

INTRODUCTION

In church, we often worship God for what He has done, but we also need to focus on who God is. Knowing who God is shapes how we approach Him, relate to Him, and align our lives with His truth. Although aspects of God's nature go beyond what our human minds can fathom, Scripture reveals one eternal God who exists as three distinct, co-equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. While the word "Trinity" does not appear in Scripture, it was created to convey this theological doctrine of our God being "three-in-one." As Christians, we are distinctly monotheistic because we believe there is only one God and therefore one ultimate truth that governs all reality.

God's triune nature is evident in creation. God the Father creates man in "Our" image (Genesis 1:26). Jesus was in the beginning with God and the Holy Spirit hovered over the deep expanse (John 1:1-3; Genesis 1:2). The Father is the source of creation, the Son is the agent through whom all things were made, and the Holy Spirit is the sustainer of life. Humans are made in God's image as one person in three distinct parts -- body, soul, and spirit. Each member of the Trinity has a unique function as well. This divine operational harmony is displayed in the architecture of salvation. The Father is the architect who planned redemption before the foundation of the world, the Son is the contractor who accomplished it through His death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit is the resident who dwells in every believer and secures the deed as the down payment. Though each person carries out distinct functions, they possess the same essence, power, purpose, and glory.

The doctrine of the Trinity is not merely theological – it transforms our everyday lives. Since God exists eternally in perfect community and unity, we are called to live in community and pursue unity in our church and in our relationships. God's distinct and equal persons reminds us to celebrate diversity and to reject prejudice, racism, and classism. Most importantly, the Trinity gives us assurance that our salvation is secure. As you grow in your understanding of the triune God, your love for Him deepens, your confidence in the gospel increases, and your life increasingly reflects His character.

GETTING STARTED

1. What are some examples of things that are incomprehensible for the human mind?
2. Why do people tend to focus more on what someone does rather than who they are?

LET'S GET PERSONAL

1. Why is it important to your daily life that Christianity teaches there is one triune God?
2. Which truth about the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit encourages you the most right now?
3. Where are you lacking in pursuing community and unity with other believers?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. What is one practical way you can reflect God's unity in your home, church, workplace, or school?
2. How would you explain the Trinity to a fellow believer or a non-believer? Practice explaining it to a friend or family member, and then pray for an opportunity to share with someone this week.
3. ***Want to dig deeper?*** Take a look at the following passages: Ephesians 3:20; Deuteronomy 6:4; Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; John 14:6, 16-17; Genesis 1:1-3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 26-27; Malachi 2:10; 1 Corinthians 8:6; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; Job 33:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Psalm 110:1; Mark 16:19; John 3:16-17; Titus 3:4-6; Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 1:3-14; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:7; Galatians 4:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 1:3, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 12:11; 1 Peter 1:1-2; Hebrews 9:14; Psalm 45:6-7; John 17:5, 21; Ephesians 2:18; John 6:38; John 16:14; Galatians 1:1; Philippians 1:2; John 20:28; Acts 5:3-4.

RENEW YOUR MIND

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. – Ephesians 1:3