



Doctrine of God: Trinity

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Challenges to Thinking About the Trinity

False Statements....

Unusual Language...

Unhelpful Illustrations...

Wrong Starting Points...

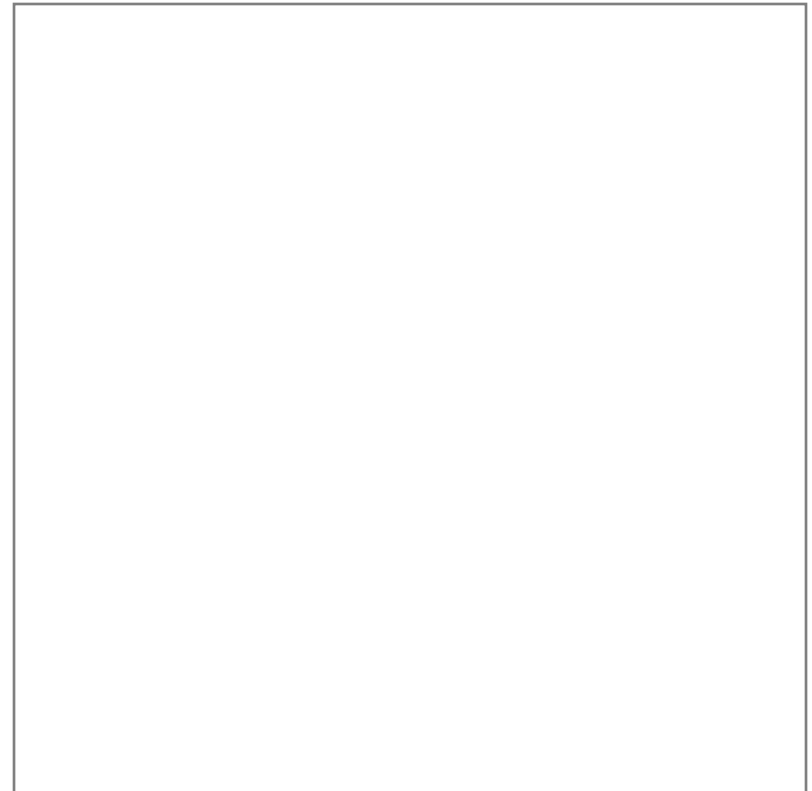
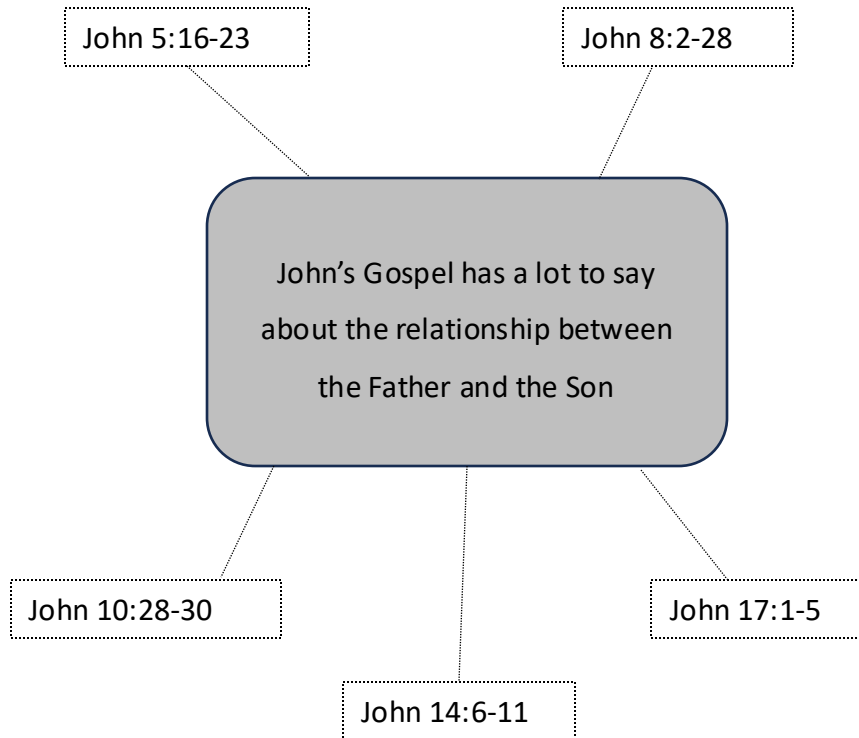
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The Bible's Witness: Father and Son



