

Source Sheets:

Session #6

The Doctrine of The Trinity

1. The most significant Christian departure from Jewish notions of the messiah was the affirmation of the divinity of Christ. - The Scepter and the Star, John J. Collins, p. 208
2. Idolatry - The worship or recognition of an entity which is in fact not G-d. – David Berger
3. Idolatry – definition; extreme admiration, love, or reverence for something or someone. – Dictionary
4. Exodus 20:2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
5. Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, 10 especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your G-d in Horeb, when the L-RD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.' 11 "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12 And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. 13 So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that

you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess. 15 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, 16 lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, 17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. 19 And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the L-RD your G-d has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage. 20 But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.

6. Deuteronomy 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.
7. Deuteronomy 17:2 "If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing His covenant, 3 who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4 and it is told you, and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, 5 then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.
8. Exodus 34:12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. 13 But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images 14 for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God,
9. Deuteronomy 6:14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you 15 for the LORD your God is a jealous God among you, lest the anger of the LORD your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.

10.Deuteronomy 8:19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. 20 As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

11.Deuteronomy 11:26 "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:27 the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; 28 and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

12.Deuteronomy 30:17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

13.Deuteronomy 31:16 And the LORD said to Moses: "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. 17 Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?'18 And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.

14.References to the consequences of Idolatry. Judges 2:1-23, 1Kings 11:4-11, 14:9,10, 12:18-40, 2Kings 17:7-23, 21:2-15, Isaiah 2:8-22, 40:17-26, 44:6-23, 46:1-13, Jeremiah 1:16, 3:1-13, 7:17-20, 10:1-16, 11:9-17.

15.Isa 43:10 "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 G-d formed, Nor shall there be after Me. 11 I, even I, am the L-RD, And besides Me there is no savior.

16.Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, "Good Master, what shall I do

that I may inherit eternal life?” 18 And Jesus said unto him, “Why call you me good? There is none good but one, that is, G-d.”

17. Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away. 32 But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the son, but the father.

18. John 14:28 You have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you, if you loved me, you would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the father: for the father is greater than I.

19. John 20:17 Jesus said unto her, “Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended to my father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my father, and your father, and to my G-d, and your G-d.

20. 1 Corin. 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is G-d.

21.1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one G-d, and one mediator between G-d and men, the man Christ Jesus;

22. “the Jewish Messiah, no matter how noble and how spiritual, is nevertheless a human being, a king of flesh and blood of the house of David, and is only an instrument for the great work of the God of Israel, the God of the universe.” The Scepter and the Star, John J. Collins, p. 55 Collins is quoting (in complete agreement) from Joseph Klausner’s “The Messianic Idea In Israel”