

Week 5

Interpretation Exercise

1. Find scriptures that underlie the **doctrine of the Trinity**—that is, that God is three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), that each is fully God, and that there is only one God. Is the Trinity an **'important' doctrine**—does it have a major impact on how we live the Christian life, and do other doctrines depend on its being true? (See the discussion in Grudem's book at 231-239, and 247-248).
2. Name five **Old Testament 'types'**-- events or features of the Jewish religion which Jesus himself viewed as having a parallel and a deeper realisation in himself or in his kingdom. (See Morphew's discussion at 33-36.)
3. Hebrews regularly refers to Old Testament events or items as being **types and shadows** of things to come in Christ's kingdom. Name as many as you can find (See Morphew's discussion at 46.)
4. The quotation on the reverse is an example of the the **'midrash' school of rabbinical interpretation**. How would 'literal grammatical' Christian theological interpretation differ? Are there any similarities?

INTERPRETATION PROCESS

3. THEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Biblical and smaller units

- Meaning in unit
- Progressive revelation
- Old in light of the New
- Typology

Authorities

- Jesus
- Interpretation schools
- Revelation