**BIBLE QUESTIONS:  SESSION 20**

**Questions:**Define the Trinity and who makes up the Trinity.  Is it biblical?  Why do Muslims reject this teaching?

**1.**      Define the Trinity.

a.       Trinity means three.  The Trinity is the  label the church has given to the reality of the one true God as subsisting in the three persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

b.      The Trinity is the Triune (three in one) God.  The bible clearly teaches that God is at the same time three persons in one divine essence/God.

**2.**      Who makes up the Trinity?

a.       God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, not three gods but one God.

i.      Athanasian Creed

b.      Immanently the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are equal in authority, power, and attributes, the only difference is that the Father is unbegotten; Son is (eternally) begotten (John 3:16); Holy Spirit (eternally) proceeds (John 15:26).

c.       The Son became flesh in the womb of Mary, the mother of God, and was given the name Jesus of Nazareth.  He became fully man while remaining fully God.

 i.      Acts 20 – God purchased the church “with his own blood”.  This means Jesus blood is God’s blood, and Jesus is God.

**3.**      Is the teaching of the Trinity biblical?

a.       Yes.  Matthew 28:19 – one Name;  Genesis 1; 11  “Let us”;

b.      Jesus is God – John 1, 14 – The Word was God, and became flesh; John 20 - “My Lord, and My God”,

c.       Holy Spirit is a person –

                 i.      John 14:26, 16:13 – “He will guide you in all truth” (He = person)

                 ii.      Acts 5:3-4 – Lying to the Holy Spirit = Lying to God

**4.**      Why do Muslims reject this teaching?

a.       Because their holy book the Koran doesn’t teach the Trinity, and on the contrary teaches that it is blasphemy to say that God has a Son.

                       i.      Koran (17:111)  *And say, "Praise to Allah ,****who has not taken a son****and has had no partner in [His] dominion and has no [need of a] protector out of weakness; and glorify Him with [great] glorification."*