

The Book of Romans, Lesson 4, Romans 1:1-4, "The Trinity"

↳ 3500 years ago, an arrogant king of Egypt asked and an 80 year old Jew named Moses, "And who is the LORD?" Exodus 5:2. This is the ultimate question that our world is asking! A thousand years later, another arrogant king asked three young Jewish men. "And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?" Daniel 3:15. Both of these kings quickly found out who He was. The God who was far above anything they could ever imagine. Who is this God? Who is the Lord? We will explore the answer to this question by examining one of the most fundamental yet difficult things that the Bible tells us about HIM, that He is a Trinity.

1. In these four verses, Romans 1:1-4, we have set before us the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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2. Flee from the notion that there are three Gods; it is imperative that we take them as 3 in 1.

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3. The Trinity is no new thing at all or just a New Testament thing.

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We will never be able to get around faith in Him, trust in Him to tell us the truth about Himself, ourselves and our world. In order to know Him, we have to apply ourselves Heart, soul, mind, and strength. God demands our full attention. We cannot really know Him apart from an act of our heart, soul and strength.
