#### John 10:27-42

Jesus Claims Equality with God Again
A Biblical Defense of the Deity of Christ and
Doctrine of the Trinity

#### **John 10:27–42** (NKJV)

- <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and *My* Father are one."
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- <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, '*I said, "You are gods"*'? <sup>35</sup> If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), <sup>36</sup> do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? <sup>37</sup> If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe

Me; <sup>38</sup> but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him." <sup>39</sup> Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

<sup>40</sup> And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. <sup>41</sup> Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." <sup>42</sup> And many believed in Him there.

#### Introduction

John Calvin was a highly influential leader in the Protestant Reformation. Born in France and educated in civil law, Calvin eventually fled Catholic France and moved to Geneva, Switzerland, where he instituted many reforms. Under Calvin's leadership, the city of Geneva became a haven for other Reformers who fled persecution in their own countries; also, by 1540 the city began moving toward a theocracy—moral law and civil law were one and the same. In 1553 came a confrontation with a heretic named Michael Servetus, who was eventually executed in Geneva for his heresy; this incident has been a source of controversy ever since.

Michael Servetus was a Spanish physician and theologian who rejected orthodox Trinitarian doctrine. According to Servetus, God is one single person. He contended that the persons of the Trinity are actually "forms" in which God has chosen to manifest Himself. According to Servetus, Christ was made a man by God, and His human nature prevents Him from being God. Servetus concluded God is eternal, but Jesus Christ is not. In his denial of the Trinity, Servetus was seen as a heretic by Catholics and Protestants alike. John Calvin briefly corresponded with Servetus, but broke off all communication after the first few letters, as it was apparent that Servetus was unyielding in his denial of the Trinity.

In 1552 the Spanish Inquisition took action against Servetus, but he escaped their hands. Later, the French Inquisition declared Servetus worthy of death but had to burn him in effigy, due to his escape. In August 1553, Servetus traveled to Geneva where he was recognized and at Calvin's request was imprisoned by the city magistrates. The trial of Michael Servetus lasted through October, at which time the Council of Geneva condemned him to death. Servetus was burned at the stake on October 27, 1553. The Calvinists and the Catholics both wanted him dead, but the Calvinists got to him first.

The condemnation and death of Michael Servetus has been a black mark on John Calvin's record for centuries. Was the burning of Servetus justified, or was it cold-blooded murder? God will judge. In contemplating the history of Calvin and Servetus, it is good to remember the following facts:

- The laws in Switzerland made heresy punishable by death; Servetus' death was thus justified in the eyes of the Geneva Council. Plus, the councils of Berne, Zurich, Basle, and Schaffhausen were consulted, and they all encouraged the verdict and punishment.
- Calvin agreed with the sentence of death passed on Servetus; however, he urged that in mercy Servetus be executed by the sword, not by burning. The council rejected his suggestion.
- Michael Servetus was the only heretic ever executed in Geneva in Calvin's lifetime. In comparison, between 3,000 and 10,000 people were executed by Catholics in Spain alone during the <u>Inquisition</u>. As tragic as Servetus's death was, it should be kept in perspective.

The wretched matter of Calvin and Servetus should teach us at least two things: 1) the Reformers were not perfect—even great men such as John Calvin can

make serious mistakes; and 2) the New Testament church was never designed to double as a civil government.

Review

#### Lesson

- I. The Claim
- **II. The Consequences**
- **III. The Confirmation**
- IV. The Conversion

# I. The Claim

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- 1. The Essential Nature of the Claim = Deity

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Jesus is the same as God He claims same essence

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33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.

I and the Father are one. The word for 'one' is the neuter hen, not the masculine heis: Jesus and his Father are not one person, as the masculine would suggest, for then the distinction between Jesus and God already introduced in 1:1b would be obliterated, and John could not refer to Jesus praying to his Father, being commissioned by and obedient to his Father, and so on. Rather, Jesus and his Father are perfectly one in action, in what they do: what Jesus does, the Father does, and vice versa (cf. notes on 5:19ff.).

