



"Satisfaction in the Sovereign Source of Our Salvation" (Part 11)

Satisfaction in the Trinity

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1 Peter 1:2 and Selected Scriptures



1 Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 [Chosen] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled

with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

– 1 Peter 1:1-2, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

I. Hope in The Sovereign Source of Our Salvation (1:2)

A. Selected by the Father (1:2a)

B. Sanctified by the Spirit (1:2b)

C. Saved for Service by the Son (1:2c)

D. Parenthesis: Satisfaction in the Trinity

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4. Hairsplitting or Heresy? (Arianism and Modalism and Confusion, Oh My!)

a. The Origins of Modalism (Oneness): Sabellius (early 3d century) in Rome

b. The Key for Modalists:

c. Problem Passages?

(1) Isaiah 9:6

(2) John 14:7-10

(3) John 10:30

(a) The Concept of Two or Three Witnesses (Num. 35:30; Deut. 17:6; Matt. 18:16; John 8:12-18; 5:31-32)

d. John's Prologue: Chapter 1:1-18 (looking at verse 1)

(1) The Word = Logos (λογος)

(2) Word order in English and in Greek

(3) What "was" was? Or "What's up with 'was?'" (v. 1)

(4) The Word was 'face to face' with God (pros | προς)

(5) Two big questions on verse 1c ("And the Word was God"):

(a) Why the word order?

(b) Why doesn't the word "God" have the definite article ('the')?

(6) Look at the different ways it would have been translated:

(a) If, in the Greek text, it was ==>

"And the Word was the God" (two def. articles) = modalism (telling us that the person of the Word was the same person as the Father).

(b) If, in the Greek text, it was ==>

"And the Word was God" (Greek word order) = support the reading "and the Word was a god" (some lesser kind of deity).

(c) BUT IT'S NEITHER OF THOSE! Here is what the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle John to write ==>

"And God was the Word" - that is, "What God was, the Word was also." Or, as we have it in our English Bibles "and the Word was God."

Conclusion