



## THE TRINITY

Foundations In The Faith Study #7

The doctrine of the trinity can be apprehended but not comprehended. The term "Trinity" is not a biblical term. The term is simply used to describe the doctrine that there is only one true God, but in the unity of the Godhead. There are three coeternal and coequal Persons, the same in substance but distinct in existence. Although the word trinity does not appear in the Bible, the "Trinitarian formula" is mentioned in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) and in the benediction of the apostle Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 13:14).

### Turn to Deuteronomy 6:4

What can we learn from this text?

#### *Unity of God*

- "One" in Hebrew speaks of a "compound" or "united one"; God is one in unity.
- In Genesis 1:1, "God" in Hebrew is Elohim. It is plural but doesn't mean many gods, but more than
- one person (Isaiah 45:5-6, Exodus 20:3).

### Turn to Matthew 28:19

What can we learn from this text?

#### **God Three in One**

##### *God the Father*

- Father is called God (2 Corinthians 1:3, 1 Corinthians 8:6).
- Father is the object of worship (John 4:23).
- Father is creator (Genesis 1:1).

##### *God the Son*

- Jesus is called God (John 20:28).
- Jesus is the object of worship (Matthew 8:2).
- Jesus is creator (Colossians 1:16-17).

##### *God the Holy Spirit*

- Holy Spirit is called God (Acts 5:3-4).
- Holy Spirit is creator (Genesis 1:2).

#### **They have a special relationship to each other**

- The Son submits to the Father (1 Corinthians 11:3, John 5:19).
- The Holy Spirit glorifies the Son (John 16:14).

#### **Three Persons are equal**

- The Father is recognized as the authority and supreme (1 Corinthians 8:6).
- The Son is recognized as equal to the Father in every respect (John 5:21-23).
- The Spirit is also recognized as equal to the Father and Son (Matthew 12:31).

### Turn to Matthew 3:13-17

What can we learn from this text?

*We see the trinity clearly in this text.*

- Jesus is baptized in the Jordan.
- The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove.
- The Father spoke from Heaven.

### Scriptures that are key:

These Scriptures show that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are equal in attributes.

- **Eternal** – Romans 16:26, Revelation 22:13, Hebrews 9:14
- **Holy** – Revelation 4:8, 15:4, Acts 3:14, 1 John 2:20
- **True** – John 7:28, Revelation 3:7
- **Omnipresent** – Jeremiah 23:24, Ephesians 1:23, Psalm 139:7
- **Omnipotent** – Genesis 17:1, Revelation 1:8, Romans 15:19, Jeremiah 32:17, Hebrews 1:3, Luke 1:35
- **Omniscient** – Acts 15:18, John 21:17, 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
- **Creator** – Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:16, Job 33:4, Psalm 148:5, John 1:3, Job 26:13
- **Sanctifier** – Jude 1:1, Hebrews 2:11, 1 Peter 1:2
- **Author of all spiritual operations** – Hebrews 13:21, Colossians 1:29, 1 Corinthians 12:11
- **Source of eternal life** – Romans 6:23, John 10:28, Galatians 6:8
- **Teacher** – Isaiah 54:13, Luke 21:15, John 14:26, Isaiah 48:17, Galatians 1:12, 1 John 2:20
- **Raising Christ from the dead** – 1 Corinthians 6:14, John 2:19, 1 Peter 3:18

### The Trinity: Questions

1. Who did Jesus receive honor and glory from? (2 Peter 1:17)

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2. Why was the Son of God manifested? (1 John 4:9)

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3. Who will teach us all things? (John 14:26)

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The Trinity is plainly taught throughout the Scriptures. As you go through the Scriptures given, God will show you this truth in His Word.

### What have we learned through this study?

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**Do you have any questions, problems, or comments that you would like to share with us?**

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