

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

The doctrine of the Trinity is:

**While there is one and only one God,
there are three Persons in the Godhead.**

God, the Father is God.
God, the Son is God.
God, the Holy Spirit is God.

The fact that there is only one God is stated in 1 Timothy 2:5: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus."

The fact that the Father is God is taught in such passages as Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 8:6; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 4:6, etc.

Jesus Christ is said to be God in John 1:1; 10:30; Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:8, etc.

The Holy Spirit is shown to be God in Act: 5:1-4. In verse 3, Peter accused Ananias of lying to the **Holy Ghost**. Then he said in verse 4, "...thou hast not lied unto men but unto **God**." In other words, the Holy Ghost is God. See also 2 Corinthians 3:17.

When we say that there are three Persons in the Godhead, what do we mean by "person"? Generally a person is regarded as a being who has intellect, emotions and will. In Scripture passages too numerous to mention, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all spoken of as knowing, feeling and willing. Here are examples:

The Father knows (Psalm 139:1,2,4; Matthew 6:8)
The Son knows (John 4:1).
The Spirit knows (1 Corinthians 2:11).

The Father has emotions (John 16:27).
The Son has emotions (John 11:35).
The Spirit has emotions (Ephesians 4:30).

The Father has a will (Matthew 18:14).
The Son has a will (John 17:24).
The Spirit has a will (Romans 8:26).

All three Persons of the Trinity are mentioned together in:

Matthew 28:19, "... baptizing them in the name of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**."

John 14:16,17, "And I (the **Son**) will pray the **Father**, and he shall give you another Comforter...even the **Spirit** of truth."

1 Corinthians 12:4-6, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same **Spirit**. And there are differences of administrations, but the same **Lord**. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same **God** which worketh all in all."

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

Ephesians 4:4-6, "... **one Spirit** ... **one Lord** ... **one God and Father** of all."

1 Peter 1:2, “Elect according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, through sanctification of the **Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of **Jesus Christ**.”

No human mind can fully understand the Trinity. God is greater than human intellect and will always be beyond the power of His creature’s full understanding.

It is true that the word Trinity is not found in the Bible, but that does not disprove the truth. The word “Trinity is simply a name which has been given to describe the truth of one God, with three Persons in the Godhead.

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