

The Three-ness of God As Seen in New Testament Passages

What follows is a list of 65 passages where all three Persons of the Trinity are mentioned. Depending on exactly how you outline the New Testament books, there are around seventy to seventy-five passages which mention the three Persons. There are other passages, of course, which name two of the three Persons in the same passage.

The New Testament generally speaks of one Person of the Trinity at a time, though often in quick succession. God the Father is often referred to as simply, "God."

Jesus is very often referred to as "the Lord." An exception is found in quotations from the Greek translation of the Old Testament, used in the New Testament period, where LORD is used to translate the sacred name of God (Jehovah or YHWH). Also, in Revelation, the phrase "Lord God" is sometimes used to speak of the Father; for example, in Revelation 22:21, "I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb."

Matthew 3:16–17

"When **Jesus** was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the **Spirit** of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is **my beloved Son**, with whom I am well-pleased." Compare Mark 1:10-11, Luke 3:21-22

Matthew 12:17-18

"So that what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Here is **my** [the Father's] **servant** [the Son] whom I have chosen, **my beloved** [Jesus, the beloved Son] in whom I [the Father] delight; I will put my **Spirit** on him, and **he** will proclaim justice to the nations.'"

Matthew 28:19

"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"

Luke 4:17-19

"The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him, and unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written: 'The **Spirit** of the **Lord** [the Father – LORD is translating Jehovah in Isaiah 61] is on **me** [the Son], because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Luke 10:21

“At that time **he** [Jesus] rejoiced in the **Holy Spirit** and said, ‘I praise you, **Father**, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to infants. Yes, **Father**, because this was your good pleasure.’”

Luke 24:49

“And look, I am sending you what **my** [Jesus the Son is speaking] **Father** promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are **empowered** [referring to the Holy Spirit] from on high.”

John 1:33-34

“I [John the Baptist is speaking] didn’t know **him** [Jesus the Son], but **he** who sent me [the Father] to baptize with water told me, ‘The one you see the **Spirit** descending and resting on—**he** [Jesus] is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and testified that this is **the Son of God** [the Father].”

John 3:34-36

“For the one whom **God** [the Father] sent speaks God’s words, since he [the Father] gives the **Spirit** without measure. The **Father** loves the **Son** and has given all things into his hands. The one who believes in the **Son** has eternal life, but the one who rejects the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of **God** [the Father] remains on him.”

John 14:16-17

“And I [Jesus the Son] will ask the **Father**, and he will give you another **Counselor** [referring to the Holy Spirit] to be with you forever. He is the **Spirit of truth**. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn’t see him or know him. But you do know **him** [God the Holy Spirit], because **he** [God the Son] remains with you and will be in you [referring to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit].”

John 14:25-26

“I [Jesus the Son is speaking] have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. But **the Counselor, the Holy Spirit**, whom **the Father** will send **in my name**, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”

John 15:26

“When the **Counselor** comes, the one I will send to you from the **Father**—the **Spirit** of truth who proceeds from the **Father**—he will testify about **me** [Jesus].”

John 16:7-10

“Nevertheless, I [Jesus the Son is speaking] am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don’t go away **the Counselor** will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: About sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the **Father** and you will no longer see me”

John 16:13-15

“When the **Spirit** of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. He will glorify **me** [Jesus the Son], because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything the **Father** has is mine. This is why I told you that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.”

John 20:21-22

“**Jesus** said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the **Father** has sent me, I also send you.’ After saying this, **he** breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the **Holy Spirit.**’”

Acts 1:4-5

“While **he** [Jesus] was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the **Father’s** promise. ‘Which,’ he said, ‘you have heard me speak about; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit** in a few days.’”

Acts 1:7-8

“**He** [Jesus] said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or periods that **the Father** has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** has come on you, and you will be **my** witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”

Acts 2:32-33

“**God** has raised this **Jesus**; we are all witnesses of this. Therefore, since he has been exalted to **the right hand of God** and has received from the **Father** the promised **Holy Spirit**, he has poured out what you both see and hear.”

Acts 2:38-39

“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of **Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the **Holy Spirit**. For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as **the Lord our God** will call.’”

Acts 4:8-10

“Then Peter was filled with the **Holy Spirit** and said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom **God** [the Father] raised from the dead—by him this man is standing here before you healthy.”

Acts 4:24-31

“When they heard this, they raised their voices together to **God** and said, “Master, you are the one who made the heaven, the earth, and the sea, and everything in them. You said through the **Holy Spirit**, by the mouth of our father David your servant: *Why do the Gentiles rage and the peoples plot futile things? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble together against **the Lord** [the Father] and against **his Messiah [Jesus]**...* When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak the word of God boldly.”

Acts 5:30-32

“The **God** of our ancestors raised up **Jesus**, whom you had murdered by hanging him on a tree. **God** exalted this man to his right hand as ruler and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the **Holy Spirit** whom **God** has given to those who obey him.”

