

# My Journey from Trinity to Truth

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I am writing this testimony upon the request of another brother in the Lord. I pray that it would not only explain my journey out of trinitarianism but also quell the fears that others may have about questioning this doctrine.

- For as long as I can remember I was taught to believe that the God of the bible is a triune being. I must confess that I never understood what that meant and that I merely accepted the analogies that were used to explain this view. Some of the explanations captivated me just because of the use of words that I did not understand. Sometimes when we don't understand things we are inclined to believe the person teaching must be more educated than we are and therefore should be taken at their word. This was not my experience with the trinity only but also with the truth of the gospel. The same attitude I held once led me to believe in what is commonly referred to as Calvinism. After I was born again however, I began to speak out against Calvinism and its errors.

- While defending the truth and refuting Calvinism I began to notice a pattern in the arguments that the Calvinist would make. Any time that the topic turned to following Christ, walking as he walked, following in his footsteps etc., the Calvinist would almost ALWAYS and without fail claim, "Well Jesus only did what he did because he was God and he was not born with the same nature we have". For a long time I put off looking into this claim. When I finally did start to research this argument, the first thing I said to myself was, "If Jesus being God is a HINDRANCE for those claiming to follow him, God must NOT be pleased with them using his nature an excuse for disobedience". This was while I still believed that Jesus was somehow Yahweh God Almighty.

- The second thing that stood out to me was the scriptures that teach Jesus was made in all points like unto his brethren. One of these scriptures implies that if he were not made in all points like unto his brethren, then he would not be a faithful high priest who could sympathize with our sufferings. The arguments of the Trinitarians say that Jesus was 100% man and 100% God.

- I am not the smartest man in the world but I asked myself. "If God is not man and man is not God, wouldn't it have to be more like 50/50 to make a whole and normal person and not contradict either of those facts?" I mean I was led to believe that Jesus was some hybrid that was a 200% mixture of God and man. The original sin doctrine continued to come to mind. I realized that those who believed in an original sin doctrine MUST believe that Jesus was not like us in every way. At this point I began to establish that something was wrong with the arguments made by Trinitarians even if the doctrine itself was not faulty. At this point I and another close brother began to speak about the doctrine. I realized after knowing this brother for a couple of years that he TOO had been questioning the trinity. We made a decision. We

decided to study the scriptures together looking for the EVIDENCE for the doctrine and hopefully form some better and more biblical arguments FOR the trinity. We determined that we would hold each other accountable and not allow for contradictions OR illogical analogies or explanations outside of the scriptures. I could not help myself though. One day while at work I was studying and could not find any good evidence, so I went out on a walk. While out on my walk I picked up a leaf. I took the leaf and examined it like I were some sort of mad scientist. I looked at the front, it was dark. I looked at the back, it was light. I crushed it in my hand until some oily substance came out. AHA! I had it! Nature was teaching me about the trinity. The dark side represented the father, the beauty and essence of the leaf, the light side represented the son who seemed to be of a lesser glory but was still of the same nature, the oil, of course represented the holy spirit which emanates from both of the other two. I knew at that point that my dear brother would hop on board with that flawless logic. I called him and explained it to him. He stayed true to our agreement. We both talked about how we could do such experiments and come to different conclusions if we had the motive to prove ANYTHING. What I realized was this. While I was frustrated for the lack of biblical evidence for the trinity I began trying prove it from elsewhere. Never considering that it might be false altogether. I was ashamed. This was not like me. I began to pray.

- We continued our study for a couple more weeks before we came together, and reluctantly I must confess, and admitted that there was no biblical evidence for the trinity doctrine. With each passage or verse that we dissected we found the opposite. Everything seemed to be pointing away from the trinity view. We started discussing what we thought might have been the most supportive scriptures of the trinity view. We looked at them and asked if they really taught the trinity. We started with Genesis 1:26. Anyone reading this, I would like you to read this text as well and ask yourself "Is this scripture alone proof that God is a trinity?" If you are honest with yourself I believe you will come to the same conclusion that we did. No. It's not. If we didn't want to explore any other possibilities of how this text might be understood the best we could come up with is "God is plural" (If you are not willing to consider alternate explanations). There is no number given. This is where one might argue that the revelation is a progressive one. I would love to challenge anyone who believes that.

- The next text was the famous Shema in Deut 6:4. This was a text and is a text that I believe is completely anti-Trinitarian but at the time how it was explained to us we had accepted it as a Trinitarian proof text. The reason given? Well, "Elohim is plural". Are you starting to see a pattern? (This testimony is not here to refute all of these arguments, but if anyone would like to send me follow up questions about these texts please feel free.) The pattern seems to be if there is something that seems to denote plurality we are to assume 3. We researched the language used and the definitions of the words in Hebrew and we realized this was certainly not a Trinitarian statement.

