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The Bible clearly teaches us that there is only One Eternal God who has manifested Himself as “God the Father” as our Creator, the Son as God manifest in the flesh as our redeemer, and as the Holy Spirit as God’s presence in action and in inhabiting believers. Although Yahweh God clearly has plurality of might, majesty, and the ability to perform many tasks at once, nowhere in the Bible do we find later trinitarian terminology which divides God up into three separate and distinct divine persons.

There is a reason why the Bible never uses later trinitarian terminology that was developed by the Roman Catholic Church centuries after the original apostles had already founded the New Testament Church. Nowhere in the Bible do we find the words “God the Son,” or “God the Holy Spirit,” but only, “God the Father.” Why does the Bible never use latter trinitarian terminology such as “God the Son” and “God the Holy Spirit?” The Scriptures never say “God the Son,” and “God the Holy Spirit” because there is ONLY ONE GOD, “THE FATHER” (1 Corinthians 8:6 clearly states that “there is One God, THE FATHER”). If God’s Word placed the word “God” in front of the word “Son” and “Holy Spirit” it would leave the impression that there are THREE PERSONAL GODS rather than only ONE TRUE GOD, THE FATHER.

If trinitarian theology is not Biblical then why does God’s Word speak of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? The answer to that question is plainly revealed in the scriptures themselves. Yahweh God only has one Name but He uses many different titles to describe His plurality of actions and attributes.

1. God is called the Father because He is our Creator:
   “Have we not One Father, has not One God created us?” Malachi 2:10
2. God is called the Son because the One God (The Father) manifested Himself in flesh to save us:
   “. . . God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit . . .” 1 Timothy 3:16
   “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His Name Immanuel, which is translated, God with us.” Matthew 1:23
   In Christ “dwell all the fullness of the Deity in bodily form.” Colossians 2:8,9
   It was not a third of God’s fullness but ALL of the FULLNESS OF THE DEITY which dwelt in Christ. Therefore the divine Spirit in Christ has to be the same Spirit of God the Father.
3. God is the Holy Spirit in moving, acting, and inhabiting believers:
   “The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” Genesis 1:2
   “The Spirit of God has made me.” Job 33:4
   “And immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.” Mark 1:12
   “I am in the midst of Israel: I am Yahweh your God and there is no other . . . And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.” Joel 2:27,28
   *Notice how Yahweh God the Father says that He will pour out His Spirit on all flesh. The Bible never calls the Holy Spirit of Yahweh a third divine person within a three person deity. Since the Bible only mentions One Divine Spirit of Yahweh then the Holy Spirit is clearly the Spirit of God the Father Himself.
4. There can only be One Spirit of the LORD [YAHWEH]:
   “There is one body and One Spirit . . . One Lord, one faith, one baptism; One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

The Bible says that there is only “ONE SPIRIT” of God. If God is only One Spirit; then the Spirit of God the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit must be One and the same Divine Spirit of Yahweh.
True Christians do not have more than One Divine Spirit inhabiting them. If God the Father is in all true believers then the Holy Spirit must be the same Spirit of God the Father. Every living being has to have a SPIRIT. The holy angels, fallen angels, and every human being has just one spirit. Since the book of Genesis clearly states that man was made after the same spiritual image of God and the angels (Genesis 1:26,27) and it is obvious that all humans and angels have only one spirit per individual person, so God Himself must have just ONE SPIRIT as ONE INDIVIDUAL BEING. If God really was a trinity of three divine spirit persons then each one of us would be a trinity of three separate and distinct spirit persons!

If the Holy Spirit is one divine person, Christ another divine person, and the Father still another different divine person then there would have to be Three Divine Spirits of Yahweh. There is not a single verse of scripture from Genesis to Revelation that speaks of more than One Spirit of God. The scriptures clearly make it known that the Holy Spirit of God is the same Spirit of Yahweh God the Father and the same Spirit of Christ.

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.” Romans 8:9

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD is there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:17

*Notice how Romans 8:9 uses “the Spirit of God” and “the Spirit of Christ” interchangeably to denote One and the same SPIRIT! Then 2 Corinthians 3:17 clearly informs us that “the Lord is the Spirit” Then in 1 Corinthians 12:3 we are informed that “JESUS IS THE LORD.” Therefore we can clearly see that when we harmonize all of the scriptures together that the Spirit of the Lord Jesus “IS THE SPIRIT.”