Carson, D. A. (1991). *The Gospel according to John* (p. 394). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

The Father and the Son jointly guarantee the eternal security of believers because, as Jesus declared, "I and the Father are one" (the Greek word one is neuter, not masculine; it speaks of "one substance," not "one person"). Thus their unity of purpose and action in safeguarding believers is undergirded by their unity of

nature and essence. The whole matter of security is summarized in our Lord's own words in John 6:39–40:

This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2006). *John 1–11* (p. 443). Chicago: Moody Press.

# **Jesus Claims Equality in Essence**

John 5:16-18 (NKJV)

- <sup>16</sup> For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.
- <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."
- <sup>18</sup> Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said

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that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

#### **John 5:22–23** (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

#### John 14:8-11 (NKJV)

- <sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."
- <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority;* but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

#### **John 1:1–2** (NKJV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

#### Philippians 2:5–8 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

# 1. Jesus Creates Everything

# **God Creates**

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

#### **Psalm 33:6** (NKJV)

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

#### **Psalm 102:25** (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,

And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

#### **Isaiah 45:12** (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> I have made the earth,
 And created man on it.
 I—My hands—stretched out the heavens,
 And all their host I have commanded.

### **Isaiah 45:18** (NKJV)

18 For thus says the Lord,
Who created the heavens,
Who is God,
Who formed the earth and made it,
Who has established it,
Who did not create it in vain,
Who formed it to be inhabited:
"I am the Lord, and there is no other.

# **Jesus Creates**

# John 1:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

## Colossians 1:16-17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

#### Hebrews 1:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, <u>through</u> whom also He made the worlds;

# His Miracles exemplify this Matt. 14 &15

#### **Matthew 14:19–21** (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. <sup>20</sup> So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. <sup>21</sup> Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### Matthew 15:29-31 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. <sup>30</sup> Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. <sup>31</sup> So the multitude marveled when they saw *the* mute speaking, *the* maimed made whole, *the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

# 2. Jesus gives life

# **God Gives Life**

## Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

## **Job 33:4** (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Acts 17:24-25 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

## **1 Timothy 6:13** (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

# **Jesus Gives Life**

John 1:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **John 5:21** (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

John 5:26;28 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

## **John 11:25** (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

### **John 14:6** (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

# 3. Jesus forgives sin.

# **God Forgives Sin**

#### Daniel 9:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> To the Lord our God *belong* mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

#### **Exodus 34:6–7** (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, <sup>7</sup> keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and

transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

#### **Psalm 103:2–3** (NKJV)

- <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:
- Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

#### **Psalm 130:3–4** (NKJV)

- <sup>3</sup> If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- <sup>4</sup> But *there is* forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

#### **Matthew 6:14–15** (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

# **Jesus Forgives Sin**

#### Matthew 9:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

#### Matthew 9:4-6 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, '*Your* sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

#### **Ephesians 4:32** (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

### Colossians 3:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

#### **Luke 5:20–21** (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

<sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

**Luke 7:47–49** (NKJV)

<sup>47</sup> Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

- <sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
- <sup>49</sup> And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

# 4. Jesus is Eternal

#### God is Eternal

#### **Psalm 90:2** (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.

#### **Psalm 93:2** (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Your throne *is* established from of old;

You are from everlasting.

#### **Psalm 102:27** (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> But You *are* the same, And Your years will have no end. **Isaiah 44:6** (NKJV)

6 "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
'I am the First and I am the Last;
Besides Me there is no God.

#### Micah 5:2 (NKJV)

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

#### **1 Timothy 6:15–16** (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

## Jesus is Eternal

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#### **Colossians 1:17** (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

#### **John 8:58** (NKJV)

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

#### John 17:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

#### Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

#### Revelation 1:17–18 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

# 2. The Immediate Implications of the Claim =Trinity

Of all the doctrines in the Word of God, the Trinity is no doubt at the top of the list of the forgotten doctrines in the Bible

Very few every talk about the Trinity.

