

The Third article in the Doctrinal Statement says: “We believe in the personal triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine perfection.”

The word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, but the teaching of Trinity is found throughout the Old and New Testament. Even though humanity will never in this life be able to understand all there is to know about God, who is the supreme being of the universe, to gain a greater knowledge of God, one must learn and appreciate the Bible teaching of the Trinity. A. W. Tozer argues that there are hidden facts of God’s nature wholly unknown (and perhaps unknowable) by any created being, even angels. “They are known only by Jehovah God Himself.” Our understanding of God is undoubtedly filtered through our own school of thinking. God is Who He is regardless of the thinking or reasoning of human thinking.

We serve the God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) Who is alive, Who is present, Who is here right now, and Who gives life and breath to everything that lives. He IS whether anything else remains or not.

## GOD IS TRINITY

Note the usage of the Hebrew word “Elohim”:

The first verse in the Bible contains God’s great name “Elohim.” Elohim is a \_\_\_\_\_ name when used in reference to the one true God.

It is constantly joined with verbs and adjectives in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:39; Isaiah 6:8; 48:16; Genesis 1:27*

Nouns and pronouns also \_\_\_\_\_ the trinity of the Godhead. *Genesis 1:26; 2:7*

The Bible describes the triune God as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ He \_\_\_\_\_. *Genesis 1:1*
- ▶ He \_\_\_\_\_. *Genesis 18:20; 19:24-25*
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- ▶ He \_\_\_\_\_. *Psalms 104:27-30; Luke 12:24*
- ▶ He \_\_\_\_\_. *Psalms 75:6-7*
- ▶ He \_\_\_\_\_. *Hebrew 10:35; 1 Peter 5:6-7*

## THE TRINITY AND DIVINE ATTRIBUTES

While all of God’s attributes are \_\_\_\_\_, these are clear:

- ▶ A “divine attribute” is whatever God has revealed as being \_\_\_\_\_ of Himself.
- ▶ These qualities of God constitute \_\_\_\_\_ He is.
- ▶ They are the very characteristics of His \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ The attributes are \_\_\_\_\_ qualities, and cannot be gained or lost.
- ▶ They are true and real.

Each person of the Trinity possesses within Himself the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, along with all of the divine attributes.

Each attribute of God is perfectly united with all of the attributes, yet maintaining its own \_\_\_\_\_, identity, and function.

- ▶ Note verses that speak of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. *1 Kings 8:60; Isaiah 45:5-7; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5*
- ▶ God is not only a spirit, not only a person, but He is \_\_\_\_\_. *Deuteronomy 6:4-5*
- ▶ God is not only one, but the ultimate unified One.

His attributes:

- ▶ Triune, invisible, self-sufficient, eternal, infinite, perfect, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, immutable, incomprehensible, inscrutable, light, unique, and glorious.
- ▶ There will possibly be some who may never be \_\_\_\_\_ simply because He is God and does not have to, regardless He is Who He is. *Exodus 3:14*

“There is only one God, but in the unity of the Godhead, there are 3 eternal and co-equal Persons, the same in substance, but distinct in subsistence (independent existence). God the Father is not to be viewed as 1/3 God. God the Son is not to be viewed as 1/3 God. God the Holy Spirit is not to be viewed as 1/3 God. *Warfield (James Or ed. International Standard Bible Encyclopedia Volume 53)*

Emery Bancroft defines Spirit nature. God is Spirit, incorporable, invisible, without material substance, without physical parts or passions, therefore free from temporal limitation. *Wilmington's Commentary on the Bible, Pg 453; Elementary Theology. Pg. 23*

The Father is God.  
*John 6:44; Romans 1:7; 1 Peter 1:2*

The Son is God.  
*Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1; John 20:28; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8*

The Holy Spirit is God.  
*Acts 5:3-4b; Hebrews 9:14*

- ▶ Communicable attributes (partially understood and experienced in human existence.)
  - God is: \_\_\_\_\_, a person, righteous and just, sovereign, true, wise, good, Holy patient and long- suffering, a God of wrath, jealous, faithful, merciful, gracious, love.
  - We can ever be grateful that our great God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are working for \_\_\_\_\_, and the good of the world itself. *Romans 8:26-28*

## THE TRINITY ILLUSTRATED

The only distinction between the members of the Godhead are in the ways they \_\_\_\_\_ to each other in submission and to the rest of creation, their \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ Submission - The Son is subordinate to the Father, yet \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father. The Holy Spirit is subordinate to the Father and the Son, yet fully equal with the Father and Son.
- ▶ In matters of mission - It was not the Spirit that sent His Son to the earth, but the \_\_\_\_\_. It was not the Father, nor the Spirit Who became “\_\_\_\_\_” and died on the cross, but the Son. It was not the Father or Son who \_\_\_\_\_ the church at Pentecost, but it was God the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:4; John 1:14; 14:16, 26; 15:26.*

The Tri-personal form of being is far beyond our \_\_\_\_\_ to comprehend.

- ▶ It should not surprise us that God, Who is eternal, should be incomprehensible to \_\_\_\_\_ beings such as ourselves.
- ▶ There is nothing in our experience that is \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- ▶ It has been stated in a way to help frail humanity to hopefully, better understand:
  - The Father is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things.
  - The Son is the \_\_\_\_\_ (accomplisher of the Father’s plans).
  - The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ over all that the Father has planned, and the Son accomplishes.
- ▶ God is holy, pure, true, without sin, and \_\_\_\_\_ in all that He does.
- ▶ God is also love in the \_\_\_\_\_ sense of what love is or ever will be.