This is why the apostle Peter plainly speaks of the Spirit of Christ in the holy prophets which testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that would follow:

“The Spirit of Christ which was in the prophets, testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ ...” 1 Peter 1:11

“There is one body, and ONE SPIRIT . . . One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One god and Father who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Ephesians 4:4-6

“Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: (For as yet He was fallen upon none of them).” Acts 8:15,16

“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Colossians 1:27

“... it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit.” Mark 13:11

“For it is not you that speak, but THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER which is in you.” Matthew 10:20

Jesus later states that He would Himself live inside Christian disciples, “I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.” Luke 21:14,15. Then Jesus plainly says, “... even the Spirit of truth ... shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.” John 14:18

The above scriptures provide solid proof that “THE SPIRIT OF” The “FATHER” is the SPIRIT OF TRUTH which is “CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory.”

Although the Holy Spirit is God and the Son is God’s Word “made flesh” the Bible never uses the later Trinitarian Terminology which calls Jesus “God the Son” and the Holy Spirit “God the Holy Spirit.” The Bible clearly teaches that God is only ONE SPIRIT PERSON OR BEING and not two or three divine SPIRIT PERSONS OR BEINGS with separate and distinct minds and wills. The deity of Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the selfsame Divine Essence as that of God the Father. The Bible plainly teaches that all three manifestations of God’s Spiritual Essence are ONE and the selfsame Divine Spirit, Being, or Person. Jesus said, “I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE.” / “HE THAT HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER” / “BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS I AM.” / “EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH ... I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS I WILL COME TO YOU.” John 14:18
GREEK SCHOLARS AFFIRM THAT GALATIANS 3:20 STATES THAT GOD IS ONE INDIVIDUAL PERSON

Wuest’s word Pictures of the Greek New Testament, Volume 1, Page 107:
“Now a mediator is not a go between representing the interest of one individual, but GOD IS ONE INDIVIDUAL.”

Brachter translates Galatians 3:20 as follows:
“A go between is not needed with one person, and GOD IS ONE PERSON.”

Even the Amplified Bible bring out the original Greek meaning of this verse:
“Now a go between and intermediator has to do with and implies more than one party. There can be no mediator with just one person, yet GOD IS ONE PERSON.”

How can so many professing Christian denominations call everyone heretics who refuse to state that God is a trinity of three divine spirit persons when the Bible itself never uses such trinitarian terminology? One can search the Bible in vain trying to find latter Trinitarian terminology. The Bible never calls Jesus a second divine person, nor does the Bible ever call the Holy Spirit a third divine person. One will search the Bible in vain to try to find later trinitarian vocabulary such as “trinity, eternal Son, eternally begotten Son, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit." If God really was three divine people then why is it necessary for Trinitarians to use such unscriptural language to describe this belief?

Christians believing in Oneness Theology insist on using the scriptures themselves rather than the later councils of the Roman Catholic Church to describe the ineffable nature of the One True God. The Bible simply states that “God was in Christ,” “God” was “manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16),” “the Word was made flesh (John 1:1-14)” and “in Him [Christ] dwells all the fullness of the deity in bodily form (Colossians 2:8-12).” Rather than using later trinitarian terminology that was developed by the Roman Catholic Church [the harlot in the book of Revelation] true Christians should be using the scriptures themselves to describe Yahweh God’s manifestation in Christ Jesus.

Why do the scriptures never speak of an Eternal Son who was made manifest in the flesh? The answer to this question is plainly revealed in scripture. The Son had to be conceived, fashioned, and born into this world before the Son could have an existence:
“Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.” Isaiah 9:6
“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman ...” Galatians 4:4
“For to which of the angels did He ever say: You are My Son, today I have begotten You? And again: I WILL BE to Him a Father, and HE SHALL BE to Me a Son.” Hebrews 1:5

Here we can see that the scriptures prove that the Son of God was made of a woman. Hebrews 1:5 proves that the Father and Son relationship was not in eternity past but only in the future: “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son.” Wherefore, the Father and Son relationship did not actually begin until after Jesus had been born.

All passages that speak of the Son in the Hebrew scriptures are prophetic in nature. Jesus is called “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8) even though he did not actually die until he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. In prophetic anticipation “God calls those things which be not as though they were (Romans 4:17).” That is why the Spirit of Yahweh said through Isaiah: “Unto us a child IS BORN” rather than “Unto us a child shall be born." Therefore, scriptural references to the Son of God in the Old Testament refer to the prophetic future rather then an actual existence prior to the incarnation as the “Word made flesh.”