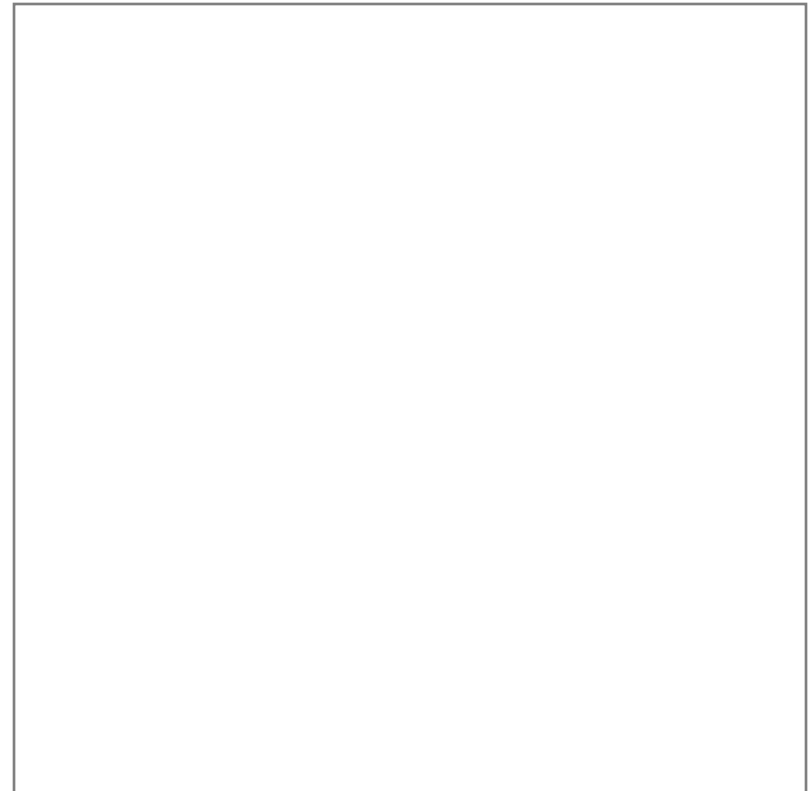
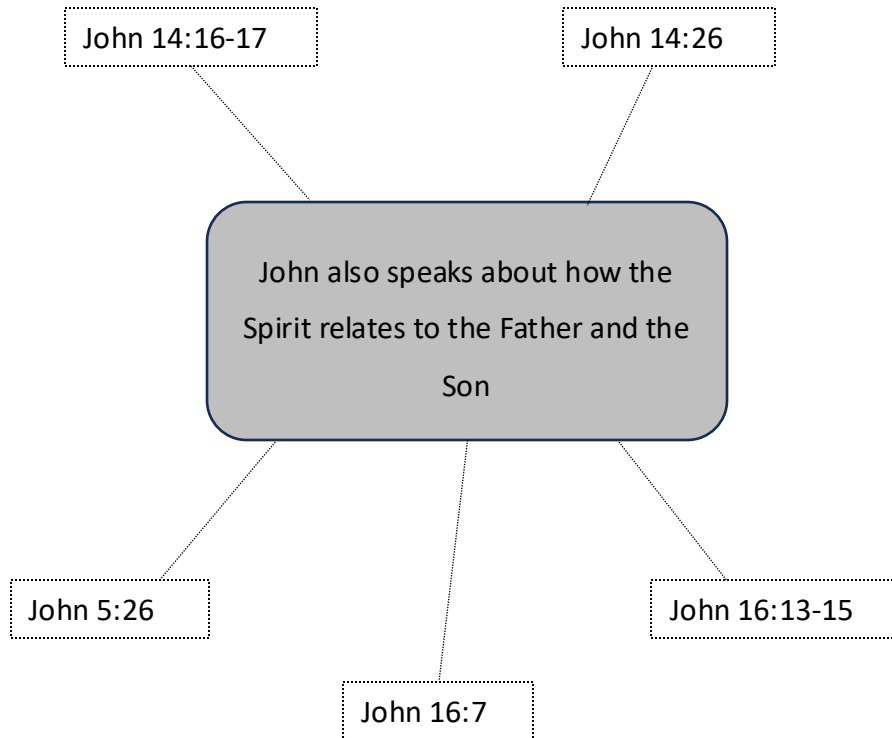
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The Bible's Witness: Spirit



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The Early Church Wrestles

Three Biblical Truths

1. There is one God
2. The Father is God, the Son is God and the Spirit is God
3. Father, Son and Spirit are Distinct



Misstep 1 – Modalism/Sabellianism

Misstep 2 – Arianism

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The Council of Nicaea

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit.

[But those who say: 'There was a time when he was not;' and 'He was not before he was made;' and 'He was made out of nothing,' or 'He is of another substance' or 'essence,' or 'The Son of God is created,' or 'changeable,' or 'alterable'— they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.]

