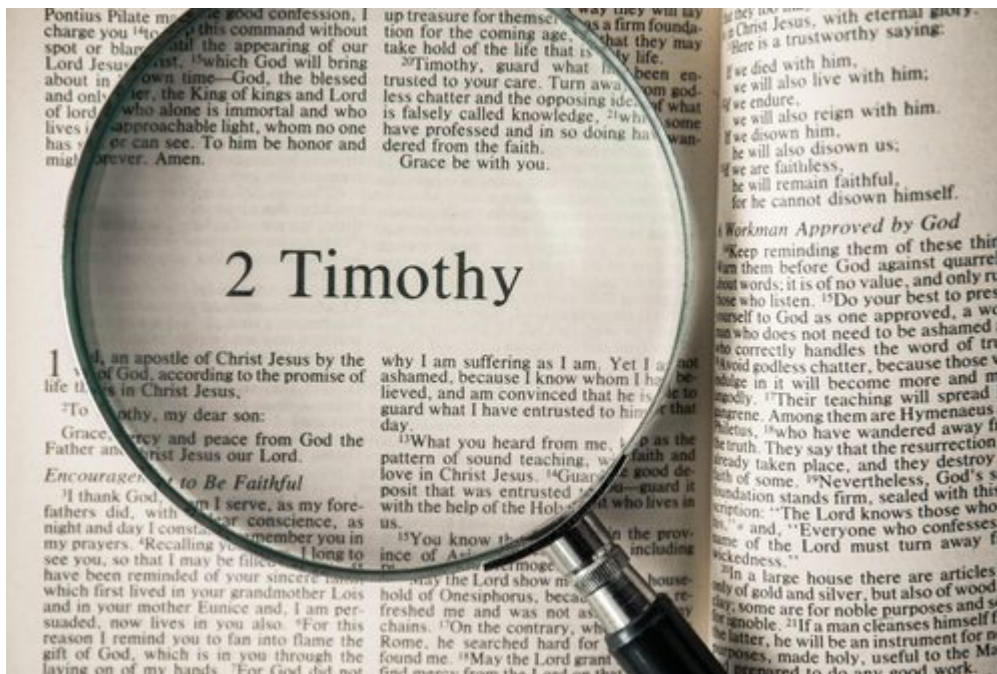




In Paul's final canonical letter, and now facing certain execution at the hands of the Romans, we would expect Paul to at least make some mention of the doctrine of Trinity, if it is true, since it is purportedly the *"primary doctrine of Christianity"*.

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:1 NIV). "Christ Jesus" and "God" are introduced here in the opening line of Paul's letter to Timothy. There is no mention in this opening greeting of the holy Spirit, or a Trinity. Why not, if the holy Spirit is a person, and the Trinity is true doctrine. God, not Jesus, obviously is the one who is supreme, since Paul is "an apostle of Christ Jesus *by the will of God*". There is no mention, nor is there any evidence of, any personhood of holy Spirit, or of any *"equality"* between God and Jesus, or the existence of a Trinity "Godhead".

"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord" (2 Timothy 1:2 NIV). In this verse, "God" is identified as "the Father", someone other than "Christ Jesus our Lord". We do not find any reference to, or greetings from, a Trinity, nor of the holy spirit, but we do have "God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord" named as separate

and distinct individuals. The holy Spirit is real, but if the holy spirit was a person, or the Trinity was real, we would expect that there would be greetings from them, but there are not any. These facts provide, not only no evidence of the Trinity doctrine, but rather, powerful evidence against the dogma

“Guard this rich trust with the help of the holy Spirit that dwells within us” (2 Timothy 1:14 NAB). “The holy Spirit” is referenced by the definite article “the.” The holy Spirit is real. It is God’s power (Luke 1:15-17; Acts 1:8) and no name is ever given to “the holy Spirit”, both of which are evidences that the holy Spirit is not a person.

“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead” (2 Timothy 2:8 NIV). Since “God . . . will never die” (Habakkuk 1:12 NIV), but Jesus “was dead” (Revelation 1:18), Jesus cannot be Almighty God. “God has resurrected this Jesus” (Acts 2:32 HCSB), which is strong evidence that God the Father is superior to Jesus, and, thus, there is no equality (John 14:28; 1 Corinthians 11:3)..

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead” (2 Timothy 4:1 NIV). “God” is clearly presented as someone other than “Christ Jesus”, making a clear distinction between Almighty God and Jesus Christ. The mention of ‘Christ Jesus judging’ reminds us that Jesus had earlier said, “the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son” (John 5:22 NIV), whom he “appointed” to “judge” (Acts 17:31 NIV). This all combines to give us powerful evidence of God the Father’s superiority over the Son, Jesus Christ (John 14:28; 1 Corinthians 11:3). Also notable is the absence of any reference to the holy Spirit, or the Trinity, here at 2 Timothy 4:1, regarding the matter of judging. The holy Spirit is absent because it’s not a person. The Trinity is never mentioned, in 2 Timothy, or anywhere else, in the Bible, because it doesn’t exist. The Letter of 2 Timothy gives us very good evidence that the Trinity doctrine is not only false, but is one of the **“myths”** that many Christians unfortunately were foretold would **“turn aside to”** (2 Timothy 4:4 NAB; NIV; NJB).