The trinitarian terms “Eternal Son” or “Eternally Begotten Son” are self contradictory. How can a Son be an Eternal God the Son when the word “Son” is defined as “offspring,” “descendant,” and “inheritor?” Since God the Father Himself said, “I will be to Him [Jesus the Son] a Father, and “He shall be to Me a Son,” it is clear that the Son of God was never an Eternal Son. While it is true that the deity of the Divine Spirit of Yahweh that was in Christ Jesus was always the One eternal God but the person called “The Son” was “made of a woman, made under the law (Galatians 4:4).” Wherefore, the child that was born and the Son that was given was both human from his Mother Mary, and divine from the Eternal Spirit of Yahweh God the Father. That is why Jesus could say, “He that has seen Me has seen the Father (John chapter 14).”
Trinitarians call Jesus a second divine person but the Bible calls Jesus “the first and the last,” “the alpha and the omega,” and “the beginning and the end (Revelation 1:8-13).” If Jesus is the “first” then how can He be called “the second?” The Bible says that “IN HIM [In Christ] DWELLS ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE DEITY (Colossians 2:9).” The scriptures always inform us that “God” is the One that “was in Christ,” “manifest in flesh,” and God’s “Word” “made flesh” because there is only ONE GOD, THE FATHER who “was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world” to Himself (2 Corinthians 5:19).”

The Bible clearly states that the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary the mother of Jesus to conceive the Christ child. If the trinity doctrine is correct then one would think that it would say that a second divine person called “God the Son” would have overshadowed Mary to incarnate Himself in Christ. Yet the scripture clearly states that the Holy Spirit entered into Mary. How could the trinity doctrine be correct when the wrong divine person came into Mary? According to Trinitarian Theology, the second divine person incarnated Himself into the womb of Mary, not the third divine person! If an eternal Son was incarnated in Christ Jesus then why are there no scriptures to clearly point this out for us? And if the doctrine of a trinity of three divine people is true then why must we depend on the Roman Catholic Church that developed this doctrine centuries after the original apostles? And why would God allow the Roman Catholic Church the inspiration to spell out an alleged true doctrine if she is the woman who sits on the ancient seven hilled city of Rome who has been guilty of shedding the blood of millions of saints and martyrs of Jesus?

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. . . And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. . ." Revelation 17:6-9

Since the Vatican sits on the ancient seven hilled city of Rome she must be the harlot woman spoken of in the book of Revelation. If this is not the true interpretation then what else is? What other institution has been guilty of spiritual fornication with the Kings of the earth and with their idolatrous practices? Who else but the Roman Catholic Church has been guilty of the blood of the martyrs of Jesus? Why should Christians depend upon the Roman Catholic formulation of the trinity doctrine when she murdered millions of “saints” and “martyrs of Jesus (Revelation 17:6)?” In the year 385 AD the Roman Catholic Church began using the power of secular government to execute Christians who rejected trinitarian baptism. From 385 AD through the Middle Ages millions of Christians were tortured and put to death for alleged heresies and for their Anabaptism [Rebaptism] by single immersion into the Name of Jesus Christ.
If Trinitarianism was true then why is there NOT A SINGLE VERSE OF SCRIPTURE from Genesis to Revelation to prove that an alleged Second Divine Spirit Person called “God the Son” was incarnated in the man Christ Jesus? The scriptures clearly state that God the Father used His own Holy Spirit to manifest Himself in Christ. John 1:14 states that the Word of God [The Father] was made flesh! Can God’s Word be a separate divine person from Himself? Nothing is mentioned about a second coequal and coeternal divine person called “God the Son” who was made flesh!

If the doctrine of a trinity was really true then why is it necessary for trinitarians to use so much unscriptural language to explain this teaching? The Bible NEVER calls the Holy Spirit a third divine person of a three person trinity. The scriptures clearly state that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God the Father. Ephesians 4:4 clearly states that there is only “One Spirit” of God. Jesus repeatedly informed us that “The Father” was in Him (John 14:14:10). The apostle Paul wrote that “In Him [Christ] dwells all the fullness of the deity” of God the Father (Colossians 2:9).

