

God 'Are' One!

Doctrine #3

We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead-the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.

Luke 3:21-22

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21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Verses saying Jesus is God:

- Heb. 1:8 God the Father called the Son "God."
- Isa. 9:6 The "child" is called the "Mighty God."
- Mt. 1:23, Is. 7:14 Jesus is called Immanuel, which means "God with us."
- John. 1:1 Jesus (the "Word") is called "God."
- 1 Tim. 3:16 Paul said Jesus was God "manifested in the flesh."
- Col. 2:8,9 Paul said Jesus was the "fullness of the Godhead bodily."
- John. 20:28 Thomas said to Jesus, "...my God."
- Titus 2:13 Paul called Jesus "the great God."
- Phil. 2:5,6 Paul said Jesus didn't feel it was wrong to be considered "equal with God."
- John 5:18 The Jews wanted to kill Jesus because He was "making Himself equal with God."
- John 10:30 Jesus said, "I and the Father are one."
- Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16 The Bible said God created all things and that Jesus created all things.
- Mic. 5:2 The messiah (Jesus) had always been in existence.
- Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:2,8, 11,13 God claimed to be the "First and the Last." So did Jesus. God clearly states that He is the only savior. The Bible also says Jesus is our savior.

Verses saying the Father is God:

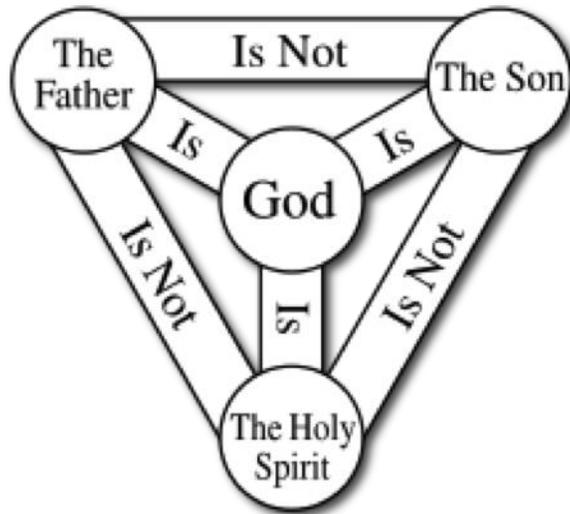
- John. 8:41 "The only Father we have is God Himself."
- Eph. 4:6 " ... one God and Father of all ..."

Verses saying the Holy Spirit is God:

- Acts 5:3,4 "... you have lied to the Holy Spirit ... you have not lied to men, but to God."
- Acts 28:25,26 Referring to Isaiah 6:9,10, Peter said the "Holy Spirit" spoke to the prophet Isaiah. In the book of Isaiah, it says the "Lord" spoke to the prophet Isaiah.
- 1 Cor. 3:16 "Don't you know you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"

Verses saying there is only one God:

- Mk. 12:32 "You are right in saying God is one and there is no other but him."
- Mk. 12:29 "The Lord our God, the Lord is one."
- 1 Tim. 2:5 "For there is one God ..."
- 1 Cor. 8:4 " ... and there is no God but one."
- Gal. 3:20 " ... but God is one."
- James 2:19 "You believe there is one God. Good! ..."
- Ps. 86:10 " ... you alone are God."
- Deut. 6:4,5 "The Lord our God, the Lord is one ..."
- Isa. 44:8 "Is there another God besides me?"
- Isa. 45:21 "There is no God apart from me ... there is none but me."
- Isa. 45:22 "For I am God and there is no other."
- Isa. 46:9 "I am God, and there is no other"
- Isa. 45:5 "I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God."
- Isaiah 45:18 "I am the Lord, and there is no other."
- Mal. 2:10 "Did not one God create us?"



**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all
things were made.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and
the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**So what is clear from a careful study of scripture is these three things;
The Trinity**

- God is a being eternally consisting three persons -Father Son and Holy Spirit
- Each person is divine
- Each person is completely equal to the other two
- Each is worthy of worship
- There is only one God.
- They function in total harmony because they comprise one being with one mind and one will

Why does that matter to me?

Well it matters because of five main reasons.

- 1. While confusing, confounding and the trinity is the biblical definition of God. God the Father, God the Son and The Holy Spirit have only two options. Either they are three Gods or one. And the scriptural evidence is that they are all the Same God.**
- 2. There is no occasion for conflict**
- 3. There is no opportunity for grandstanding or competition**
- 4. There is no diminished capacity**
- 5. There is no diminished authority**

Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. **14** When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **15** I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." **16** And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.