

# Living by the Word

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## " THE TRINITY "

### According to the Scriptures

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**TRINITY DEFINED:** Within the nature and essence of the one eternal God subsist three (3) Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, co-equal, co-eternal. They all share the same essence, substance, glory and Their nature is divine. They are essential in quality but not in personal identity.

**TRINITY DEFINED:** God is a Tri-unity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), with each Person of the Godhead equally and fully and eternally God. Each is necessary, each is distinct and yet all are one.

What is God's nature and essence? What are His attributes? He is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, perfect, without beginning and without end, from everlasting to everlasting, without sin and cannot sin, divine...

See Galatians 4:8 "But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods."

**FACT #1:** The Bible teaches that there is one God - Dueteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one!" This Scripture was known as the Shema. Also see Mark 12:29 where Jesus also quotes Dueteronomy 6:4.

We also see throughout Scripture that it clearly teaches that there is only one God. See Isaiah 44:6, 8, 24, 45:5, 18, 21-22, James 2:19

**FACT #2:** The Bible teaches that the Father is explicitly called God. 1 Peter 1:2-3 reads: "according to the foreknowledge of GOD THE FATHER... Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." 1 Corinthians 8:6 reads: "yet for us there is but one God, the Father..." Also see 2 Corinthians 1:3.

**FACT #3:** The Bible teaches that the Son is explicitly called God. John 1:1 reads: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." If you cross-reference that with John 1:14 it reads: "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us..." That being Jesus Christ.

- 1 John 1:2 cf 1 John 5:20 - Jesus is the true God and eternal life...
- John 20:28 - Thomas calls Jesus his Lord and God...
- John 8:58 cf Ex. 3:14 - Jesus calls Himself the "I Am" of Exodus 3:14
- Hebrews 1:8–9 - God the Father calls His Son (who is Jesus) God.
- Colossians 2:9 - Paul states that in Him (Jesus), all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.
- Titus 2:13 - Paul writes that we are looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.
- Revelations 1:8, 17–18 cf Isaiah 44:6
- Revelations 22:7 cf 22:12–13 cf 22:20
- John 5:17, 10:30

**FACT #4:** The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is explicitly called God. We see this in Acts 5:3–4 where it reads: But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit... You have not lied to men, but to God."

Psalms 95: 7–11 cf Hebrews. 3:7–11

In Psalms 95, who is speaking in verses 8–11? God... Hebrews 3:7–11 reads: "Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says..."

Isaiah 6:6–10 cf Acts 28:25–27

In Isaiah 6, who is speaking in verses 9–11? God... In Acts 28:25–27 it reads: "...The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers saying..."

Jeremiah 31: 31–34 cf Hebrews 10:15–17

In Jeremiah 31, who is speaking in verses 31–34? God... In Hebrews 10:15–7 it reads: "And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying..."

**CONCLUSION:** We have seen Scripturally that there is only one God. But we have seen Scripturally that the Father is called God, the Son is called God and that the Holy Spirit is called God. The only conclusion from Scripture is the fact that the three persons must be and are the one God.

If you ask me how this is, I would have to be honest and say I don't know. It is admittedly difficult for our human minds to comprehend, and yet it is the very foundation of Christian truth. The word "Trinity" never appears in the Bible nor does the definition that was first mentioned ever appear in the Bible. Tertulian (one of the early church fathers) was one of the first persons to use the term "Trinity." Even though the Bible does not use that particular word or definition, without question, the Bible clearly establishes the basis for this doctrine through what is call first order inference.

**OTHER SCRIPTURES THAT SHOW THE TRIUNE NATURE OF GOD:**

- **Isaiah 48:16:** Come near to Me, listen to this: From the first I have not spoken in secret, From the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord God has sent Me, and His Spirit.

The speaker is obviously God, yet it says that the Lord God has sent Me (the speaker) and His Spirit (the Holy Spirit).

- **The Great Commission:** Matthew 28:19

"...baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

- **When Jesus was baptized: Matthew 3:16–17**

Jesus: Went up from the water and the heavens were opened.

Holy Spirit: Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon Him.

Father: His voice out of the heavens saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

- **The Great Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

### **Who raised Jesus Christ from the dead?**

- Father: Ephesians 1:17–20, 1 Peter 1:21
- Son: John 2:19–21, John 10:17–18
- Holy Spirit: Romans 8:11

### **Draws people unto salvation...**

- Father: John 6:44
- Son: John 12:32
- Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:3

### **Eternal...**

- Father: Psalms 90:2
- Son: John 1:1, 8:58, 1 John 5:20
- Holy Spirit: Hebrews 9:14

### **Omniscient...**

- Father: 1 John 3:20
- Son: John 21:17
- Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 2:10–11

### **Knowledge of Each other...**

- Father: Matthew 11:27
- Son: Matthew 11:27
- Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 2:10–11

### **Creator...**

- Father: Isaiah 44:24
- Son: John 1:3, Colossians 1:16
- Holy Spirit: Psalms 104:30

### **Indwells...**

- Father: 2 Corinthians 6:16
- Son: Ephesians 3:17, Romans 8:10
- Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19

### **Self Regulating Will...**

- Father: Ephesians 1:11
- Son: Matthew 11:27
- Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:11

**Called Good...**

- Father: Psalms 34:8
- Son: John 10:11
- Holy Spirit: Psalms 143:10

There have been numerous cults that have taught and have come up with false teachings dealing with the nature of God. They are in complete error when it is compared to the basic Orthodox Christian view dealing with the nature of God.

Here are some just to name a few:

- Modalism (Oneness)
- Sabellianism
- Trieism
- Theodotus 190AD (1<sup>st</sup> person to teach modalism)
- Noetus 200AD
- Sabellius 200+ AD
- Praxeas
- United Pentecostal Church (UPC)

And many others

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