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The Trinity: A Difficult, but Biblical Concept

This sheet is intended for use as a resource for studying the often misunderstood doctrine of the Trinity (the concept that there is one God existing in three Persons). This sheet describes the logical arguments and numerous Scripture references to show that the Bible does, in fact, show that our one God exists in three Persons. We suggest that you use this sheet to study the Trinity and to further teach the concept to your children.

1. Is God The Father God?

This may seem like a silly question, and indeed, there can be very little dispute over the answer. Throughout the Bible, Yahweh (God's name in the Bible, sometimes rendered "Jehovah," or, "the Lord" [with small capital letters]) is clearly referred to as the Almighty God. Isaiah 44:6 is one of many, many verses to teach this.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last, and beside me there is no God.

2. Is Jesus Christ God?

This question is disputed more frequently. Some say that Jesus was simply a teacher or a prophet or a "good man," but not God. The Bible, however, clearly teaches otherwise. Here are just a few references:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ("The Word" here refers to Jesus.)

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

John 10:30 [Jesus said,] "I and my Father are one." (In the subsequent verses, the Jews wanted to stone Jesus for claiming to be God.)

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto [Jesus], My Lord and my God! (In the subsequent verses, Jesus does not dispute Thomas' claim that He was God.)

See also: Matthew 28:9-10, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, John 8:58, Hebrews 1:3-10

3. Is the Holy Spirit God?

This question is also sometimes disputed. Some say that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but just an "active force" of God. The Bible, however, clearly shows that the Holy Spirit is a person and is God.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost... thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 12:31-32 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

See also: 2 Corinthians 3:17, Luke 1:35, Hebrews 9:14, 1 Cor. 6:11, 6:19, 2 Peter 1:21, Job 26:13

4. Are there, then, three Gods, or just one?

This also creates confusion. Indeed, our finite minds cannot grasp the concept that God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all be the same God. We have seen that God the Father is God, that Jesus is God, and that the Holy Spirit is God. Yet, the Bible clearly states that there is only one God—not three.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last, and beside me there is no God.

This is one of the verses in Scripture which clearly points out that there is only one God, so we can confidently say that there is only one God.

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

John 5:44 [Jesus said,] "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?"

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

See also: Isaiah 43:10, 1 Corinthians 8:4

5. One God in three persons? Is this possible?

Of course. The Bible shows the Trinity in several passages, and let us not forget—all things are possible with God.

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

This passage is the first passage of Scripture to suggest the concept of three in one, since "us" and "our" is used when God is speaking.

John 14:16-17 And I [Jesus] will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter; that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth...

This passage once again shows Jesus, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit all working together.

Isaiah 48:12-16 Harken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called, I am he, I am the first, I also am the last. Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together... I, even I, have spoken: yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the LORD GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. (emphasis added)

This passage is one of the clearest passages in the Old Testament that points to God being three in one. In verses twelve and thirteen, God is speaking, because He calls Himself the first and last, and describes how He has created the universe. As you continue reading the passage, you will see that the same person is speaking throughout the rest of the passage. So, in verse sixteen, "Me" seems to be referring to Jesus, the Son, whom God the Father, or the Sovereign Lord, has sent with God the Holy Spirit.

Mark 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

See also: 1 Peter 1:2, Ephesians 4:4-6, John 14:26 and 15:26, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Hebrews 1:2, Matthew 3:16-17, John 14:16-17, Romans 15:30, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

6. If God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all God, why does one submit to another?

Although all three persons of the Trinity are the same God, and therefore equal in power, deity and importance, there is a structure that has been established. The Holy Spirit voluntarily submits to Jesus the Son, who voluntarily submits to God the Father. This is similar to the structure of a family, where a child submits to his mother, who submits to her husband. All three are equally human, but they each have different roles within the family.

7. Do I have to be able to understand the Trinity?

Of course not. There are many things about God that none of us can fully understand. God's Word shows the Trinity to be a true concept. Reality does not depend upon our understanding. We are told in God's Word that we cannot understand God. Fortunately, our salvation is not dependant upon our understanding, but on our faith.

Isaiah 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.



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Do AT LEAST THREE of the things on this sheet and CHECK THEM OFF in the checkboxes (☐) by the numbers.
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Sign their name at the bottom to show that you did it (and write YOUR NAME there too!)
Bring this SIGNED Worksheet with you the next time you come to Truthopolis and turn it in for credit!

1.

GIVE your MOM or DAD the FAMILY STUDY sheet we sent home with you today.

That way, they can learn the same stuff YOU learned!



2.

MEMORIZE
this verse

Isaiah 48:16b

And now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.



3.

ANSWER
these
questions

Note for Parents:

Isaiah 48:12-16 will give you the context of the memory verse. We believe that it is Jesus who is referred to as "me" in verse 16, because in verses 12-13, it is very clear that God is speaking, and by verse 16, the tense of who is speaking has not changed.

Is God the Father our God? (Isaiah 44:6)

Is Jesus God? (John 20:28)

Is the Holy Spirit God? (Job 33:4)

How many real gods are there? (hint: see Isaiah 44:6)

Can God be only one God, but still be three persons?

Is it okay if we don't understand HOW God can be a Trinity? (Isaiah 40:13)

4.

APPLICATION Challenge:

Look for examples in real life that remind you of the Trinity. Things that have three parts that all make up one thing are good examples. Write down as many examples as you can find.

5.

READ your BIBLE and PRAY EVERY DAY!

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My Child's Name: _____