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- B. God is the source of all that exists.
- C. There is a fundamental distinction between God and what he created.
- D. Because only God is eternal, he is simple.
- E. There is only one God (Deut. 6:4). Yet, there are hints at a plurality within the Godhead.

II. The Son (John 1:1-5). What the Old Testament hints at, the New Testament gloriously reveals.

- A. The New Testament reaffirms the oneness of God.
 - I Corinthians 8:6 -- "Yet, for us there is one God."
 - Ephesians 4:6 -- "[There is] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."
- B. Many passages describe the Son of God as the agent of creation:
 - I Corinthians 8:6 -- Yet, for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."
 - Colossians 1:16 -- "By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth... all things were created by him and for him."
 - Hebrews 1:2 -- "Through him [the Son] God created the world."
- C. The Son took on humanity, humiliating himself for the sake of our redemption (Philippians 4)

III. The Confusion We confess faith in one God eternally existing as three persons every time we have a baptism. Yet, Christians have sometimes lost their way on this doctrine.

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- B. Arianism -- One God, the Son as a lesser person.
- C. Tritheism -- Three persons.
- D. Where do we look for help?

IV. The Consequences "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever...." "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev. 1:6, 8)

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