

God and His Word and His Spirit are brought together, co-causes of effects, are adduced. A tendency is pointed out to hypostatize the Word of God on the one hand (e. g., Gen. 1:3; Ps. 33:6; 107:20; 147:15-18; Isa. 55:11); and, especially in Ezek. and the later Prophets, the Spirit of God, on the other (e. g., Gen. 1:2; Isa. 48:16; 63:10 Ezek. 2:2; 8:3; Zech. 7:12). Suggestions -- in Isa. for instance (7:4; 9:6) -- of the Deity of the Messiah are appealed to.

2. The New Testament data summarized

Again, Warfield summarizes this data:

The fundamental proof that God is a Trinity is supplied thus by the fundamental revelation of the Trinity in fact: that is to say, in the incarnation of God the Son and the outpouring of God the Holy Spirit. In a word, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are the fundamental proof of the doctrine of the Trinity. This is as much as to say that all the evidence of whatever kind, and from whatever source derived, that Jesus Christ is God manifested in the flesh, and that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, is just so much evidence for the doctrine of the Trinity; and that when we go to the New Testament for evidence of the Trinity we are to seek it, not merely in the scattered allusions to the Trinity as such, numerous and instructive as they may be, but primarily in the whole mass of evidence which the New Testament provides of the Deity of Christ and the Divine personality of the Holy Spirit.

A most excellent work in this subject area is that of Edward Henry Bickersteth, entitled *The Trinity* (reprint, Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1957). The book is subtitled *Scripture Testimony to the One Eternal Godhead of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*; and it is filled with Scripture and solid exposition. This work was formerly published under the title *The Rock of Ages*; and is well worth having in a theological library.

3. Particular New Testament Scriptures relevant to the subject

a. God sends His Son into the world

John 3:16 -- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Galatians 4:4 -- "But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law."

Hebrews 1:6 -- "And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, 'And let all the angels of God worship him.'"