



Doctrine | Week 3 | The Trinity

Big Idea:

We want you to understand who God is through having a proper understanding of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Definitions:

Trinity

One God who eternally exists as three distinct and equal persons — Father, Son, and Spirit — who are each fully and equally God.

Tritheism

The false view that Christianity has 3 Gods, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit..

Modalism

The false view that believes that the Father, Son and Spirit are different modes or forms of the same divine person.

Why study this?

Verses:

Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

Trinity

Genesis 1:1-2 *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Colossians 1:15-18 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

Psalm 89:27 "I will make him the firstborn the highest of the kings of the earth."

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let **us** make man in our image, after **our** likeness...."

Genesis 3:22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like **one of us** in knowing good and evil.

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Shema Yisrael, Adonai eloheinu, Adonai **echad** —

One God

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Deuteronomy 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him.

Isaiah 43:10-11 "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior.

Three Persons

The Father is God

Isaiah 43:10 "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last; **besides me there is no god.**

Isaiah 45:21,22 Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is **no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior**; there is none besides me." **Turn to me and be saved**, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

The Son is God

John 5:17-18 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not

only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

John 8:58, 59 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I am.**" So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

John 10:30-33 "I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."

Mark 14:61-62 Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and **coming with the clouds of heaven.**" (see also Daniel 7:13,14, Psalm 110:1)

Matthew 16:15- 17 He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

1 Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is **one God, the Father**, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Romans 9:5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the **Christ, who is God over all**, blessed forever. Amen.

Titus 2:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our **great God and Savior Jesus Christ**

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. **He is the true God and eternal life.**

The Holy Spirit is God

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this

comes from **the Lord who is the Spirit**.

Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has **Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to man but to God.**"