

## **Is the Trinity Practical?**

The doctrine of the Trinity is hard for many people to understand. Can such a doctrine be relevant to Christian living? Question 6 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism defines the Trinity in this way: “There are three person in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.” Believers who have come to understand a biblical truth such as the doctrine of the Trinity are like workers who have prepared their tools for a job. But workers are meant to use their tools – not just admire them. Believers must learn how to apply their tools – the truth they learn – to their everyday lives. Biblical truth divorced from practical godliness is only half-truth , and the doctrine of the Trinity is no exception. As the saying goes, we must use it or lose it.

This booklet aims to show why we must think of the gospel and our Christian experience in terms of the work of all three divine persons. Paul’s statement in Ephesians 2:18 highlights this principle well. This passage teaches us that communion with all three divine persons is essential for devotion to the Lord and growth in grace. It will help us answer these questions: Does the Trinity matter? What does Trinitarian devotion look like? How can we apply the Trinity practically?