



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



DOCTRINE #2: GOD IN THREE PERSONS

What Is God Like?

- A. God is Eternal.**
(Psalm 90:2; Rev. 4:8-10; Jer. 10:10)
- B. God is Omniscient.**
(Psalm 147:4-5; 1 John 3:20; Heb. 4:13)
- C. God is Omnipresent.**
(Psalm 139:7-10; Matt. 28:20; Psalm 46:1)
- D. God is Omnipotent.**
(Deut. 3:24; Matt. 19:26)
- E. God is Spirit.**
(John 4:24)
- F. God is One.**
(Deut. 6:4-5)
- G. God is Wise.**
(Daniel 2:20-21)
- H. God is Sovereign.**
(Daniel 4:35)
- I. God is Holy.**
(1 Peter 1:15-16)
- J. God is Righteous.**
(Isaiah 11:3-4)
- K. God is Faithful.**
(1 Cor. 1:9)
- L. God is Merciful.**
(Titus 3:5; Psalm 103:8-18)
- M. God is Love.**
(1 John 4:16)
- N. God is Good.**
(Psalm 25:8)

The Trinity: One God ... Three Persons



Statement of Faith #2:

We believe the one true God has revealed himself as being the eternally self-existent Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed himself as a Trinity, that is, one Being existing in three Persons -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- The Doctrine of the Trinity is foundational to Christianity.
- The Doctrine described: not tripartite, but triune.
- What does the Bible say about the triune Godhead?

First Announced: [Luke 1:35](#)

First Manifested: [Luke 3:21-22](#)

First Explained: [John 14:16](#)

First Formerly Introduced: [Matt. 28:19](#)

Additional Scriptures: [2 Cor. 13:14](#)

- a. The Trinity was active in redemption:
[1 Peter 1:2; Heb. 10:7, 10,15](#)
- b. The Trinity is active in the giving of the Spirit:
[John 14:16-17, 26; Acts 2:33; 1 Cor. 12:4-6](#)
- c. The Trinity is active in our prayer life:
[Eph. 2:18; 1 John 2:1; John 14:16;](#)
[Rom. 8:26-27](#)

Three Persons...One God!

- God the Father is the source of all the absolute.
He is unknown unless revealed by the Son.
(Matt. 11:27; John 1:18; John 14:9)

He is unapproachable except through the reconciliation of the Son. (John 14:6)

- God the Son is the second person of the Trinity.

The Son is the eternal Word, the Logos of God, who was God and was with God from eternity. Of like nature and possessing similar attributes, He is subordinate to the Father only in position. As the Executor of the Trinity in redemption, the Son fulfilled the redemptive plan of the Father.

(John 1:1-2; Phil. 2:6; Col. 1:18-21; Col. 2:9)

- God the Holy Spirit is the present agent of the Trinity in the world. He is a Person, and personality and powers are attributed to Him. He speaks, He wills, He is grieved, and He does God's work in the world.

(1 Cor. 12:1-13)

Deviations from the Trinitarian Doctrine

- Watch out for the cults and other false religions that as a part of their belief system deny the Trinity. To deny the Trinity is to deny the God of the Bible...the One and Only True God! Trinity "deniers" include:
 - a. Spiritualism
 - b. Christian Science
 - c. Unitarianism
 - d. Jehovah's Witnesses
 - e. Jesus Only
- Following the apostolic days there were those who espoused **tritheism**. They believed in three separate, individual gods.
- The third century saw two main camps of deviation.
 - a. Arianism
Taught that Christ was created and thus not eternal, nor divine.
 - b. Sabellianism
Argued that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were not three eternally existent Persons, but simply three aspects or manifestations of God. The modern "Jesus Only" teaching is a form of this error.
- Holds to the Oneness of God, but reduces Christ to an ethical teaching. The modern liberal and the existentialist are in this category. All, in essence, deny the personality of God.

Let's Summarize the Doctrine of the Trinity

- There is only one God.
(Deut. 6:4; 1 Tim. 2:5; James 2:19)
- He is in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Luke 1:35; Luke 3:21-22; John 14:16; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14)
- The Father is God.
(1 Peter 1:2; John 6:27)
- The Son is God.
(Heb. 1:8; John 20:28)
- The Holy Spirit is God.
(Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:17-18)
- Each of the Three is essential to the others.
- Each of the Three is the whole.
- The Three Persons indwell one another.
- All Three are equal almighty, and eternal.



With respect to our redemption, the Father thought it, the Son bought it, and the Spirit wrought it.

The **Father** adopts us, provides for our needs, and disciplines us.

The **Son** helps us in our weaknesses, trials, and temptations.

The **Spirit** indwells, teaches, guides, and strengthens us.

God is three persons...yet **God is One!**