The scriptures plainly teach that the Son is fully God because the Holy Spirit of God the Father dwelt in Him. It was God the Father’s Spirit who manifested Himself in the flesh. Therefore the man Christ Jesus is fully man through the egg of His mother Mary and fully God from the supernatural seed produced by the Holy Spirit.

Oneness adherents believe that the Holy Spirit is the selfsame Divine Spirit of God the Father because the Bible plainly tells us that there is only “ONE LORD AND ONE SPIRIT” and “ONE GOD AND FATHER ABOVE ALL THROUGH ALL AND IN YOU ALL” (Ephesians 4:4-6). If we say that God is truly ONE SPIRIT, then God cannot be divided up into TWO or THREE DIVINE PERSONS with separate and distinct minds and wills. Since man was made after the spiritual image of God and man only has one spirit, so also does God have only One Spirit.

The Bible clearly teaches Oneness Theology, not Trinitarianism [three divine spirit persons], or Arianism (Arianism teaches that Jesus is not God at all). The annals of Church History further prove that the majority of the earliest Christians living within the first two centuries of the Church believed in Oneness Theology and baptism by single immersion into the Name of Jesus Christ. Both the scriptures and the writings of the earliest Bishops who immediately succeeded the original apostles prove that Oneness Theology is the only scripturally accurate position we can hold if we are to believe in the same One True God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the Apostles and Prophets.

The true Bride of Jesus Christ will KNOW WHO HER HUSBAND REALLY IS and she will know His Name and His true identity! Jesus clearly stated, “I know My sheep, and am known by My own (John 10:14). Therefore the true bride of Christ must know Christ’s true identity. The bride of Christ legally belongs to Christ because she has received His holy Name. “Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your Name, cast out demons in Your Name, and done many wonders in Your Name? And then I will declare to them, I NEVER KNEW YOU; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!” Jesus does not legally know those “thieves and robbers” who try to enter into the Kingdom illegally. All those who do not really Know Him refuse to receive His Holy Name in water baptism. “I know My sheep, and am known by My own (John 10:14). The true bride of Christ will know who her husband really is and she will not be ashamed to receive her husbands Name in baptism.
WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
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"Whoever 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 will perish everlastingly. and THE CATHOLIC FAITH IS THIS: THAT WE WORSHIP ONE GOD IN TRINITY, AND TRINITY IN UNITY. Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Spirit. . . And in this Trinity none is afore, or after another; none is greater or less than the other. But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together, and coequal. So that in all things, as is afore said, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved: must thus think of the Trinity. .

Since the apostles themselves never used the above trinitarian language then they are also cursed by the Roman Catholic Church. The Christians of the first two centuries of Christian history never knew or described such a doctrine. If the apostles of the first century church never knew anything about a trinity of three divine persons then how can the Catholic Church and her Protestant daughters curse everyone who does not believe in such a doctrine?

Most people who do not call themselves Catholics but believe in the unscriptural doctrine of the Trinity fail to realize that they hold the central teaching of their mother. Even the Catholic Church itself calls them Catholic in the Quicumque Vult of Catholicism. The Quicumque Vult states that “A Trinitarian is a Catholic even though he or she may profess to be a Protestant.”

Therefore, Protestant Denominations such as Methodist, Lutheran, Anglican, Wesleyan, Presbyteryian, and even Baptist and Pentecostal groups who claim to have left the Catholic Church, do not know that they have continued to indulge in the same spiritual fornication as their Mother. Most professing Christians have been duped into believing the false bride [the harlot] by refusing to reject the false doctrine of the Trinity along with Trinitarian Baptism into the Titles rather than into the saving name of Jesus Christ.

On October 4th, 1965 100 million Americans watched on TV. as Pope Paul VI greeted the crowd at Yankee Stadium: "We are most happy to greet at the same time, with all reverence and sincerity, Those Christian brothers here present, separated from us, yet united with us by baptism . . . we keep them all in our hearts and in our prayers."

If you have been united to the Catholic Church by your baptism into the alleged three persons of a trinity rather than into the Saving Name of Jesus Christ then you are disqualified from being the true bride of Christ because you have been duped into becoming a daughter of the Roman Catholic Church. The true bride of Jesus will completely come out of the false teachings of the harlot church of Rome.

The book of Revelation calls the False Bride of Christ “The Mother of Harlots.” Mothers always beget daughters. Are you truly a legal daughter of the King of Kings or are you a daughter of the harlot Church of Rome?
If you are united with the Catholic Church in baptism then the Bible calls you a daughter of the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth. The Catholic Church is clearly the harlot spoken of in the book of Revelations. The Bible tells us that the harlot pretends to be the true bride of Christ while sitting on the city of seven hills.

