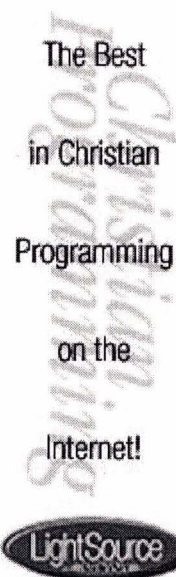


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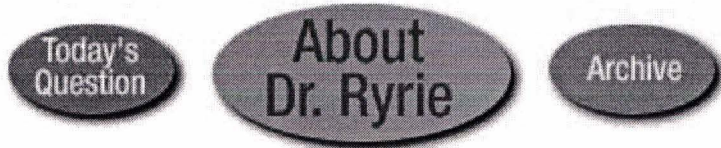


Monday, January 12, 1998

Subject: Does the Bible support the idea of the Trinity?

Dear Dr. Ryrie:In your July 17 answer, you mentioned that the Jehovah's Witnesses have problems with the idea of the holy Trinity. I have trouble with the common uses of the references to the holy Trinity and cannot find the word defined in the Bible as it is commonly used. I'd like the references. --Bill P.

Dear Bill:It is true that nowhere in the Bible is the word Trinity used. However, the teaching of the Trinity is based on the fact that the Bible teaches there is one God (Eph. 4:6), and also that there is a Person, Jesus Christ, who claimed to be God (John 10:30 and 33), and that the Holy Spirit is God because, according to Jesus, He is "another Helper" (John 14:16). That Greek word "another" means another of the same kind; i.e., God. Notice also Matthew 18:19, which says we baptize in the name (singular--one God) of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (three distinct persons in the one Godhead).



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