by letters until their debate became quite heated. Calvin said that if Servetus ever came into his presence, he would be duty-bound to have him sentenced to death for blasphemy. Martin Luther also condemned Servetus' Oneness doctrine.

Due in large part to John Calvin's opposition, Servetus was sentenced to death by burning for denying the Trinity and infant baptism. But, many other writers and orators took up Servetus' cause afterward, and Servetus' Oneness teachings multiplied.

## **William Penn**

In 1668, William Penn (the founder of Pennsylvania) was imprisoned in the Tower of London for writing a powerful anti-Trinitarian tract called, "The Sandy Foundation Shaken," in which he declared, "Must I deny His Divinity because I justly reject the Popish School Personality? It is manifest, then, ...that though I may deny the Trinity of separate persons in one Godhead, yet I do not consequentially deny the Deity of Jesus Christ."

William Penn also declared that the Roman Catholic institution was "the Whore of Babylon." He was imprisoned for that writing.

## **Dr. Nathaniel Emmons**

Around 1800, Dr. Nathaniel Emmons, a Yale graduate and the leading New England theologian of his time, taught that we should "cast aside the eternal generation of the Son," a doctrine that had originated with Origen, and one of the earliest premises of Trinitarianism. Emmons believed that Father and Son were both terms referring to "the One Absolute God."

## **William Ellery Channing**

In 1819, Channing said, "We object to the doctrine of the Trinity." He impugned it as illogical and unscriptural because it implies that God is "three intelligent agents, possessed of different consciousness, different wills, and different perceptions, performing different acts, and sustaining different relations."

To us, as to the Apostle and the primitive Christians, **"there is one God, even the Father. With Jesus, we worship the Father, as the only living and true God."**

## **Emmanuel Swedenborg**

Swedenborg, around 1820 said, "He is the Redeemer and Savior. ...He came into the world. ...As to His humanity, He called Himself Jesus Christ. ...Jehovah Himself came into the world and became the Savior and Redeemer."

## **H.B. Smith**

H.B. Smith (1875), a Presbyterian clergyman and teacher for 24 years said, "The one supreme personality exists in three personal modes of being, but is not three distinct persons."

## **Henry Ward Beecher**

In 1880, Beecher said, "Jesus Christ is His name. All that there is of God is bound up in that name."

## **John Miller**

In the 1880s, Miller wrote a book entitled, "*Is God A Trinity?*" He asked this question, "Is the deity that is in Christ the second person of the Trinity, or the one personal Jehovah?"

...for the Trinitarian believes but in one of three persons in Christ, whereas we believe in the sole person of the Almighty."

## So, How did the Trinitarian doctrine become so widely accepted?

Answer: The Roman Catholic institution

### **Justin Martyr - (AD 100–ca.165)**

Justin Martyr was the first to teach the Trinity as consisting of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He was the first to proclaim the Holy Spirit as a member of the Trinity.

### **Irenaeus - first to conceptualize an "eternal son"**

An understudy of Justin Martyr, Irenaeus (ca. 130-200 AD), added to the confusion when he stated that, "the Son of God became the Son of Man." This is probably the earliest seed of "Eternal Sonship," an illogical and unbiblical premise.

This was a completely alien concept.

INSTEAD of Yahshua being the INCARNATION of the Father, He was purported to be the INCARNATION of an eternal Son. No one had ever taught this in the first 150 years of the early church.

None of the Apostles ever made a statement of that kind. Nobody believed that Yahshua was the incarnation of a second person.

***They believed that Yahshua was the incarnation of the Almighty, the Father Himself.***

## The (Unscriptural) Nicene Creed - 325 AD, Produced the first official Trinitarian Doctrine

The 'Nicene Creed' is the original, official TRINITARIAN DOCTRINE - published for the first time in history in 325 AD.

The 'Nicene Creed' contained 'ANATHEMAS' (a formal ecclesiastical curse involving condemnation and excommunication) on anyone who did not profess the Doctrine of the Trinity and baptism using the titles Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Roman Catholic institution further declared that **no one** could be saved outside the Roman Catholic institution.

## The (Unscriptural) Athanasian Creed

In the seventh century the ATHANASIAN CREED  
replaced the NICENE CREED.  
*(712 of the most unscriptural words ever written)*

Here are some excerpts:

"Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith; Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this: **That we worship one God in Trinity**, and Trinity in Unity;

5. For there is one person of the Father, **another** of the Son, and **another** of the Holy Spirit.

20. So are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say; There are three Gods or three Lords.

25. And in this Trinity none is afore or after another; none is greater or less than another.

26. But the whole three persons are co-eternal, and co-equal.

**28. He therefore that will be saved *must thus think of the Trinity.***

**44. This is the catholic faith, which except a man believe faithfully he cannot be saved.**

This is the first creed in which the equality of the three persons of the Trinity is explicitly stated.

This creed differs from the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed in that it includes the **condemnation** and **anathemas** of those who disagree with the Creed.

The Athanasian Creed condemns **all** non-Trinitarian people.

Because of these ‘creeds,’ multitudes of people **were tortured and put to death** because they believed, “The Lord is One” ... **not three.**

***This fact alone*** should have ‘***sounded the alarm***’ in the Christian world concerning this doctrine!

It is biblically incorrect to speak of the Almighty as a 'trinity,' or 'trio' of *persons*.

"Persons," in reference to the Almighty, is not in the Bible, it is not scriptural, nor is there a commandment to worship 'three persons'.

The 'Trinitarian' doctrine should never be associated with the Christian faith. True Christians are strictly monotheistic. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Luke 2:11; Mark 12:29; Philippians 2:6, 10-11; Colossians 2:8-10)

How is it that, 'Trinitarians' will tell the Almighty that He is '**three persons**' when He, ***Himself*** repeatedly ***tells us*** He is ONE?

Let's do an experiment which will tell you immediately whether the Almighty is 'three persons' or one person. If you know your Bible, find a scripture anywhere in the Almighty's Word where He refers to Himself as "three persons."

Now, let me show you where the Yah has spoken of Himself as one Almighty, and one person (Deuteronomy 6:4; Job 13:7-8; Luke 2:11; 1 Corinthians 10:4; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Colossians 1:14-19; 2:9; Hebrews 1:3).

The Almighty is one person and He has revealed himself as one person in the face of Yahshua, the MessiYah. (2 Corinthians 4:6) The New Testament will align itself perfectly with the beliefs of the Jewish people who believe in the one Almighty, as they were correctly taught in the Old Testament.

"God is not a God of confusion," nor will He contradict Himself.

There are a number of faiths that consider Christianity to be a religion of idolators and infidels because they teach the Almighty is 'three' persons.

The 'Trinity Doctrine' was never part of the early church and is foreign to true Christianity and to Jewish people that believe in the one Almighty of heaven and earth.

**My friend, again please prayerfully consider:**

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*And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.*

Acts 17:11



## Salvation is a gift for you!

Salvation is a gift that we receive by faith. We cannot earn it through our deeds or works. We cannot obtain it by being a “good person” or by attending church. Yahshua earned it for us by dying for our sins on the cross.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

My friend, everyone who calls upon the name of Yahshua will be saved; so call upon Him now. Tomorrow is not assured.

Here is a simple prayer that you can repeat for salvation:

Yahshua, I believe You died on the cross for my sins. I ask You to be my Savior. Thank You

If you just prayed this prayer, congratulations! You are saved and you are a new creation in Him!

Therefore if any man be in MessíYah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corínthians 5:17

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