It is no coincidence that the Vatican is located in Rome. Rome was known for centuries as "the city of seven hills." Revelation 17:1-9 identifies the great whore: "I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication . . . And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the great, The Mother of Harlots and abominations of the earth. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus . . . And here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits."

Ancient Roman coins called Rome "The City of Seven Hills." The vatican may not literally sit on one of these seven hills but the fact that the vatican is in the city of Rome itself proves that she is the Mother of Harlots. What other institution has committed spiritual fornication with the Kings of the earth and has been guilty of shedding the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus? The annals of history prove that the Roman Catholic Church murdered well over 50 million people. Therefore she must be the one who pretends to be the lambs wife.

Satan has clearly used the Catholic Church to corrupt Christianity with Pagan ideas stemming from ancient Babylon. The concept of three divine persons being worshipped as one deity came from ancient Babylon, not the Bible. (See The Origin Of The Trinity)

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**TRINITARIAN CONTRADICTIONS AND ONENESS THEOLOGY IN EARLY CHURCH HISTORY**

If the Athanasian Catholic Creed is true, why did not the apostles of the first century graphically spell it out for us? Why must we depend upon the Roman Catholic Church of the fifth century AD to spell it out for us rather than the first century apostles of Christ? And if the speculations of the Athanasian Creed were true, why did the early Trinitarian founding Fathers of the second and third centuries all teach that the alleged Trinity of three persons were not coequal and coeternal? There is not even one Christian writer in the first three centuries of the church on record that there existed a belief in the coequality and co-eternality of the alleged three persons of a Trinity.

One of the earliest Trinitarian Apologists on record was Justin Martyr. In the middle of the second century (about 140-150 A.D.) Justin wrote:

"Jesus Christ . . . we reasonably worship Him, having learned He is the Son of the true God Himself, and holding Him in the second place, and the prophetic Spirit in the third . . . " (Quote from Justin's First Apology)

Justin further writes: "There is a second God after the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Here we have a sharp contradiction between the teachings of early Trinitarian Theology and the Trinitarian Theology of the fifth century. To Justin, Jesus is a second God who is in second place, (a subordinate less powerful position after the Father) and the Holy Spirit is in third place (a subordinate less powerful position after the Son). The earliest Trinitarian writers all agree with Justin. They taught that Jesus Christ was a second divine person who was inferior to the Father and not coequal with Him. In the late second century Tertullian writes: "The Father and the Son differ from one another in measure."

Origen was a Trinitarian teacher of the third century. Origen taught that Jesus Christ was "a second God of another substance or essence from the Father." Origen further writes that Jesus is "the most ancient of all creatures." Origen clearly taught that Jesus was a second God who was created. Not coequal and coeternal as the latter Trinitarian teaching of the fifth century and subsequent centuries have taught.

With so many glaring contradictions between the fifth century Athansian Creed and the teachings of all early
teachings of every single Christian writer of the first three centuries of the church? Even more astonishing is the fact that all of the earliest post apostolic Christian writers on record who had lived contemporaneously with the apostles, not only did not teach that God was a Trinity of three divine persons but they actually taught a theology which agrees with modern day Oneness Pentecostal Theology.

Clement the Bishop of Rome (90-100 A.D.) - who was mentioned by Paul in Philippians 4:3 - taught in 2 Clement 14:1-5 that Christ is the Holy Spirit. "If we say that... the Spirit is Christ, then he who does violence to the Church does violence to Christ. Such a man will not share in the Spirit, which is the Christ. This flesh is able to receive so great a life and immortality because the Holy Spirit is closely joined to it..."

*Notice how Clement calls the Spirit "Christ" and then identifies this Spirit as the "Holy Spirit." Clement’s teaching is in harmony with the teaching of Christ. Jesus clearly stated that He is the Spirit of Truth that was with the disciples but shall be in the disciples at Pentecost. Jesus plainly says, “... even the Spirit of truth... shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.” John 14:18

Hermas, a prophet in Rome (about 100 A.D.) - who was mentioned by the apostle Paul in Romans 16:14 - also taught that the Spirit of the Son and the Holy Spirit are one and the same: "The angel of repentance, he came to me and said to me, I want to show you what the Holy Spirit, which spoke with you in the form of the Church, showed you; for that Spirit is the Son of God." Jack N. Sparks, (a Trinitarian) records in his preface to The Shepherd of Hermas: "You wouldn't call Hermas a precise theologian. His terminology in speaking of the Son and the Holy Spirit is so confusing that he seems to identify the two as the same Person."