Acts 10:38

“How **God** [the Father] anointed **Jesus** of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with power, and how he went about doing good and healing all who were under the tyranny of the devil, because **God** was with him.”

Acts 11:16-17

“I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit**.’ If, then, **God** [the Father] gave them the same gift that he also gave to us when we believed in the **Lord Jesus Christ**, how could I possibly hinder God?”

Acts 20:21-24

“I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward **God** and faith in our **Lord Jesus**. And now I am on my way to Jerusalem, compelled by the Spirit, not knowing what I will encounter there, except that in every town the **Holy Spirit** warns me that chains and afflictions are waiting for me. But I consider my life of no value to myself; my purpose is to finish my course and the ministry I received from the **Lord Jesus**, to testify to the gospel of **God’s** grace.”

Acts 20:26-28

“Therefore I declare to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, because I did not avoid declaring to you the whole plan of **God**. Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the **Holy Spirit** has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of **God**, which he purchased with **his own blood** [referring to Jesus’ self-sacrifice on the cross].”

Romans 1:1-4

“Paul, a servant of **Christ Jesus**, called as an apostle and set apart for the gospel of **God**—which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures—concerning **his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord**, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh and was appointed to be the **powerful Son of God** according to the **Spirit of holiness** by the resurrection of the dead.”

Romans 5:1-5

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with **God** [the Father] through our **Lord Jesus Christ**. We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of **God**. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. This hope will not disappoint us, because **God’s** love has been poured out in our hearts through the **Holy Spirit** who was given to us.”

Romans 7:4-6

“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you also were put to death in relation to the law through the body of **Christ** so that you may belong to another. You belong to him who was raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for **God**. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions aroused through the law were working in us to bear fruit for death. But now we have been released from the law, since we have died to what held us, so that we may serve in the newness of the **Spirit** and not in the old letter of the law.”

Romans 8:1-4

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in **Christ Jesus**, because the law of the **Spirit of life** in **Christ Jesus** has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, **God did**. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending **his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering, in order that the law’s requirement would be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the **Spirit**.”

Romans 8:9-11

“You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the **Spirit**, if indeed the **Spirit of God** lives in you. If anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to him. Now if **Christ** is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the **Spirit** gives life because of righteousness. And if the **Spirit** of **him** who raised **Jesus** from the dead lives in you, then **he** who raised **Christ** from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through **his Spirit** who lives in you.”

Romans 8:16-17

“The **Spirit** himself testifies together with our spirit that we are **God’s** children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs **with Christ**—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.”

Romans 15:15-16

“Nevertheless, I have written to remind you more boldly on some points because of the grace given me by **God** to be a minister of **Christ Jesus** to the Gentiles, serving as a priest of the gospel of God. God’s purpose is that the Gentiles may be an acceptable offering, sanctified **by the Holy Spirit**.”

Romans 15:30

“Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, through our **Lord Jesus Christ** and through the love of **the Spirit**, to strive together with me in prayers **to God** on my behalf.”

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

“When I came to you, brothers and sisters, announcing the mystery of **God** to you, I did not come with brilliance of speech or wisdom. I decided to know nothing among you except **Jesus Christ** and him crucified. I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of **the Spirit’s** power, so that your faith might not be based on human wisdom but on **God’s power**.”

1 Corinthians 2:12-16

“Now **God** has revealed these things to us by the **Spirit**, since the **Spirit** searches everything, even the depths of **God**. For who knows a person’s thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of **God** except the **Spirit of God**. Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit** who comes **from God**, so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by **God**. We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the **Spirit**, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people. But the person without the **Spirit** does not receive what comes from **God’s Spirit**, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually. The spiritual person, however, can evaluate everything, and yet he himself cannot be evaluated by anyone. For who has known the **Lord’s** mind, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of **Christ**.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

“Don’t you know that the unrighteous will not inherit **God’s** kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit **God’s** kingdom. And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the **Lord Jesus Christ** and by the **Spirit** of our **God**.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

“Now there are different gifts, but the same **Spirit**. There are different ministries, but the same **Lord**. And there are different activities, but the same **God** works all of them in each person.”

2 Corinthians 1:21–22

“Now it is **God** who strengthens us together with you **in Christ**, and who has anointed us. He has also put his seal on us and **given us the Spirit** in our hearts as a down payment.”

2 Corinthians 3:3-6

“You show that you are **Christ’s** letter, delivered by us, not written with ink but with the **Spirit** of the **living God**—not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence we have through **Christ** before **God**. It is not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from **God**. He has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of **the Spirit**. For the letter kills, but **the Spirit** gives life.”

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.”

Galatians 4:4-6

“When the time came to completion, **God** sent **his Son**, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, **God** sent the **Spirit** of **his Son** into our hearts, crying, “**Abba, Father!**”

Ephesians 1:3-14

“Blessed is the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens **in Christ**... In him you also were sealed with the **promised Holy Spirit** when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. **The Holy Spirit** is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:17

“I pray that the **God of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the **glorious Father**, would give you the **Spirit** of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.”

