

Almost Everything You Need to Know

A Systematic Study of God

The Trinity

“There is one only and true God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three coeternal and coequal Persons, the same in substance but distinct in subsistence.”¹

The Unity of God

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. (Deuteronomy 6:4)

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. (Isaiah 46:9)

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. (James 2:19)

The Tri-Unity of God

1. _____ Nouns, Pronouns, and Verbs
 - a. *Elohim*, a plural form, is peculiar to the Old Testament and appears in no other Semitic language.²
 - b. God speaks of Himself with plural pronouns and verbs (Genesis 1:26; 3:22)

2. The Distinction of _____
 - a. The divine Redeemer and the Spirit are distinguished from the LORD.
“The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the LORD. “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the LORD. (Isaiah 59:20-21)
 - b. The Angel of the Lord is referred to as God yet distinguished from Him. (Genesis 16:7-13; 18:1-21; 19:1-28)

¹ B. B. Warfield, “Trinity,” *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, ed. James Orr (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1930), 5:3012.

² Charles Caldwell Ryrie, *Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth* (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1999), 51–52.

3. The Evidence for _____

a. The Father is God

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” (John 6:27)

b. Jesus Christ is God

- i. He is Omniscient – Matthew 9:4
- ii. He is Omnipotent – Matthew 28:18
- iii. He is Omnipresent – Matthew 28:20
- iv. He Forgives Sins – Mark 2:1-12
- v. He Raises the Dead – John 12:9
- vi. He Holds Everything Together – Colossians 1:17
- vii. He is the Creator – John 1:3

c. The Holy Spirit is God

- i. He is Omniscient – 1 Corinthians 2:10
- ii. He is Omnipresent – 1 Corinthians 6:19
- iii. He Regenerates People – John 3:5-8
- iv. He is called God – Acts 5:3-4

4. Key Passages

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:16-17)

May 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)

Therefore go 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)

