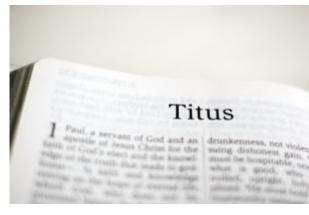
Are God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit part of a Trinity? Is Jesus God? Let's take a look at the Bible book of Titus to find some clues to answer these questions.



What does the Book of Titus say about God, Jesus, and the holy Spirit?

"Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ." (Titus 1:1 NIV) If Jesus is God, why are God and Jesus are referred to separately? It's because they are separate and distinct individuals, and not merged into a mysterious Trinity! Why does Paul not say that he is a servant of the Trinity? Because that idea is not found in the Bible. Why is Paul not a servant of the holy Spirit? Because the holy Spirit is not a person.

"Grace and peace from God the Father and from Christ Jesus our Savior." (Titus 1:4 NIV) "God" is named as "the Father," not the Son, or the holy Spirit, or the Trinity. Jesus is separate and distinct from God. "Grace and peace" are not said to come from the Trinity, because it is fictional, nor are they said to come from the holy Spirit, because it is not a person.

Many translations render Titus 2:13 as though Jesus and Almighty God are the same person, due to Trinitarian bias, like this: **"the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13 ESV).** More accurately, however, the verse is translated:

"the appearing of the glory, of the great God and of our savior, the Anointed One, Jesus" (Titus 2:13 Hart)

"As we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our

Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13 NAB).

God and Jesus are thus spoken of as completely separate and distinct yet again. Notice, this refers to an appearance of both God and Jesus, but what about the Holy Spirit? There's no reference to its appearing since it's not a person. Why is the Trinity not said to appear? Because it doesn't exist. Also, Jesus said that, "The Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father" (Matthew 16:27 ESV). So Jesus' glory comes from his Father, and is not original with him.

"When the kindness and love of God our Saviour for humanity were revealed . . . he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our Saviour" (Titus 3:4-6 NJB). God and Jesus are both referred to as saviors in Titus here, as well as elsewhere in the Bible, but being called Saviour doesn't make Jesus God, anymore than men being called "saviors" makes them God (Obadiah 21 NKJV). God and Jesus are always completely separate and distinct individuals. By saying that 'God poured over us the holy Spirit through Jesus Christ,' it clearly proves that the holy Spirit cannot be a person since a person can't be poured over others. Notice also that the holy Spirit is given by God "through" Jesus. God is the source of the holy Spirit, and he channels it through Jesus. Thus Almighty God is portrayed as superior in every respect to Jesus, and the holy Spirit is clearly not a person.

It is abundantly clear from the short Bible book of Titus that Jesus is not God, rather he is the powerful *Son* of God, and clear, unmistakable proof is shown that the holy Spirit cannot be a person. The Letter to Titus thus shatters the Trinity doctrine.