Joshua

WSC #6: How many persons are there in the godhead?

A. There are three persons 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.

- Background
 - Authorship and context
 - Date of composition: unknown with widely varied estimates
 - Author: Unknown, ranging from mostly written by Joshua, to a post-exile author
 - Genre: Historical narrative
- Summary of the narrative
 - Entering the land
 - Ch. 1 Commissioning Joshua
 - Ch. 2 Rahab in Jericho
 - Ch. 3-4 Crossing the Jordan
 - Ch. 5 Covenant signs
 - Conquering the land
 - Ch. 6. Jericho conquered
 - Ch. 7 Achan conquered
 - Ch. 8 Ai conquered
 - Ch. 9 The deception of the Gibeonites
 - Ch. 10 Southern conquest
 - Ch. 11 Northern conquest
 - Ch. 12 Reflection on the conquests
 - Allocating the land
 - Ch. 13 East of the Jordan
 - Ch. 14-19 West of the Jordan
 - Ch. 20 Cities of refuge
 - Ch. 21 Levite cities
 - Retaining the land
 - Ch. 22 The altar of witness
 - Ch. 23 God's faithfulness and the Israelites obedience
 - Ch. 24 Covenant renewal
- Christ in Joshua (and other NT foreshadowing)
 - o Joshua
 - The crossing of the Jordan
 - The Commander of the Lord's army

- Cities of refuge
- Levite sojourners

• Lessons for Israel

- Remember the river (stones to remember crossing, bc these things will not always happen)
- o Great is Thy Faithfulness (the bones of Joseph, the Land, the conquering)
- o God's hatred of sin (the destruction of the Canaanites, is it moral?)
- The riches of God's mercy (the long lists of the land)

Lessons for us

- Rahab takes refuge (not enough to believe in the truth of God, you must take refuge in him)
- The Great I Am (the commander of the army is not on anyone's side but his own)
- Not safe, but good (if you're harmless, you're not virtuous; God is a paradox of traits)