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## ***Bible DNA***

We sometimes hear the complaint, “the word ‘Trinity’ is not in the Bible”. Of course there are many words that are not in the Bible, such as “airplane”, “barbecue”, and “penicillin” but we don’t hesitate to have confidence in the objects those words represent, do we?

Someone might argue, “you’re missing my point. I know barbecue exists because I’ve tasted it and airplanes exist because I’ve ridden in them but I won’t believe the Trinity exists unless you can show me that word in the Bible”.

To that I respond, “no, you’re missing my point”. In fact you have also tasted the Trinity - when your mom loved you while you pooped your diapers and your dad taught you to throw a baseball and your husband asked you to marry him. And you have been lifted up and carried - as on the wings of an airplane - by the love of the Father, Son, and Spirit as they rescued you from death and darkness through the Son’s incarnation (Isa. 40:31, Col. 1:13).

The Trinity is all around us and the idea pervades the scripture. In life we see all around us that relationship, community, connection, and love are the very basis of reality and the most important dimensions of our existence. In scripture we see in both the Old and New Testaments constant references to God, to his Spirit, to his Wisdom, to his Word, and to the Father of Jesus and the Father of humanity. All three persons of the Trinity are spoken of throughout the Bible and the oneness of God is constantly reaffirmed at the same time. And that is the definition of the word “Trinity” - three as one.

Perhaps we can compare the Trinity in scripture to our own DNA. The DNA of living things contains all the necessary information to make a full-sized version of that living thing, whether it is a baby, a puppy, or a turnip. Wouldn’t it be foolish to look at human DNA and say “that doesn’t look anything like a baby, there must be no connection between the two.”

In a similar way, the Bible contains all the information necessary to develop the doctrine of the Trinity. It describes the Father as God, the Son as God, and the Spirit as God. It also says that there is only one God. Out of these four pieces of data the doctrine of the Trinity is developed. It is a doctrine which says “There is one God who is Father, Son, and Spirit.” And that’s very biblical!

More importantly, though, is the life and revelation of the Son himself. The Son has become flesh as the man Jesus and revealed the Trinity to us. When we see it in life or in scripture we are only seeing a confirmation to us from the Holy Spirit that what the Son says is true.

Is the Trinity in the Bible? Yes! The Trinity is everywhere.

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