Moreover, Herma’s Theology which was received and recognized by the late first century and early second century Roman Bishop’s Clement and Grapte agrees with the Oneness Pentecostal scriptural belief that it is necessary to be water baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to enter into the Kingdom of God: "Why is the tower built on water? As I said to you before, you are a sly one concerning the scriptures and you seek diligently. Well, if you seek, you will find the truth. Hear then why the tower is built on water: because your life has been and will be saved through water." The Shepherd of Hermas/Visions Chapter 11:5

"Did you see that the stones which entered through the portico were placed in the structure of the tower (tower being used symbolically for the church) but the ones that did not so enter were returned to their own place?... No one will enter the Kingdom of God unless he takes his holy name. For if you want to enter a city and that particular city has been walled around and has one entrance, could you possibly enter that city except by the gateway it has? If then, you cannot enter the city except through its gateway, so, a man cannot enter the Kingdom of God other than by the name of the Son... The portico [Doorway] is the Son of God; this is the only entrance to the Lord... Whoever does not receive his name cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." Quote from The Shepherd of Hermas Chapter 89:3-8

"They needed to come up through the water in order to be made alive, for otherwise they could not enter the Kingdom of God unless they set aside the deadness of their former life. So even those who had fallen asleep received the seal of the Son of God and entered into the Kingdom of God. For before he bears the name of the Son of God; the man is dead, and whenever he received the seal he sets aside the deadness and receives life. So the water is the seal. Therefore they go down into the water dead and they come up alive." Quote from The Shepherd of Hermas Chapter 93:2-4

NOTE: Hermas was a first century Christian who personally knew the apostle Paul (Romans 16:14). Since the annals of church history prove the Shepherd of Hermas was received and read publicly in the first century and early second century Roman Christian Church it is clear that the original Roman church believed that all true believers must be baptized in the Name of the Son of God as a necessary SEAL to gain entrance into the Kingdom of God. The teachings of Hermas were received by the majority of Christians who immediately succeeded the first century apostles. Since the majority of the earliest Christians who immediately succeeded the original apostles believed baptism in the name of the Son of God to gain entrance into the Kingdom of God then it is logical to believe that this belief was taught to them from the original apostles themselves. Therefore the original apostles and the earliest Christians who immediately succeeded them did not baptize into an alleged trinity of three divine people but into the singular Name of the Son of God.
Ignatius was appointed the second Bishop of Antioch by the apostle John. Historians agree that Ignatius'
theology was Modalistic Monarchian - the scholarly term used for Oneness Theology. Ignatius wrote to Polycarp:
"... and expect him, who is above all time, eternal, invisible, though for our sakes made visible: impalpable, and
impassable, yet for us subject to sufferings; enduring all manner of ways for our salvation."

Historian Virginia Corwin writes:
"If one term must be chosen to indicate the tendency of his thought, Ignatius must be said to be monarchian."
Note: If Ignatius was Modalistic Monarchian in theology [Oneness Theology], then Polycarp and most of the
eyearly Christians of Asia Minor must have been as well. Ignatius was in close fellowship with the churches of
Asia Minor and wrote letters to these churches and to Polycarp the Bishop of Smyrna. These are the churches
in Asia Minor that the Apostles themselves had founded just a few decades earlier. If Ignatius who was
appointed the Bishop of Antioch by the apostle John himself believed in Oneness Theology and knew no such
doctrine of a Trinity of three divine persons then this is a very strong argument to believe that Ignatius and
the rest of the churches of Asia Minor must have received Oneness Theology from the original apostles who
founded these churches.

The original apostles poured their life blood
into founding and establishing true
Christian Churches with true Christian
Doctrine. It is hard to believe that the
majority of the Churches that the original
apostles had founded all immediately
departed from the faith into apostasy as
soon as the original apostles died. The
annals of Church History prove that the
majority of the earliest Christian believers
faithfully passed on the light of truth to the
next generation of believers; but as each
generation passed, more and more false
teachings were added to the institution that
developed into the Roman Catholic Church.
Therefore we can clearly see how the
historic Catholic Church evolved over the
centuries in their departure from the original
apostolic torch of truth.