Ephesians 2:18

“For through **him** [Jesus, going back to verse 13ff] we both have access in one **Spirit** to the **Father**.”

Ephesians 2:20-22

“Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with **Christ Jesus** himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple **in the Lord**. In him you are also being built together for **God’s dwelling in the Spirit**.”

Ephesians 4:4-6

“There is one body and one **Spirit**—just as you were called to one hope at your calling—one **Lord**, one faith, one baptism, one **God and Father** of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:30-32

“And don’t grieve **God’s Holy Spirit**. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as **God** also forgave you **in Christ**.”

Ephesians 5:18-20

“And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but **be filled by the Spirit**: speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart **to the Lord**, giving thanks always for everything to **God the Father** in the name of **our Lord Jesus Christ**, submitting to one another in the fear of **Christ**.”

Colossians 1:3-8

We always thank **God, the Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, when we pray for you, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this hope in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it and came to truly appreciate **God’s grace**. You learned this from Epaphras, our dearly loved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has told us about your **love in the Spirit**.”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

“We recall, in the presence of our **God and Father**, your work produced by faith, your labor motivated by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in **our Lord Jesus Christ**. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in **the Holy Spirit**, and with full assurance... you yourselves became imitators of us and of **the Lord** when, in spite of severe persecution, you welcomed the message with joy from the **Holy Spirit**... For the word of **the Lord** rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place that your faith **in God** has gone out. Therefore, we don’t need to say anything, for they themselves report what kind of reception we had from you: how you turned **to God** from idols to serve the living and **true God** and to wait for **his Son** from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—**Jesus**, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

“But we ought to thank **God** always for you, brothers and sisters **loved by the Lord**, because from the beginning **God** has chosen you for salvation through sanctification **by the Spirit** and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, so that you might obtain the glory of **our Lord Jesus Christ**.”

Titus 2:4-6

“But when the kindness of **God** our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, he saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy—through the washing of regeneration and renewal **by the Holy Spirit**. He poured out his Spirit on us abundantly **through Jesus Christ** our Savior so that, having been justified by his grace, we may become heirs with the hope of eternal life.”

Hebrews 2:3-4

“How will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? This salvation had its beginning when it was spoken of by **the Lord**, and it was confirmed to us by those who heard him. At the same time, **God** also testified by signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of gifts from the **Holy Spirit** according to his will.”

Hebrews 9:14

“How much more will the **blood of Christ**, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered himself without blemish **to God**, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we can serve the living God?”

Hebrews 10:12-15

“But **this man**, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the **right hand of God**. He is now waiting until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified. The **Holy Spirit** also testifies to us about this...”

Hebrews 10:29

“How much worse punishment do you think one will deserve who has trampled on the **Son of God**, who has regarded as profane the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has insulted the **Spirit** of grace?”

1 Peter 1:2

“According to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, through the sanctifying work of the **Spirit**, to be obedient and to be sprinkled with the blood of **Jesus Christ**...”

1 Peter 1:3-12

Blessed be the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of **Jesus Christ** from the dead... Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated. They inquired into what time or what circumstances the **Spirit of Christ** within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you **by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven**—angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.”

1 Peter 3:18

“For **Christ** also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you **to God**. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive **by the Spirit**”

1 John 4:2-3

“This is how you know the **Spirit** of God: Every spirit that confesses that **Jesus Christ** has come in the flesh is **from God**, but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not **from God**...”

1 John 4:13 (see verses 12-16)

“This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of **his Spirit**. And we have seen and we testify that **the Father** has sent **his Son** as the world’s Savior.”

1 John 5:6-9

“**Jesus Christ**—he is the one who came by water and blood, not by water only, but by water and by blood. And **the Spirit** is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and these three are in agreement. If we accept human testimony, God’s testimony is greater, because it is **God’s** testimony that he has given about his Son.”

Revelation 1:4-6

“John: To the seven churches in Asia. Grace and peace to you from **the one who is, who was, and who is to come**, *and* from the seven spirits before his throne [Amplified: “**the seven Spirits [the sevenfold Holy Spirit]**”], *and* from **Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to his **God and Father**—to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:9-10

“I, John, your brother and partner in the affliction, kingdom, and endurance that **are in Jesus**, was on the island called Patmos because of the **word of God** and the testimony of **Jesus**. I was **in the Spirit on the Lord’s day...**”

Revelation 22:17–20

“Both **the Spirit** and the bride say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely. I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, **God** will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God** will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book. He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, **I am coming soon.**” Amen! Come, **Lord Jesus!**”

Note: In *Reordering the Trinity: Six Movements of God in the New Testament*, Rodrick K. Durst provides a list of 75 “Triadic Occurrences” and discusses the significance of the varying orders in which the Persons are listed (Kregel Publications ©2015). The purpose of our list above is slightly different, as we are only trying to demonstrate the three-ness of God.

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