

# 1 John 5:7 is one falsification

This verse, 1 John 5:7 we are going to examine, is the biggest forgery ever. Bible translators of past centuries were so zealous to find support for their belief in the triune God formula in the New Testament that they added it. Here is the passage:

King James 2000 Bible 1 John 5:7:

- „For there are three that bear witness in heaven, the **Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one.**“

Let's now bring forth evidence from the experts. Let's see what their views are on 1 John 5:7 i.e. is it a genuine verse or is it a forgery?

Bruce Metzger says:

- “Among the criticism levelled at Erasmus one of the most serious appeared to be the charge of Stunica, one of the editors of Ximenes Complutensian Polyglot, that his Text lacked part of the Final chapter of 1: John, namely the Trinitarian statement concerning Father, the word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth' (1 John v.7-8 King James Version). **Erasmus replied that he had NOT found any Greek manuscripts containing these words...** Erasmus promised that he would insert the Comma Johanneum, as it is called in future editions if a single Greek manuscripts could be found that contained the passage... **As it now appears, the Greek manuscripts had probably been written in Oxford about 1520 by a Franciscan friar named Froy (or Roy), who took the disputed words from the Latin Vulgate....** Among the thousands of Greek manuscripts of the New Testament examined since time of Erasmus only three others are known to contain this spurious passage They are Greg. 88, a twelfth-century manuscript which has the comma written in the margin in a seventeenth-century hand; Tisch. W 110, which is a sixteenth-century manuscript copy of the Complutensian Polyglot Greek Text... **The Comma probably originated as a piece of allegorical exegesis of the three witnesses and may have been written as a marginal gloss in a Latin Manuscripts of 1 John, whence it was taken into the text of the Old Latin Bible during the fifth century. The passage does NOT appear in Manuscripts of the Latin Vulgate before about A.D. 800.”**

Ezra Abbott:

- “...I will here simply remind the reader that **Erasmus introduced the passage into his third edition of the Greek Testament in 1522** and Luther died in 1546.... Luther after quoting the passage of three heavenly witnesses, remarks:- ‘These words are not found in the Greek Bibles; but it seems as if this verse had been inserted by the Orthodox against the Arians.... **We may observe finally that the other early reformers and friends of Luther generally rejected the passage;** so Zwingli, Bullinger, Ecolampadius, Bugenhagen (Rickli, ubi supra, pp. 35, 36). So, also, according to Kettner (Histria dicti Johannei... 1 John v. 7 etc., 1713, cap. 13), Melanchthon, Crucigner), Justus Jonas, Forester, Aurogallus. (see Semler, Hist. U krit. Sammulugun uber 1 John v. 7, 1. 248.) Bugenhagen, as we have seen, was especially strenuous against it; see his Exposito Jona, 1550, cited by Rickli, p. 39. It was also omitted in the Celebrated Lati version of the Bible by Leo Judae, Pellicanus, Peter Cholin, Rudolph Gualther, and others printed at Zürich in 1543. Fol., and commonly called the Zurich Bible or version Tigurina. A Marginal note explains the reason for its rejection.... To trace the history of this gross corruption of the Text in modern Translations, Catechisms and confessions of Faith, especially in the Greek church since the sixteenth century, and in modern editions of some ancient versions, as Peshito Syriac, Armenian and Slavonic, might be interesting and instructive, psychologically as well as critically; **but there is no room for it here.”**

Brooke F. Westcott gave a long essay on 1 John 5:7 he then made the following Summary on 1 John 5:7:

- **“...THE WORDS ARE NOT FOUND:**

- (1) In any independent Greek MS (more than 180 MSS and 50 Lectionaries are quoted). Both the late MS which contain it have unquestionably been modified by the Latin Vulgate.
- (2) In any independent Greek writer. The very few Greek writers who make use of the words derived their knowledge of them from the Latin (not in Ir Cl.Al Orig Did Athan Bas Greg. Naz Cyr.Al).
- (3) In any Latin Father earlier than Victor Vitensis or Vigilius Tapsensis (not in Tert Cypr Hil Ambr Hier Aug Leo).
- (4) Not in any ancient version except the Latin; and it was not found in the Old Latin in its early form (Tert Cypr Aug), or (b) in the Vulgate as issued by Jerome (Codd. Am fuld or (c) as revised by Alcuin (Cod. Vallicell).”