Believers often go for weeks, months and even years and never think about the Trinity.

If we misrepresent the Biblical view of the Trinity we will misrepresent the God of the Bible.

In fact, the Trinity is not a peripheral doctrine. It is not a minimal Doctrine. It is a Central Doctrine, an essential Doctrine.

It is woven throughout the Bible from Creation, Redemption and into the New Creation of heaven and Earth. At the Very beginning we get hints from the first Name given to to God in Genesis 1:1. Elohim (plural) In Salvation you have The Father, The Son, And The Holy Spirit, all involved Salvation

- 1. The Father Decrees, and Elects
- 2. The Son Dies and Pays for the Elect
- 3. The Holy Spirit, Regenerates, Seals and Secures the Elect.

In out Text we have not only a clear reference to the Deity of Christ, but also a clear and necessary implication of Trinitarian Doctrine.

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- My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and *My* Father are one."

Definition of the Trinity

Within the One Being God

There exist 3 coequal and coeternal **Persons** Father, Son and Holy Spirit

We are not saying that there is one being that is 3 beings

We are not saying that there is on Person that exist as 3 Persons

# THE BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH OF 1689 Chapter 2 Paragraph 3.

In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and Holy Spirit,27 of one substance, power, and eternity, each having the whole divine essence, yet the essence undivided:28 the Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father;29 the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son;30 all infinite, without beginning, therefore but one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being, but distinguished by several peculiar relative properties and personal relations; which doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of all our communion with God, and comfortable dependence on Him.

This doctrine which is clearly taught in the great historic confessions fo faith is not the foundation of the Doctrine of Trinity, rather it is the Word of God

#### **3 Foundations**

- Monotheism
   There is only one God.
- 2. There are 3 Divine Persons
- 3. These 3 are coequal and coeternal The deity of Christ, and Holy Spirit.

#### 1. The Bible Teaches Monotheism =One God

The 3 great religions of the world Are Monotheistic Chrisianity, Judiasm, and Islam

Judaism and Islam are Unitarrian = one person/ one God

Christianity is the only Trinitarian Religion that affirms ONE Being, three Persons.

#### **Deuteronomy 6:4** (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord *is* one! **Deuteronomy 4:35** (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself *is* God; *there is* none other besides Him.

#### **Isaiah 43:10** (NKJV)

10 "You *are* My witnesses," says the Lord, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I *am* He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.

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# 2. There are 3 Divine Persons

The Father is the Father, not the Son
The Son is the Son not the Father
The Spirit is not the Son and Not the Father

The Father is 100% God The Son is 100% God The Spirit is 100% God.

#### Acts 5:1-4 (NKJV)

**5** But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. <sup>2</sup> And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware *of it,* and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? <sup>4</sup> While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**"

# 3. These 3 are coequal and coeternal Matthew 3:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. <sup>17</sup> And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

#### Matthew 28:18-19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

There have been attempts to illustrate or help us understand the Trinity

- 1. Egg- shell, yoke, white.
- 2. Water liquid, steam, ice
- 3. Sun Light, Heat, and material (body)

God is not like Superman, jumping in the phone booth and coming out Superman. God is not appearing differently at different time.

He is all 3 at once 100%

Modalistic Monarchianism (also known as Oneness Christology) is a Christian theology that upholds the oneness of God as well as the deity of Jesus Christ. It is a form of Monarchianism and as such stands in contrast with Trinitarianism. Modalistic Monarchianism considers God to be one while working through the different "modes" or "manifestations" of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### II. The Consequence

<sup>31</sup> Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

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<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" '? <sup>35</sup> If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), <sup>36</sup> do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? <sup>37</sup> If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; <sup>38</sup> but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him."

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<sup>40</sup> And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. <sup>41</sup> Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." <sup>42</sup> And many believed in Him there.