

The One True God

One? Two? or Three?

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THE TRINITY

The Bible tells us there is the Godhead consisting of three different personalities and that these personalities are expressed in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost (Spirit).

The term “Godhead” as used in Romans 1:20 describes for us a divine structure. “For the invisible things of HIM from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**, so that they are without excuse.”

The word one has at least **three** meanings. Used in one sense it is numerical like one person or one thing. Used in another sense it means unity such as one nation (united), or one in unity. In another sense it refers to one as an indefinite pronoun. If one says, for instance, “one may go some place” or “one may do something”, the reference is to an indefinite person. If one understands the meaning of the word one, it can be helpful in relating it to the personalities of the Godhead.

In I Corinthians 8:6 Paul states this about two persons in the Godhead; “But to us there is but one God, the father, of whom are all things, and we in HIM; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things are made.” Here Paul speaks of two personalities in unity. Both God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are mentioned.

In St. John 3:16 we read “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish but have everlasting life.” There are two personalities identified here by John the beloved disciple.

Two different persons are mentioned in many other Bible references. Study these verses for additional help: Psalm 2:7 “I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou are my Son; this day have I begotten thee.” Matthew 11:27 “All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal HIM.” This is a quotation from Jesus. Luke 23:46 “And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the Ghost.” This is a statement of Jesus while on the cross.

In both the Old and New Testaments, there are many scriptures which tell us that the Father, God, and Jesus Christ, the Son are two different persons.

There is the third member of the Trinity. He is the Holy Spirit and is mentioned in several places throughout the Bible in both testaments.

Among these scriptures which explain the Father, the Son, and the third member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, are those that refer to the Baptism of Jesus and also those which describe the event of His transfiguration. There are many others. At the baptism of Jesus, note that Jesus was being baptized by John the Baptist and was in the Jordan River. The Father spoke and said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," while the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and lit upon Jesus. Here were all three of the members of the Godhead present. (Note again: The Father speaking- Jesus in the Jordan River- the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove.) Matthew 3:16, 17.

At the Transfiguration there was a bright cloud which overshadowed the Disciples and Jesus. The Father, God, spoke out of the cloud and said about Jesus "this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye HIM." Matthew 17:5.

Jesus instructed the Disciples and all of us who baptize to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19. Here we see Jesus giving us the distinction between the three different personalities.

The baptism formula in Acts 2:38 only included the Son, but the audience was Jewish and Peter was emphasizing Jesus. He was not negating the words of Jesus about baptism. Many of the Jews did not believe in Jesus at that time so Peter was emphasizing Jesus as a part of the formula in order to align the new Christian theologically.

The Bible is full of all types of illustrations about the Trinity and when interpreted in its true context, it's easy to see that there are three in the Trinity, which is called by many, The Holy Trinity.

The scriptures tell us that Jesus is Lord and God, the Father is Lord and the Holy Spirit is Lord. All three are identified in the masculine gender and are identified as one in unity, but three in number.

In the prayer, which Jesus mentioned in John, chapter 14, He said "I will pray to the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever." John 14:16.

At the present time the Holy Spirit is active on earth helping God's people and strengthening them. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. Hebrews 8:1. The Father, God, is forever mindful of His people and desires to bless us.

The Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one in unity and let us unite under their leadership.

And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. John 8:16

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Acts 10:38

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