

Trinity Explained

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

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." NKJV

1. #Trinity, that word never appears in the Bible once. And it was invented by the church councils centuries later.

- a) While it is **true** that the word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible, it is explicitly revealed.
- b) This word is **a faithful and reliable summary** of the Bible's revelation of the Three Distinct Persons, yet ONE GOD, even if the **label** itself isn't in the text.
 - i) The Trinity is revealed (revelation), not explained (explanation).

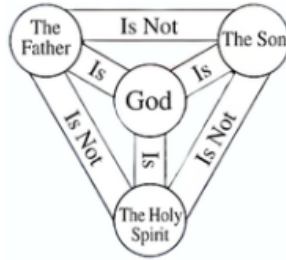
We can still live with the truth that, while not explained, it is revealed, and that should not be an issue or cause people to deny it or shrink it through limited explanations because they cannot fully comprehend it.

- o Deuteronomy 29:29 The *secret things belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.
- ii) The Trinity is not irrational. It is completely unique because there is nothing else in existence that is One Being and three distinct persons at the same time.

- Not one thing in creation is similar to that reality.
- iii) Don't deny it because you do not understand it.
- There are many things that we allow and accept even when we do not know how they work, let alone understand them, yet we do not deny them simply **by the fact that we do not understand them.**
 - There are many things not mentioned by name in the creation story, but does that mean they were not created? Mountains, the Air we breathe, fire...etc.
- iv) Speaking of the Trinity, no analogy can adequately explain it but rather limit it. The Word does not give us any kind of scriptural illustrations to help us explain it, but rather gives us revelation.

2. #What is the Trinity? – TRINITY = Tri (3) + UNITY (1)

- a) One God, but 3 (**Three**) persons (**TRI**) in One God (**Unity**)—Not 3 Gods in one God.
- b) Christianity does not teach polytheism; it teaches monotheism.
 - i) Polytheism the belief in, and worship of, multiple deities or gods
 - ii) Monotheism is the belief in and worship of ONE God.
 - I will add ONE TRUE GOD. This leaves only Christianity in the race. While many religions claim to believe in ONE god, their god is not the true living God; therefore, they do not truly believe in ONE GOD.
- c) Three distinct Persons, with one essence, Co-equal, co-eternal, and Co-divine.



- d) 1) The Father is God,
 2) the Son is God, and
 3) The Holy Spirit is God,
 And yet **they are ONE GOD** (Deuteronomy 6:4; John 10:30; 1 Timothy 2:5)
 Three distinct Persons, with one essence, Co-equal, co-eternal, and Co-divine.
 They share and carry the same divine nature.

3. #If Jesus is the Father, was He praying to Himself in the Garden?

This question is not only erroneous, but it is also misleading. It is clear that the person asking does not have a good understanding of the Trinity as revealed in the Scriptures.

- a) Jesus is NOT the Father.
- b) **Jesus and the Father are not the same.**
- i) They are distinct persons who share the same divine nature and essence.
- c) Jesus was literally praying to the Father, not to Himself.
- i) Remember, He had a physical body that was limiting and had Him dependent on the Father here on earth. This did not make Him (Jesus) less in being God.
- d) Philippians 2:5-7 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

- i) Jesus did not lose His divine nature when He came to the earth.
 - ii) It was rather covered up in the flesh (Physical body).
 - iii) On the inside He was 100% God and 100% man. He did not stop being God when he became man. What many struggle with is that when He became man, He was now fully dependent on the Father due to the limitations of the flesh or physical body.
 - iv) When He became a man, He laid aside certain benefits of being fully God, such as being omnipresent and 24/7 worship, and much more.
 - v) Now, He was limited because he had a physical body that could only be in one place at one time; He could sweat, weep, get tired, sleep, and go to the bathroom.
 - vi) Because He took on a physical body, many despised Him (Isaiah 53:3-5).
 - vii) He was called names such as "You have a devil." they slapped Him, played jokes on Him, spat in His face, mocking Him, and called Him a deceiver.
- e) 1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifested in the flesh**, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.
4. #One common error and heresy is one that says God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each **one part** of God, or one-third of God — Three pieces that add up as a whole to ONE GOD.
- a) Important to note that the Father is WHOLE GOD, the SON is also equally WHOLE GOD, and the Holy Spirit is equally WHOLE GOD.
 - i) You cannot divide the One divine essence into anything more than it is ONE DIVINE ESSENCE.

