

holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

8. John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 1.13.5 and 1.13.20

Say that in the one essence of God there is a trinity of persons; you will say in one word what Scripture states, and cut short empty talkativeness.

When we profess to believe in one God, under the name of God is understood a single, simple essence, in which we comprehend three persons, or *hypostates*.

9. Heinrich Schmid's *Doctrinal Theology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*

The doctrine of the Trinity, therefore, is that in which a peculiar and incomprehensible application of the term three to the divine persons is taught, but in such a manner that not anything composed of three, but three persons of one essence are postulated. God is triune, therefore, because, in essence one, He has three modes of subsistence.

10. William G. T. Shedd's *Dogmatic Theology*

Theology... asserts that God is one in respect to essence, and is three in respect to personal distinctions.

B. Biblical Teaching Concerning the Doctrine

1. The Old Testament data summarized

Benjamin B. Warfield summarizes the data nicely in his article on the Trinity in *Biblical and Theological Studies*. He writes:

The older writers discovered intimations of the Trinity in such phenomena as the plural form of the Divine name *Elohim*, the occasional employment with reference to God of plural pronouns ("Let us make man in our image," Gen. 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Isa 6:8), or of plural verbs (Gen. 20:13; 35:7), certain repetitions of the name of God which seem to distinguish between God and God (Ps. 45:6, 7; 110:1; Hos. 1:7), threefold liturgical formulas (Num. 6:24, 26; Isa. 6:3), a certain tendency to hypostatize the conception of Wisdom (Prov. 8), and especially the remarkable phenomena connected with the appearances of the Angel of Jehovah (Gen. 16:2-13; 22:11, 16; 31:11, 13; 48:15, 16; Exod. 3:2, 4, 5; Judges 13:20-22)... Passages like Ps. 33:6; Isa. 61:1; 63:9-12; Hag. 2:5, 6, in which