Jesus Himself clearly stated that many false teachers would enter
into professing Christianity as wolves in sheep's clothing. Just as
wolves seek to devour prey through craftiness so many
unsuspecting people are duped into believing that false ministers
are true just because they outwardly appear unto men to be the
true messengers of Christ. Many professing Christian
Denominations pretend to be the true flock of Christ but their deeds
and doctrines are not the same as the true flock of Christ that the
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knowing Jesus and His true gospel plan of salvation.
WHY IS IT ESSENTIAL TO BELIEVE IN ONENESS THEOLOGY

Many professing Christians are opposed to anything that brings division among various Christian Denominations and churches. Yet Jesus warned us that "Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; But he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

The Bible plainly teaches that the great majority of those who will profess Christ in the last days will not be saved. Jesus exclaimed, 
"Enter in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:13,14)

No matter what we want to think, the scriptures teach that the vast majority of professing Christian Believers will not enter into eternal life. God's word further warns all professors of Christianity to beware of false teachers who would receive the promise of the Holy Spirit and prophesy in his name while deceiving God's people as "workers of iniquity." Jesus was not joking when he warned us to beware of false teachers. Satan is a master deceiver who has successfully deceived the vast majority of professing Christians. Therefore it is vitally important that we obey Jude verse 3:
"When I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that you should **earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**"

Have you ever thought of how many people are truly contending [fighting] for that faith? The apostle Paul was so grieved over the soon coming entrance of false teaching into the Church that he wept night and day with tears: 
"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, **not sparing the flock** . . . Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years **I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**" (Acts 20:29-31)

*Notice that the entrance of false teaching into Christianity caused the apostle Paul to “warn every one night and day with TEARS! If it does not matter what doctrine you believe then why did Paul cry over false teaching?*

Paul wrote by the inspiration of the Spirit that these false teachers would be as grievous wolves, "not sparing the flock" of Christ. In other words, the entrance of false teaching would cause the deceived in the flock of Christ to perish much like wolves devour unsuspecting sheep. Paul further predicted the main source of this false teaching: It would come through pagan philosophy which would pervert the teaching that "in Christ dwells all the fullness of the deity."(Coloss. 2:8-12) Scripturally and Historically we can prove that the doctrine of the Trinity is foreign to the Bible (from Pagan Philosophy) and to the faith of the majority of early Christians.

The first person to use the word Trinity wrote that the great majority of believers of his day, the late 2nd century, rejected the concept of three divine persons comprising the deity. It was Tertullian who called the majority of second century Christians "Modalistic Monarchians" The historical evidence proves that Tertullian and many others were used by the great deceiver to infiltrate Christianity with the false doctrine of the trinity. The apostle Paul stated that those who fall prey to the Devil’s devices will not be spared!

Since Satan could not defeat the true Church of Jesus Christ openly he decided to use his demons to infiltrate Christianity by using false teachers to distort the original untainted message of the first century apostles. The original apostles knew by the Spirit that Satan would use false ministers to infiltrate Christianity in order to deceive people and rob them from the true salvation which was delivered by the original apostles of Jesus Christ.

“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy or vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ. For in Him [Christ] dwells all the fullness of the deity in bodily form.”  Colossians 2:8-12

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WHAT IS MODALISTIC MONARCHIANISM?

How can Christians reconcile the Monotheism of the Christian faith with the existence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? The great majority of the 1st and 2nd century Christians believed and taught Modalistic Monarchianism. The word “Modalistic,” from the root word “Mode” means "... a particular form or manifestation of an underlying substance." 1 Timothy 3:16 states that our "God was manifest in the flesh." Hence Modalistic teaching professes the belief that God is only one "hypostasis" (substance or being) who manifests Himself in different modes of existence yet continues to eternally exist as one single Monarch.

The word Monarch is taken from two root words; mono, meaning one; and arch, meaning ruler. Hence a Modalistic Monarchian is one who believes in One God who is a sole ruler or monarch rather than three divine persons of a Trinity. This One Monarch has manifested Himself in different modes of operation while remaining One underlying Spirit or Substance. Thus Jehovah God modally exists as Father (our Heavenly Parent), Son (The eternal Word of God the Father made flesh as our redeemer), and Holy Spirit (The Spirit of God the Father in action and emanation).

