

The Three-ness of God: The Trinity

There is one, and only one, true God whose eternal being has been revealed to us as a tri-unity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three distinct, yet inseparable, Persons possessing one and the same divine nature.

**Not Just a Doctrinal Concept to Be Believed:
Our God to be Loved & Worshipped**

Loving God Enough to Think About Him

Jeremiah 9:23-24 “Thus says the LORD: ‘Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, *that he understands and knows me...*’”

Matthew 22:27-38, NKJV “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and *with all your mind.*’ This is the first and great commandment.”

We come to a point of mystery

Deuteronomy 29:29 “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever...”

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“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)

- Three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Three of a kind — “and of”
- Names reveal distinctions: Not three brothers
- Unity: Baptized in one name (singular)

Around 75 passages in the New Testament mention all three Persons of the Trinity.

Reasons We Overlook the Three-ness

- The Father is often referred to simply as “God” — around 63 times (2 Cor. 1:21-22; 13:14).
- In the New Testament, *Lord* is usually referring to the Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 12:4-6; Eph. 4:4-6).
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- As you read the New Testament, the Trinity will seem to come alive to you if you will read the words... and not just read for the general idea— with the awareness that *God* usually refers to the Father and *Lord* usually refers to the Lord Jesus.

The Persons Are Named in Relation to their Missions...

From the Father, Through the Son, by the Spirit

The Father initiates and sends

(Ja. 1:17; Eph. 1:3; Jn. 14:26; Eph. 1:5)

The Son executes and accomplishes

(1 Peter 1:2; 3:18)

The Spirit empowers and completes

(2 Thess. 2:14; Eph. 2:18)

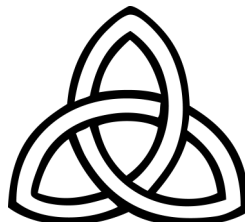
Three What?

Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the three Persons of the Trinity. The Trinity does not have “members,” like a club one can join. Though *Person* is considered by theologians to be an inadequate word, since it tends to communicate the idea of three separate individuals, it is better than alternate terms which communicate an impersonal God.

So, What’s the Practical Application?

Worship is the Application! It makes perfect sense to say, “I love the Trinity”—not just “I find the concept of a Triune God to be interesting.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. — 2 Corinthians 13:14



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