THE TRINITY: A MODEL FOR PARTNERSHIP IN CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to examine the Holy Trinity in terms of being a model for work and relationships in Christian missions today. The paper will begin with an introduction to the doctrine of the Trinity. From there, it will proceed to examine three aspects of the Trinity: the distinct roles of the Three-in-One, how the persons of the Godhead relate to one another, and examples of the One-in-Three working on behalf of mankind. A section on how to apply these truths in the context of Christian missions will be presented. The paper will end with a final conclusion.

Mission (Christian) A Christian mission has been widely defined, since the Lausanne Congress of 1974, as that which is designed "... In the early Christian era, most missions were by monks. Monasteries followed disciplines and supported missions, libraries and practical research, all of which were perceived as works to reduce human misery and suffering, thus enhancing the reputation of God. For example, Nestorian communities evangelized much of N. Africa before Muhammad. Cistercians evangelized much of Northern Europe, as well as developing most of European agriculture's classic techniques. In the 16th century the proselytization of Asia was linked to the Portuguese colonial policy."