Pulpit Commentary:

- “Verse 7. – For those who bear witness are three, and thus constitute full legal testimony (Deuteronomy 17:6; Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16; 2 Corinthians 13:1). It will be assumed here, without discussion, that the remainder of this verse and the first clause of verse 8 are spurious. **Words which are not contained in a single Greek uncial manuscript, nor in a single Greek cursive earlier than the fourteenth century (the two which contain the passage being evidently translated from the Vulgate), nor are quoted by a single Greek Father during the whole of the Trinitarian controversy, nor are found in any authority until late in the fifth century, cannot be genuine.**”

Edward Gibbon:

- “The Memorable text which asserts the unity of the THREE who bear witness in heaven is condemned by the universal silence of the Orthodox fathers, ancient versions and authentic manuscripts. It was first alleged by the Catholic bishops whom Huneric summoned to the conference of Carthage. An allegorical interpretation in the form, perhaps, **of a marginal note invaded the text of the Latin Bibles which were renewed and corrected in the dark period of ten centuries. After the invention of printing, the editors of the Greek Testament yielded to their own prejudices, or those of the times; and the pious fraud, which was embraced with equal zeal at Rome and at Geneva, has been indefinitely multiplied in every country and every language of modern Europe.**”

It is quite clear from all the above scholarly statements that 1 John 5:7 is a forgery, and it originally was not part of Bible but was added. Let us now quote references and see where did the Trinity come from? Is the Trinity in the Bible? Did the Triune – God formula come from Jesus teachings or someone else i.e. the Church Fathers?

1. Jonathan Hill:

- “It will be remembered that in the second century, Christian theologians such as Justin Martyr had used the old ‘logos’ idea – ultimately taken from pagan philosophy – to try express this relationship. Christ was the ‘logos’, a sort of Qausi-God who functions as Gods agent. **This had formed the basis for the development of what would become the doctrine of the Trinity.**”

2. Joseph Priestley:

- “It has been shewn that there is no such doctrine as that of the Trinity in the Scriptures, but I will now add that, if it had been found there, it would have been impossible for a reasonable man to believe it, as it implies a contradiction which no miracles can prove.”

3. Theodore D. Beacon:

- "It is generally recognized that the doctrine of the trinity is not directly taught in the Bible, but it was claimed that we do find there set forth with great earnestness the various elements, the disjecta membra, as they are called, **from which the doctrine was built up.**"

4. Henry S. Francis:

- "The dogma of the Trinity three persons in one God – was formulated by St. Augustine."

5. Professor Keith Ward:

- "It took the church hundreds of years to develop what we now think of as the doctrine of the Trinity."

Conclusion:

- A) None of the disciples baptized: "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- B) The formula that is quoted i.e. "Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" is never once referenced, not in any of the Gospels nor of Paul's letters.
- C) Eusebius (260 – 339 CE) never once mentioned the formula, "Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" instead he only mentioned the name of "Jesus."
- D) The Scholars quoted all agree that it was not part of the original text but an interpolation.

All the evidence quoted by the experts proved that 1 John 5:7 is a fraud, it was added in 1500th century by Erasmus.

The words that are quoted by the KJV for 1 John 5:7 is not found in any Greek MSS. All in all the evidence we provided is in our favour that Matthew 28:19 and 1st John 5:7 are not genuine verses. Christians need to let go off the Trinity – Triune God, for Jesus never taught such doctrine.

God never said he was a Trinity. The Bible never mentions anything about God being "three." The Bible never mentions nothing about God referenced as a "Person." Lastly the Bible never mentions anything about the "Holy Spirit" being God.