

As part of our series about what is stated in the Bible concerning whether God, Jesus and the holy Spirit are a Trinity in the various books of the New Testament, this article examines the book of Galatians.



Galatians 1:1 - **“Through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead” (NAB)**. - God is shown to be the Father. Jesus is not referred to as God. God and Jesus are revealed to be two separate and distinct individuals - the superior, God, resurrects the lesser one, Jesus, from the dead. **“Yahweh . . . God . . . never dies” (Habakkuk 1:12 NJB)**. Jesus **“was dead” (Revelation 1:18)**. Therefore, Jesus cannot be Almighty God.

Is the Trinity doctrine in Galatians?

Galatians 1:3 - **“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (NAB)**. - Two separate and distinct individuals, namely “God our Father” and “Jesus Christ,” are mentioned, but there is no mention of the holy Spirit. Why not? If the holy Spirit is the third part of a Trinity “Godhead,” as Trinitarians assert, it should have been mentioned here in these greetings. But it’s not, because it’s not a person, and so there cannot be a Trinity.

Galatians 1:4 - “...who gave himself for our sins... according to the will of our God and Father.” - Jesus’ willing sacrificial death was according to his Father’s “will.”

Galatians 1:6 - “Turning away from Him (God) who called you by the grace of Christ.” - Two

people, with God, the superior, doing the calling.

Galatians 1:15-16 – “God... set me apart... to reveal His Son in me.” – God reveals his Son Jesus by using Paul.

Galatians 3:16-18 – “To your seed, who is Christ... God granted it to Abraham through the promise.” – God gave Abraham the promise that through his seed (Christ), all nations will be blessed. God is shown to be someone there than “the seed, who is Christ.”

Galatians 3:21-22 – “God’s promises... the promise by faith in Jesus Christ.” – God’s promises are available to people who have faith in Jesus Christ. God is the giver; Jesus is the object. Obviously, Jesus is not equal to God, and is not God.

Galatians 3:26 – “You are all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ.” – Christians become sons of God by faith in Jesus Christ. They are never referred to as sons of Jesus. God has “sons” (Revelation 21:5-7), but no “brothers.” Jesus has “brothers” (Matthew 25:40; Hebrews 2:11), but no “sons.” Thus, there is no equality between God and Jesus, and Jesus is not God

Galatians 4:4 – “God sent his Son.” – The greater sends the lesser. According to this verse, “God” is someone other than his Son.

Galatians 4:6 – **“As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” (NAB).** This statement confirms the chain of command and action, namely, that God sends the holy Spirit through his Son, Jesus. It provides no evidence that the holy Spirit is a person, as Trinitarians like to assert. Some other scriptural evidence indicating the holy Spirit is not a person, by its being sent or given: **“The holy Spirit that God gives to those who obey him” (Acts 5:32 NAB).** Jesus **“received the promise of the holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth” (Acts 2:33 NAB).** **“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5 NAB).**

Since the book of Galatians reveals the holy Spirit is not a person, there can be no 'Trinity of persons' in the so-called "Godhead." Galatians also shows that there is no equality between God the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ, which debunks the Trinitarian claim of equality. Galatians thus removes two of the main "pillars" of the Trinity doctrine.