



The Book of Ephesians provides some clues as to Nontinitarianism.

Most Christians believe in the doctrine of the Trinity. But what is Nontrinitarianism?

*“The trinity of God is defined by the church as the belief that in God are three persons who subsist in one nature”—Dictionary of the Bible, page 800, by John L McKenzie, S. J.*

Something “defined by the church” influences many people in the world. But, more importantly, is “the trinity of God” found in the scriptures?

*“The brief as so defined by the church was reached only in the 4th and 5th centuries AD*

*and hence is not explicitly and formally a biblical belief”—Dictionary of the Bible, page 800, by John L McKenzie, S. J.*

This Roman Catholic theologian and Bible scholar admits “the trinity of God” “is not . . . a biblical belief”. Why would a Christian want to believe something that is not a Biblical belief?

#### WHAT IS NONTRINITARIANISM?

Those who accept the truth that “the trinity of God” “is not . . . a biblical belief” are labeled “Nontinitarians”.

*“**Nontrinitarianism** is a form of Christianity that rejects the orthodox Christian theology of the Trinity—the belief that God is three distinct hypostases or persons who are coeternal, coequal, and indivisibly united in one being, or essence (from the Ancient Greek *ousia*). Certain religious groups that emerged during the Protestant Reformation have historically been known as **antitrinitarian**.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>—Wikipedia*

They are even derogatorily labeled “antitrinitarian”.

#### WHEN DID THE “CHRISTIAN” TRINITY ORIGINATE?

*“According to churches that consider the decisions of ecumenical councils final, trinitarianism was definitively declared to be Christian doctrine at the 4th-century ecumenical councils,<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> that of the First Council of Nicaea (325), which declared the full divinity of the Son,<sup>[4]</sup> and the First Council of Constantinople (381), which declared the divinity of the Holy Spirit.<sup>[5]</sup>—Wikipedia*

What is interesting about this is that history tells us the Trinity doctrine wasn’t even formulated until the year 381, which is about 300 years after the Bible was written, which fact in, and of, itself, makes it highly suspect.

## WHO ARE SOME NONTRINITARIANS?

*“In terms of number of adherents, nontrinitarian denominations comprise a small minority of modern Christians. After the denominations in the Oneness Pentecostal movement, the largest nontrinitarian Christian denominations are the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jehovah’s Witnesses, La Luz del Mundo, and Iglesia ni Cristo. There are a number of other smaller groups, including Christadelphians, Church of the Blessed Hope, Christian Scientists, Dawn Bible Students, Living Church of God, Assemblies of Yahweh, Members Church of God International, Unitarian Christians, Unitarian Universalist Christians, The Way International, the Philadelphia Church of God, The Church of God International, the United Church of God, Church of God General Conference, Restored Church of God, Christian Disciples Church, and Church of God of the Faith of Abraham.<sup>[6]</sup>”*–Wikipedia

Even though they are sometimes derided for being in the minority, there are a number of groups and individuals who reject the Trinity dogma as being unscriptural, even going so far as to consider it a **“a false doctrine”** and a **‘doctrine of demons’ (1 Timothy 4:1 NASB; LSB)**.

What do the scriptures themselves tell us?

## IS NONTRINITARIANISM BIBLICAL?

**“One God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:6)**. The one God is identified as the Father.

**“‘YAHWEH OUR GOD IS ONE YAHWEH’ . . . ‘HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM . . . LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART’” Mark 12:29,30 LSB margin)**. Yahweh is just one Yahweh. Personal pronouns describing him are in the singular, “He” and “him”, not the plural “they” and “them”.

**“For us there is one God, the Father” (1 Corinthians 8:6 LSB).** The “one God” is the Father.

**“Now a mediator is not for one *party only*; but God is *only one*” (Galatians 3:20 New American Standard Bible).** “God is only one”, not 3-in-1.

**“For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5 NAB).** “Christ Jesus” is obviously not included in the “one God”, because he’s ‘the one mediator between God and humans’.

From the above, we can see that Nontrinitarianism is what is taught in the Scriptures.