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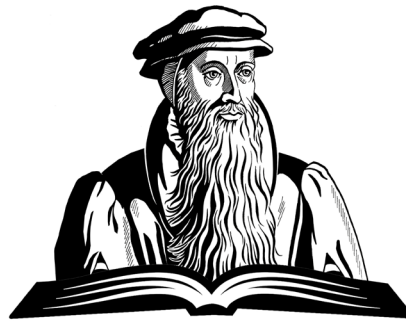
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for Lecture #4

**One Triune God**

*Catechism Questions 5 and 6*



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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #4

### One Triune God

#### Memorization

**Question 5:** *Are there more Gods than one?*

**Answer:** *There is but one only, the living and true God.*

**Question 6:** *How many persons are there in the Godhead?*

**Answer:** *There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.*

#### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. There is only one God.
3. There are three persons in the Godhead.
4. Application.

#### Literal Study

##### Question 5

Briefly define these key terms in regard to God:

1. One only \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Living \_\_\_\_\_

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3. True \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Paraphrase Question and Answer #5, or put it into your own words.  
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Question 6

Define the following terms in relation to God:

5. Persons \_\_\_\_\_

6. Godhead \_\_\_\_\_

7. Equal \_\_\_\_\_

8. Paraphrase Question and Answer #6, or put it into your own words.  
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**Lecture Checkup**

1. Does the word “Trinity” occur in the Bible? What does this word mean?  
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2. What do the words “atheism” and “polytheism” mean?  
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3. How does our love for God relate to the oneness of God?  
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4. How do the terms “persons” and “substance” keep us from speaking of three different Gods?

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5. How does the Bible teach us that God the Father is fully God?

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6. How does the Bible teach us that God the Son is fully God? Explain this by referring to the four categories: name, perfections, work, and honor.

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7. How does the Bible teach us that God the Holy Ghost is fully God? Explain this by referring to the four categories: name, perfections, work, and honor.

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8. How does the Bible teach us that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are distinct as persons, but united as God? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What other clarifications are necessary to understand the doctrine of the Trinity? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What other truths can we draw from the biblical teaching of the Trinity?

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**Further Studies**

1. What are the five arguments which prove that there is a God?

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2. If it is so certain that there is a God, how is it that there are so many atheists who believe there is no God?

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3. What are the personal characteristics of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?

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**Practical Applications**

1. Meditate on the doctrines expressed in *Catechism* Questions 5 and 6. Try to find more Bible passages that support these doctrines.

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2. How should the doctrine of the Trinity affect our attitude toward worship? Do you find this doctrine difficult to understand, or does it lead you to worship our Triune God? Does it help you to trust him, and desire to serve him all of your life?

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**Project Ideas**

Make a list of the heretics in Christian church history who have denied the doctrine of the Trinity in various ways. Record what errors they taught about the Trinity and how it was in error.