## THE DEITY OF THE TRINITY

A scriptural summary of the Trinity.

### The Trinity in the Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### Birth

- Father: *Galatians 4:4*
- Son: *Hebrews 10:4-7*
- Holy Spirit: *Luke 1:30, 31, 34-35*

#### Death

- Father: *Isaiah 53:10*
- Son: *John 10:18*
- Holy Spirit: *Hebrews 9:14*

#### Resurrection

- Father: *Galatians 1:1*
- Son: *John 10:17*
- Holy Spirit: *Romans 8:11*

### The work of the Trinity in salvation.

#### ▶ God the Father:

- The Father \_\_\_\_\_ and predestined us. *Romans 8:29a; 11:2; Ephesians 1:5, 11*
- He chose and \_\_\_\_\_ us. *Matthew 24:31; Romans 8:33; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2*
- He \_\_\_\_\_ and conformed us. *Romans 8:28-30*
- He \_\_\_\_\_ His Son to us. *2 Corinthians 5:19; 9:15*

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► **God the Son:**

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. *John 12:45; 14:8,9*
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. *Luke 19:10*
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. *John 10:11*
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. *Romans 3:25-26*

► **God the Spirit:**

- He \_\_\_\_\_, thus point us to Christ. *John 16:7-11*
- He fills the \_\_\_\_\_ sinner. *John 3:1-16*
- He empowered the \_\_\_\_\_ on the Day of Pentecost. *Acts 1:8; 2:1-42*

**Members of the Trinity's Love.**

- Father loves the Son. *Matthew 3:17; 17:5*
- The Son loves the Father. *John 14:31*
- God the Holy Spirit loves the Father and Son and in turn is loved by both.
- The Triune God loves the world. *John 3:16, 2 Timothy 2:3-4, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 5:8*

## CONCLUSION

**The entire Trinity is involved in redemption.**

The Father will set up the millennial kingdom and establish His Son as King.  
*Psalms 2:6; Isaiah 9:6-7; 16:5, Daniel 7:13-14; Luke 1:31-33; Revelation 11:15.*

Future judgment will be committed to the Son. *John 3:35; 5:22, 27; Acts 17:31.*

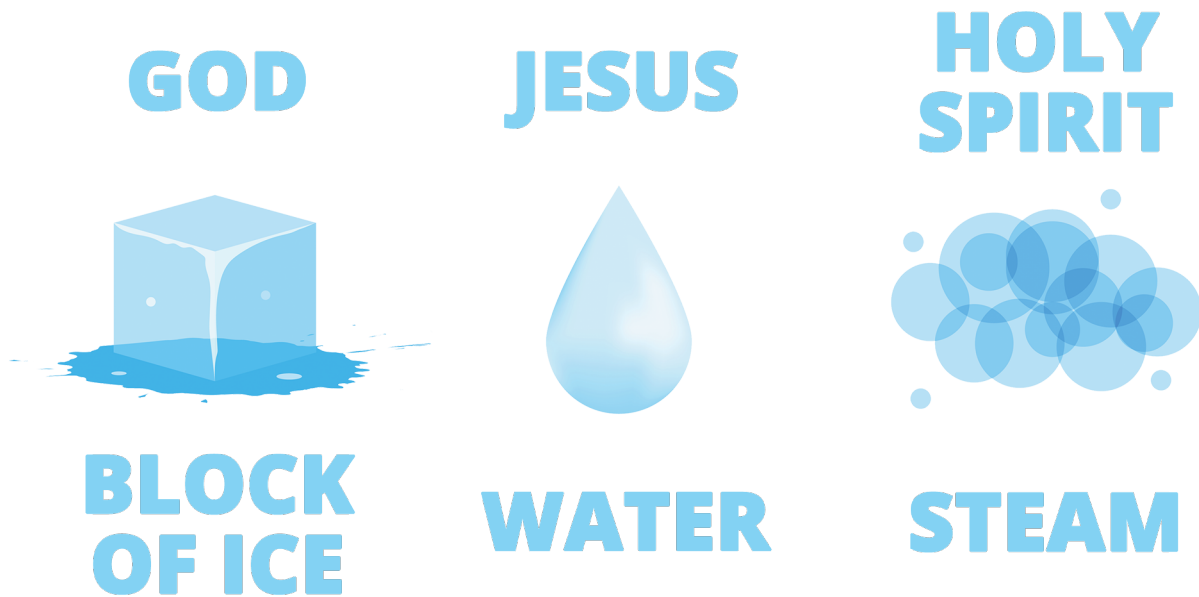
The Holy Spirit will usher God's children in before the very presence of the Father.

*Ephesians 1:17-18 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened: that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."*

## LIFE APPLICATION

It is estimated that the sale of bottled water will soon surpass the sale of carbonated soft drinks. If you included drinking water from water coolers, water fountains, and tap water from your kitchen, then the consumption of water has surpassed the intake of carbonated soft drinks long ago. When summer time approaches, nothing does the body any better than a refreshing glass of water with maybe a couple cubes of ice.

When you look at a glass of ice water setting on a table what do you see? Look closer. Do you see the ice? Look closer. Do you see the water evaporating? The invisible evaporating process is considered a gas, because the molecules in the water have separated further apart. So contained in the glass is three different forms of H<sub>2</sub>O: ICE, WATER, and GAS. In reality, it's all H<sub>2</sub>O.



Invite a couple of friends over to your house and simply fellowship together. Provide something simple such as sandwiches or finger foods to eat. Take this opportunity to invite an outsider to join you. All they need to bring is the ice!