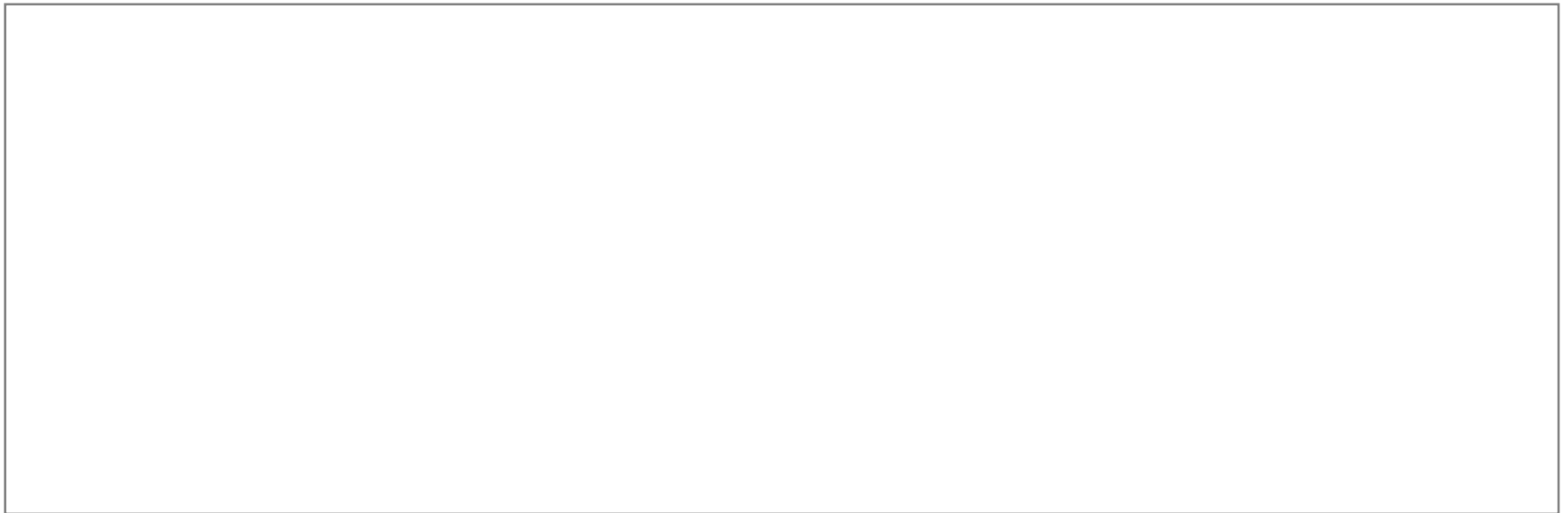
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Why Trinity Matters



John 17:21: I pray... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

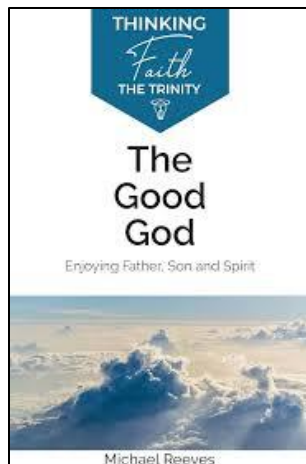
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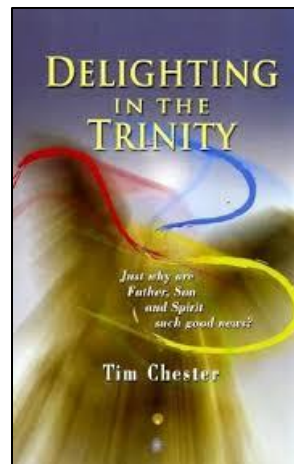


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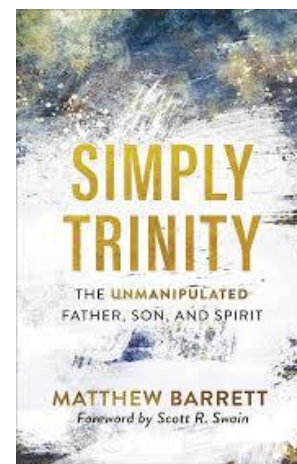
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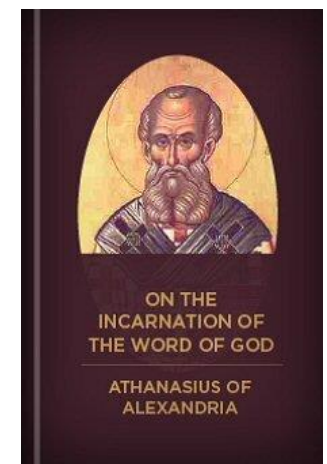
The Good God



Delighting in the Trinity



Simply Trinity



On the Incarnation
(Good intro to a church
Father)