- ii) Each of them is *not* 33.33% GOD, **but 100% GOD.**
 - b) This shows the fallacy in the example of the **Egg** commonly used to explain the Trinity. Another is the water being liquid, solid, and gas. God cannot be divided into anything else. God is ONE (Unity).
 - c) Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwells all the **fullness** of the Godhead bodily; (Jesus is not half God or a piece of God. He is FULL or WHOLE GOD.
5. #Others present the Trinity as three beings that work well together.
- a) Speaking of God, He has **one will**, which is why an example of analogy of three beings fails because three beings,
 - b) I heard one explain it as having a band with various players, one playing bass guitar, a drummer, and another on keyboard, but all part of one band. The issue with this is that these individuals are separate beings with separate wills.
 - c) The Trinity is ONE WILL, ONE ESSENCE, ONE DIVINE NATURE.
6. #Some say or describe the Trinity as God changing forms.
- a) They say God was in the Father in the OT, God was in Jesus in the NT, and God is in the Holy Spirit now. This is **modalism** and is heresy.
 - b) Modalism, also known as Modalistic Monarchianism or Oneness theology, is a 3rd-century theological doctrine that posits God is one person who manifests in three different "modes" (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) rather than as three distinct persons.
 - c) This sounds right until you hold them up to the light of the scriptures—but it is considered heresy in orthodox Christianity because it denies the personal distinctions within the Trinity.

⇒ Again, the Father is God, 2) the Son is God, and 3) the Holy Spirit is God, and yet they are ONE GOD (Deuteronomy 6:4; John 10:30; 1 Timothy 2:5) — Three distinct Persons (Matthew 3), with one essence, Co-equal, co-eternal, and Co-divine. They share and carry the same divine nature.

⇒ **Athanasian creed:** “We must neither confound the person nor divide the essence. This means do not blend them together, and don’t split them apart. God is One essence, three distinct persons, co-equal, co-powerful, co-eternal, co-divine.

Jesus (41 Passages that reveal His Deity) – Deity

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| 1) Genesis 1:26 – Then God said,
"Let Us make man in Our image,
according to Our likeness; | 6) John 8:19-24 |
| 2) John 1:1-3 | 7) John 10:30 |
| 3) John 5:5-8 | 8) John 14:6-7 |
| 4) John 5:23 | 9) John 19:7 |
| 5) John 5:54-59 | 10) Matthew 26:63 |
| | 11) Isaiah 9:6 |
| | 12) John 5:5-47 |

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| 15) Hebrews 1:3 | worship — (Acts 10:25-26; Acts |
| 16) Hebrews 1:8 | 14:118); Rev 19:10; 22:8-9. |
| 17) 1 John 5:20 | 19) Mark 2:5-7 |
| 18) Worshipped 11 Times — | 20) Luke 7:47-49 |
| Matthew 2:11; Matthew 8:2; | 21) 1 Timothy 1:1 |
| Matthew 9:18; Matthew 14:33; | 22) Titus 4:10 |
| Matthew 15:25; Matthew 20:20; | 23) Titus 1:3-4 |
| Matthew 28:9, 17; Mark 5:6; Luke | 24) Titus 2:13 |
| 24:52; John 9:38. Men reject | 25) Colossians 1:16-17 |
| | 26) Colossians 2:9 |

Holy Spirit: (9 Scriptures that reveal the Holy Spirit as God) – Deity

- 1) Genesis 1:2
- 2) Genesis 1:26
- 3) **Matthew 12:31**
- 4) **Acts 5:3-4**
- 5) 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (Omniscient) — All Knowing
- 6) Psalm 139:7-8 (Omnipresent) — Everywhere
- 7) **Hebrews 9:14** (Eternal)
- 8) Matthew 28:19 — Great Commission
- 9) 2 Corinthians 13:14 — Apostolic Blessing

Father (26 scriptures that reveal that the Father is God) – Deity

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our God is one LORD: | 8) John 8:54 |
| 2) Genesis 1:26 | 9) 1 Corinthians 1:3; 8:6; 15:24 |
| 3) John 5:18 | 10) 2 Corinthians 1:2-3; 11:31. |
| 4) John 6:27 | 11) Galatians 1:1,3-4; |
| 5) John 8:41 | 12) Ephesians 1:2-3 |
| 6) John 20:17 | 13) Ephesians 4:6; 5:20; 6:23 |
| 7) Romans 1:7 | 14) Philippians 1:2; 2:11; 4:20 |
| | 15) Colossians 1:2-3 |

16) 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 3:11,13
17) 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2; 2:26;
18) 1 Timothy 1:2
19) 2 Timothy 1:2
20) Titus 1:4
21) Philemon 1:3

22) James 3:9
23) 1 Peter 1:2-3
24) 2 Peter 1:17
25) 2 John 1:3
26) Jude 1:1

7. **#Question:** The Bible said God is not a man — Numbers 23.19 "God *is* not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

If He is not a man, then also He cannot die, right? — But Christians claim Jesus, a man who died, was God. Is that not a contradiction?

- a) Jesus has two natures, yet ONE PERSON. There's no contradiction here.
- b) Numbers 23.19 teaches that God is **not** like a man in character. This means He doesn't lie, he doesn't change, cheat, all the character flaws of a physical sinful man.
- c) Please understand that in the Incarnation (God becoming a man or becoming flesh —1 Timothy 3:16), **the Eternal Son assumed a real human nature without ceasing to be God.**
- d) At the cross, His human nature died, while his divine nature remained alive.
 - i) The God-Man died in his humanity (Man) in order to save and deliver mankind, but stayed alive in His divinity (God) because God is immortal.

This is no contradiction.