

When was the Trinity recognized?

Conclusion



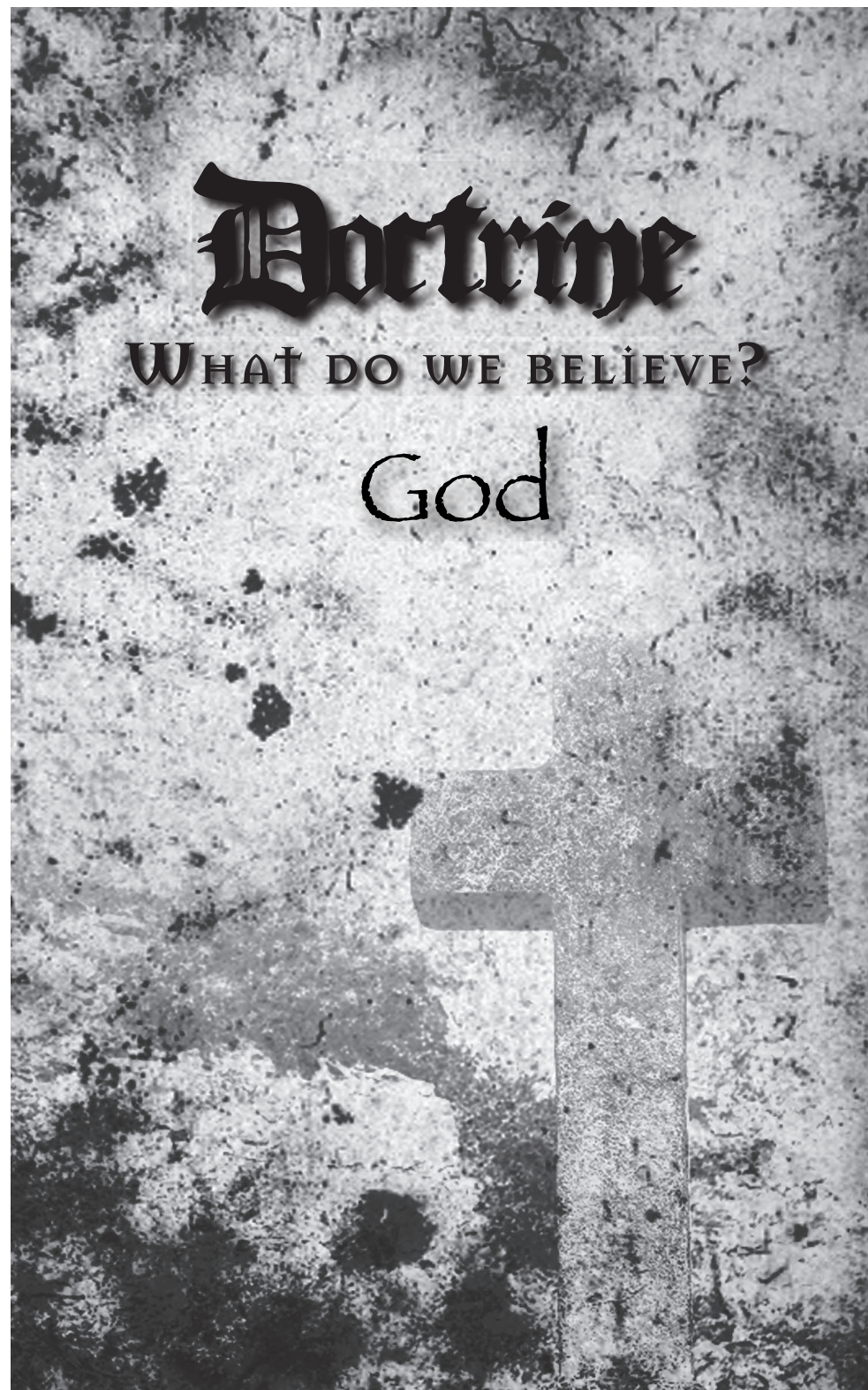
1. It creates an image of God the Father.
2. It is goddess worship.
3. It commits the heresy of modalism.
4. It doesn't recognize hierarchy in the Trinity.

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God

..if you deny the Trinity, you lose your soul. If you try to explain it, you will lose your mind. Augustine

What is the Trinity?

The Trinity is one God who eternally exists as three distinct persons, Father, Son and Spirit who are each fully and equally God.

There is one God.

To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him. Deuteronomy 4:35 (ESV)

“ ‘See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; ... Deuteronomy 32:39 (ESV)

...Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. Isaiah 43:10 (ESV)

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17 (ESV)

For there is one God,... 1 Timothy 2:5 (ESV)

Acts 17

Does the Trinity appear in the Old Testament?

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1–2 (ESV)

In the beginning, by the Firstborn. God created...” Genesis 1:1 (Targum Neofiti)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Colossians 1:15 (ESV)

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image,...” Genesis 1:26 (ESV)

Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil...” Genesis 3:22 (ESV)

Does the Trinity appear in the New Testament?

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. Luke 1:35 (ESV)

They sacrificed to demons that were no gods...
Deuteronomy 32:17 (ESV)

No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. 1 Corinthians 10:20 (ESV)

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are God.

The Father is God.

...God the Father has set his seal.” John 6:27 (ESV)

yet for us there is one God, the Father,... 1 Corinthians 8:6 (ESV)

The Son is God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1–2 (ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” John 8:58 (ESV)

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” John 20:28 (ESV)

To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. Romans 9:5 (ESV)

...in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20 (ESV)

The Holy Spirit is God.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,... Ephesians 4:30 (ESV)

...has outraged the Spirit of grace? Hebrews 10:29 (ESV)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, ...this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17–18 (ESV)

But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?...You have not lied to men but to God.” Acts 5:3–4 (ESV)

The Trinity is the source and definition of love.

God is love. 1 John 4:8 (ESV)

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. John 3:35 (ESV)

but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father... John 14:31 (ESV)