

1 JOHN 5:7 AND THE JOHANNINE COMMA

Can one disputed verse carry the Trinity?

THE TRINITY

rests on the whole canon

MATTHEW 28:19

JOHN 1:1-18

ACTS 5:3-4

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

1 JOHN 5:7

one disputed wording

The doctrine is stronger than a one-verse foundation.

NO SLOGANS NEEDED

The evidence is mixed—and lopsided.

LATIN HISTORY

Real and early

The longer Trinitarian wording has meaningful early Latin evidence and a genuine history in the Western church. “Erasmus invented it” is too crude.

GREEK MANUSCRIPTS

Sparse and late

The known Greek biblical-manuscript support is small, late, and often added in margins. The earliest known Greek biblical witness with a form is GA 629, dated 1362-63.

A defender may argue that earlier Greek evidence was lost. That is possible in the abstract; it is not the same as surviving positive evidence.

The Trinity does not hang here.

Matthew 28:19
Acts 5:3-4

John 1:1-18
2 Corinthians 13:14

BOTTOM LINE

Do not decide a reading merely because it states doctrine more explicitly. Establish the text by evidence, and establish the Trinity from the whole canon.

NEXT QUESTION

8 of 12 · Did two old Bibles write your modern Bible?



Defend the Trinity with all the Bible gives us.

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