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**Christian Beliefs RELT 202**

**Discussion Questions Due 04/18/19**

**Thorsen Chapter 6 and Rice Chapter 3**

1. T: Page 75: God is known to be and is part of a trinity consisting of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. While each have their own role in the Bible and our faith, why doesn’t God present himself as one being and adopt all the attributes? Is the symbolism important to Scripture? Had he presented Himself as just one being, how would the Bible have changed?
2. T: Page 77: Thorsen writes that the worshipping of Jesus back when he was on Earth was considered heresy by some theological groups. However, we know now that they were wrong not to recognize His divinity. Is there anything in the church that we label as heresy/wrong that could change as time passes?
3. T: Page 80: God is in three parts, the trinity. If each of the heads of the trinity are separate entities (while still being the same entity), what prevents us from worshipping all three separately? I’d assume it’s based on the Scripture that states that there is only one God to worship, but I’m curious if more is written on the subject.
4. T: Page 83: Thorsen talks briefly about the Reformation periods in the 1400s. We’ve seen a few more Reformations since then, but none as significant as the Protestant Reformation. In the last 100 years, have we experienced any sort of a Reformation/revolution that changed our belief system and ways of worshipping drastically?