Tertullian apparently called them Monarchian because they professed to hold a strict belief in a single Monarchy held by only one Divine Being, King, or Monarch, rather than three divine persons or beings. Tertullian was forced to admit that the majority of believers of the second century A.D. were Monarchian and not Trinitarian believers:

"To be sure, plain people, not to call them ignorant and common - of whom the greater portion of believers is always comprised - inasmuch as the rule of faith withdraws them from the many gods of the [heathen] world to the one and the true God, shrink back from the economy (the trinity) . . . They are constantly throwing out the accusation that we preach two gods and three gods . . . We hold, they say, the monarchy."

Sounds familiar! Do not Oneness Christians of today preach that those who profess a belief in three divine persons of an alleged trinity are preaching two and three gods? Since the Trinitarian writer who invented the word "Trinity" himself admitted that the majority of Christian believers were Monarchian (Oneness) in their theology in the late second century, we can convincingly assert that Trinitarians were in the minority within the first 150 years after the death of the first century apostles of Christ. Although Oneness adherents do not believe that church history ought to be used to prove the Oneness position, it is comforting for us to know that the vast majority of Christian believers who lived within the first 150 years after the death of the original apostles believed in the same like precious faith that we hold so dear today.

Since Oneness Theology is the clear teaching of the first century apostles themselves it makes sense that the majority of the early Christians would not have automatically departed from the first century apostolic faith immediately after the apostles had so vigilantly poured out their life blood into the churches they themselves founded. Paul's continuous warnings about the entrance of false teachers and his repeated commands to preach sound doctrine must have alarmed the majority of the post apostolic bishops who succeeded the first century apostles. Therefore it is reasonable to believe that the majority of the earliest Christians who succeeded the original apostles continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine for the first two centuries of Christian History.

THE MARTYRDOM OF POLYCARP IN THE EARLY SECOND CENTURY

The early Christians who immediately succeeded the original apostles were not like many professing Christians of today who compromise the Word of God to escape persecution or to gain advantage. True Christians must be willing to obey God's Word even if it results in torture and death. True faith in Jesus Christ will empower you to “come out from the world and be separate” and to “touch not the unclean thing.” The pure bride of Jesus Christ will be loyal to His true doctrine by separating from all unclean teachings and remaining loyal to the Pure Word of God just as it was handed down to us from the original apostles!
The annals of Church history proves that the majority of Bishops who immediately succeeded the apostles faithfully continued to preach the true gospel just as ardently as they had received it from the apostles. The surviving writings of the Apostolic Fathers who immediately succeeded the original apostles proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that they were Oneness in Theology and not Trinitarian.

THE MAJORITY OF BELIEVERS IN THE SECOND CENTURY REJECTED EARLY TRINITARIANISM

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Therefore, the majority of the earliest Christians were called "Monarchians" because they held to the belief that God is one indivisible Monarch rather than the belief that God is three divine persons (three Monarchs). Scholars and Historians often call Oneness Christians of today “Modalistic Monarchians” because they also believe that God is one divine Monarch who can function in different manifestations or modes of existence all at the same time while still remaining only One Divine Spirit or Monarch. In contradistinction, Trinitarian adherents profess a belief in three coequal divine spirit persons who reign together as One. Yet if there were really three divine spirit persons then there would be three divine Kings. And if there are three Kings who reign together then God is not really One God but three Gods.

Those who believe that God is three separate and distinct divine people are practicing idolatry in their hearts and minds because they usually use spiritual or mental imagery to think of God as three separate and distinct divine spirit persons. If we think of God as three people rather than One we are in essence practicing spiritual idolatry in our hearts and minds. True worshippers of God the Father must worship HIM in SPIRIT and in Truth. We must never think of three divine spirit persons because Yahweh our God is ONLY ONE SPIRIT BEING - NOT THREE!

The true bride of Christ will know His true identity and will not be deceived into believing that her God is three spirit persons with three heads and three bodies. The annals of history prove that there were many pagan trinities that predated Christianity. The true bride of Christ will not be duped into believing Satan’s lies about Yahweh God (her husband). The True Church will be baptized into her husbands Name. Acts 4:12 states that there is salvation in no other Name but Jesus. Colossians 3:17 commands the true Church to be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, not in the titles Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These titles are not names at all because the Bible calls Satan himself a “Father” and the Bible calls wicked men the “Sons of Belial.” See our book, “True Christian Baptism According To Scripture And History.

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