

The Trinity (Father Son & Holy Spirit)

1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

In Christian usage the term Trinity expresses the belief that there is only “one God” (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 2:5)

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

who exists as three distinct divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19),

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

who are co substantial, coeternal, and coequal. While each divine person has particular roles and functions (e.g., Ephesians 1:3–14),

Ephesians 1:3-14 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,

9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him.

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

all three work together in perfect accord (John 5:17, 19; 10:28–30).

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

John 10:28-30 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

30 "I and My Father are one."

The doctrine of the Trinity is to be distinguished (1) from tri-theism, which teaches the existence of three gods rather than only one God (cf. Deuteronomy 6:4), and (2) from modalism, which denies the coexistence of the three divine persons by teaching that God exists and manifests Himself as only one divine person at once (cf. Matthew 3:16–17).

Matthew 3:16-17 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

♦ **In unity: Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; Isaiah 45:21; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19**

Deuteronomy 4:35 "To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.

Deuteronomy 4:39 "Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Isaiah 45:21 Tell and bring forth your case;

Yes, let them take counsel together.

Who has declared this from ancient time?

Who has told it from that time?

Have not I, the Lord?

And there is no other God besides Me,

A just God and a Savior;

There is none besides Me.

Ephesians 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!

♦ **OT implications of: Genesis 1:1–2, 26; 3:22; 11:7; Psalm 2:7; 110:1; Proverbs 30:4; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 48:16**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 3:22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"--

Genesis 11:7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

Psalms 2:7 "I will declare the decree:

The Lord has said to Me,

'You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You.

Psalms 110:1 The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Proverbs 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?

Who has gathered the wind in His fists?

Who has bound the waters in a garment?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is His name, and what is His Son's name,

If you know?

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 48:16 "Come near to Me, hear this:

I have not spoken in secret from the beginning;

From the time that it was, I was there.

And now the Lord God and His Spirit

Have sent Me."

◆ Their Presence together: Matthew 3:16; 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14

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2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

NT indications of distinction of the three persons: Matthew 3:16–17; 28:19; John 14:16–17; 15:26; Romans 5:5–6; 8:11, 16–17; 1 Corinthians 12:4–6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 4:4–6; Ephesians 2:18; 4:4–6; 5:18–20; 1 Thessalonians 1:2–5; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 3:4–6; 1 Peter 1:2; 3:18; 1 John 4:2; Jude 20–21

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John 14:16-17 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.
 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

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Galatians 4:4-6 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Ephesians 2:18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 5:18-20 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,
 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 1:2-5 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,
 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,
 4 knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.
 5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

Titus 3:4-6 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,
 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

1 Peter 1:2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

Jude 1:20-21 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,
 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Who raised Christ from the dead?

◆ The Father: 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Acts 3:15

1 Thessalonians 1:10 Wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.
 Acts 3:15 "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

◆ The Son: John 2:18-21

John 2:18-21 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"
 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
 20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"
 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

◆ The Spirit: Romans 8:11

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Deity of each person

◆ The Father: John 6:27; Galatians 1:1; 2 Peter 1:17

John 6:27 "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),

2 Peter 1:17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

◆ The Son: Exodus 3:12-14; John 8:51-58; John 10:30-33; John 1:1, 14; 10:30; Philippians 2:6; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8; Revelations 1:8; 22:13, 16, 20 – Revelations 1:17-18

Exodus 3:12-14 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

John 8:51-58 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

52 Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.'

53 "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.

55 "Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

John 10:30-33 "I and My Father are one."

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 10:30 "I and My Father are one."

Philippians 2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 1:8 But to the Son He says:

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.

Revelations 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelations 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Revelations 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Revelations 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Revelations 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Claims to Deity:

- **Isaiah 7:14 – Matthew 1:23**
- **Isaiah 9:6**
- **John 1:1,14 – Revelations 19:13**
- **John 20:28**

Isaiah 7:14 "The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23 "The virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

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Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Revelations 19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Worship accepted:

- **Hebrews 1:5-8**
- **Luke 4:8**
- **Exodus 20:3-5**
- **Acts 10:25-26**
- **Matthew 14:33**

Hebrews 1:5-8 For to which of the angels did He ever say:

"You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You"? And again:

"I will be to Him a Father,

And He shall be to Me a Son"?

6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says:

"Let all the angels of God worship Him."

7 And of the angels He says:

"Who makes His angels spirits

And His ministers a flame of fire."

8 But to the Son He says:

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

Exodus 20:3-5 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Acts 10:25-26 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped [him].

26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man."

Matthew 14:33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

◆ **The Spirit: John 14:16; Acts 5:3–4; 13:2-4**

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back [part] of the price of the land for yourself? 4 "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

Acts 13:2-4 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Bible teaches there is one God

◆ **Isaiah 43:10-12**

◆ **Isaiah 44:6**

◆ **Isaiah 45:22**

◆ **I Timothy 2:5**

Isaiah 43:10-12 "You are My witnesses," says the Lord,

"And My servant whom I have chosen,

That you may know and believe Me,

And understand that I am He.

Before Me there was no God formed,

Nor shall there be after Me.

11 I, even I, am the Lord,

And besides Me there is no savior.

12 I have declared and saved,

I have proclaimed,

And there was no foreign god among you;

Therefore you are My witnesses,"

Says the Lord, "that I am God.

Isaiah 44:6 "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,

And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

`I [am] the First and I am the Last;

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Isaiah 45:22 "Look to Me, and be saved,

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Conclusion:

If the Bible teaches there is one God and three persons are referred to as God you have to conclude that the three are one God

Warning!

Don't embrace teaching or teachers, and those apart of cults into your life (for the sake of being open minded), who are trying to convert you!

2 John 1:7-10 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

When someone has an agenda to convert you there is not openness to your beliefs