- Next we studied scriptures like John 1:1-14, John 8:58, John 5:18, John 10:31, John 19:7, Phil 2:6-8, 1 John 5:7-8 and many other proof texts from the OT and the NT that are often used to defend the trinity. I do not doubt that MANY texts are used to argue the trinity but I say with full confidence that none of them do clearly teach anything resembling the trinity doctrine that was hashed out in 325 AD at the council of Nicaea.

- After we researched all of these texts thoroughly we realized we were left with nothing but what the texts said. We did not even know what to call our new found view. I am being dead serious. We actually asked one another "So what do we believe?"

•You see, we still were under the impression that we needed a name or a group to associate this stripped bare, biblical view of God and his son with. We were both convicted that it is not enough to say what the bible does NOT say. We must affirm what it IS teaching. The scriptures we started with were the same stones that we initially used to bring our theological worlds crashing down. Now it was time to build. We painstakingly researched those texts, the various translations, we studied the Hebrew word for word, and we studied the Greek word for word. Then we began to attempt to disprove from the bible the unnamed view that we had established using the SAME method as before. It could not be done. Not by us at least. From this point I began to speak openly about what I had learned. Needless to say, it did not go over well. Very many brothers and sisters that I love very much turned their back, began to publicly ridicule and mock me. Some made public statements in groups where we used to fight side by side against falsehood, condemning me as a heretic, false teacher, and a devil. To be honest. I was deeply hurt.

•There were many nights where I could do nothing but cry and call out to the Lord. I was at my wits end. I had been debating beloved brothers and sisters for months. I became the punching bag of both Calvinists and brothers and sisters in Christ. It seemed that the brothers and sisters seemed to forget what was important and ganged up on me WITH the Calvinists. Then God sent me encouragement and strength. (I was given a dream at this point that was confirmed soon after. Anyone wanting to hear about the dream let me know and I can send it to you).

•During a heated conversation with some brothers and sisters, one sister in particular, (who had stood strongly against me in the past) wrote me in private. She said that she had been following the many debates I had been engaged in since our dust up and she was convinced that there were no good arguments against the scriptural evidence I was presenting. This meant a lot because this same sister I believed had argued with me beyond the point of reconciliation.

•From then on it was a trickle effect. Day after day, week after week, brother after brother, sister after sister would write me with similar stories. They had been watching from afar and were encouraged by the beating I was taking. Lol One brother argued with me and after looking back on the debate, I am surprised we were even still in communication. He changed his view as well.

•I cannot say that I am the reason they changed their views. I believe that God truly has to work on the hearts of men and women in order for us to humble ourselves enough to admit we COULD be wrong. I have not kept the number of brothers and sisters who have changed their views after engaging me in debate. I really don't care about the number. I don't know how many brothers and sister I have that are Trinitarians. I really don't care about that. What I do care about is people who call themselves Christians condemning others for not accepting a view that they have not put to the test themselves. It is commonly said among Trinitarians "The human mind cannot comprehend the doctrine of the trinity." Tertullian himself said something similar. Yet they condemn others for not misunderstanding it the way they misunderstand it.

•There are not many scriptures in this note. I know. That is by design. Sometimes it is good to pull away from simply refuting doctrine and give time to sharing how we arrived where we are. Brother John, if you are reading this I appreciate your challenge. It has really opened my eyes to this fact. Far too often we get caught up in debate and don't stop to think how people got to

where they are in their theological views. Sometimes I stop and ask people for their testimonies in the middle of debates but I don't usually share mine unless asked. I pray this would shed light on why I believe what I believe about God and his Son and also how I arrived at this view. Forgive any typos or grammatical errors. I am not very learned. My highest level of education is High school. I pray that it has been clear, easy to read, and easy to understand. I will leave you with the TOP 20 (not only) scriptures that I believe disallow for the trinity doctrine to be true. I believe that if these clear texts are accepted AS WRITTEN, the trinity doctrine would HAVE to contradict them in order to be accepted alongside of them. Please read the full context of these scriptures.

## TOP 20

- 1.Deut 6:4
- 2.John 17:3
- 3.Malachi 2:10
- 4.Micah 5:4
- 5.Acts 10:38
- 6.1 Cor 11:3
- 7.Acts 5:30
- 8.John 8:54
- 9.John 20:17
- 10.Rev 3:12
- 11.Acts 2:22
- 12.Psalm 45:7
- 13.Rev 21:22
- 14.Rev 1:1
- 15.Daniel 7:13
- 16.John 3:34
- 17.Heb 1:1-2
- 18.John 8:40
- 19.John 7:16
- 20.1 Cor 15:24