Systematic Theology Chapter 14 (B) There is One God – and – Modalism Pages 281 – 285

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1. What does it mean that God is One?

2. Do Christians believe in an impossible maxim that 1 + 1 + 1 = 1? Explain

3. Provide some Bible passages that teach that God is one. Explain what each verse states.

4. Define the following words:

Being

Essence

Nature

Substance

5. What do Christians mean when they say that God is one in being (or essence/nature/substance)?

6. How is the Trinity different from Islam? Islam also affirms that God is one. The Qur'an states, "He, Allah, is one. Al is he at home all depend. He begets not, nor is begotten. And none is like him."

7. How is Allah's oneness different from the oneness of the God of all glory?

8. Many analogies have been made to teach the Trinity. How does the analogy of a cloverleaf fail?

9. How does the analogy of the tree with its three parts: root, trunk, and branches fall short?

10. How does the analogy of H2O, water, and ice break down?

- 11. What is the heresy of modalism?
- 12. What analogy suits Modalism? How?

13. Does Modalism deny the Trinity? What present-day denomination holds to modalism?

14. How can a Christian's prayer fall into the error of Modalism?

15. What happens to the gospel when one holds to Modalism?