



November 8 – Doctrine of God (Trinity)

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

*"Try to explain it, you'll lose your mind.
Try to deny it, you'll lose your soul."*

I. Trinity defined:

Tri-unity; Three-in-one.

God is one divine being existing in three distinguishable persons, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

II. Three Biblical truths

A. There is diversity.

1. The *Father* is not the *Son* (see Jesus' prayers, for example John 17 and 1 Corinthians 8:6
1 Cor. 8:6 "yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.")
2. The *Father* is not the *Holy Spirit* (see John 14:26).
"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."
3. The *Son* is not the *Holy Spirit* (see John 16:7).
"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

A. God is three.

1. The *Father* is *God* (see Romans 15:6)
"So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."
2. The *Son* is *God* (see John 1:1).
"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
3. The *Holy Spirit* is *God* (See Acts 5:3, 4).
"Then Peter said, 'Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.'"

C. There is one God.

Exodus 20: 3

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

Deuteronomy 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, The Lord is one.”

James 2:19

“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder.”

John 10:30

“I and the Father are one.”

I Timothy 2:5

“For there is one God and mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.”

Isaiah 44:6

“This is what the Lord says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.”

Matthew 28:19-20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

III. GOD IS THREE IN ONE

A. The Trinity created us (see I Corinthians 8:6; John 1:1, Gen. 1:26)).

1Cor. 8:6 “yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. “

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

Gen. 1:26 “Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish of the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’”

B. The Trinity redeemed us (see I Peter 1:2 & Hebrews 9:14).

1Pet. 1:2 “who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.”

Heb. 9:14 “How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”

C. The Trinity fellowships with us (see John 14:21).

John 14:21 “Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

D. Trinity in prayer

We pray:

To the Father

In the Name of Jesus

By the Power of the Holy Spirit

IV. The Trinity: 4 Essential Affirmations

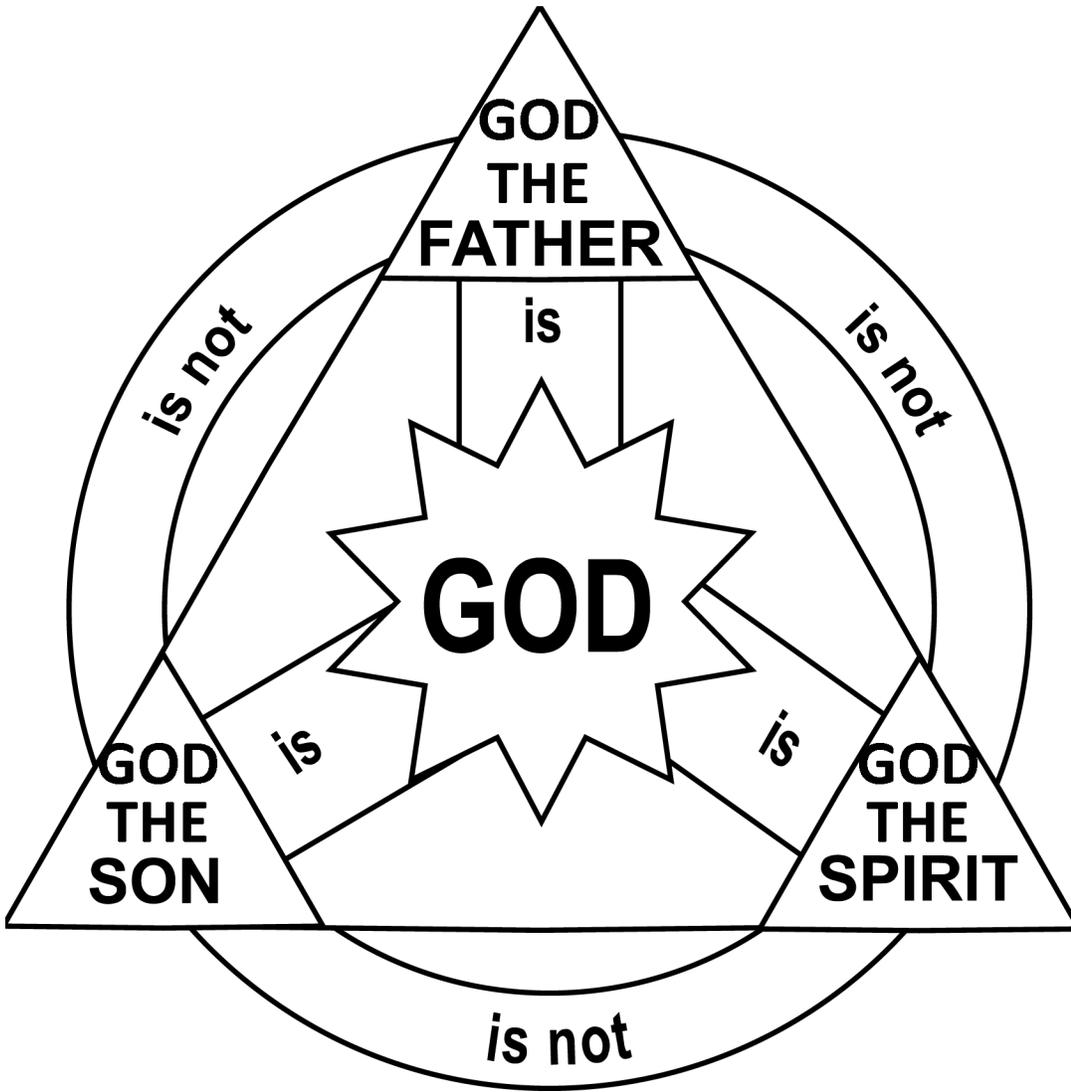
1. There is one true/living God .
2. This one true God eternally exists in 3 persons, God the Father, God the Son & God the Spirit .
3. All 3 are equal in attributes, each with the same divine nature
4. While all 3 are fully and completely God, the persons are not identical.

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~ AND ~
COETERNAL

Diagram of the Trinity



APPROVED UNTO GOD

MEMORY VERSE #3

“Since what may be known about God is plain to them,
because God has made it plain to them.
For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities
—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen,
being understood from what has been made,
so that people are without excuse.”

Romans 1:19-20

Commentary

The theme of the entire book of Romans, righteousness is from God, was introduced by Paul in the passage just prior to our verse. In our memory verse Paul states that no one—not even one who has not heard of the Bible or of Christ—has an excuse for not honoring God, because the whole created world reveals him.

Easy Memorization Breakdown

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Practice writing the verse

(Remember to write the reference, too!)