

APPROVED UNTO GOD

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 Counselor, 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 I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

B. God is three.

1. The *Father* is *God*
(see Romans 15:6 "so that with one heart and mouth 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 to men but to God"

C. There is one God.

Exodus 20: 2-3 "...You shall have no other gods before me.

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord 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 men, 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."

3. 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 man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, 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, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by 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 obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

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.

