

WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

Lesson 3 - Part 3

GOD THE FATHER

The nature of God - trinity

1. We have learned about the unity of God.

Who is a unity?

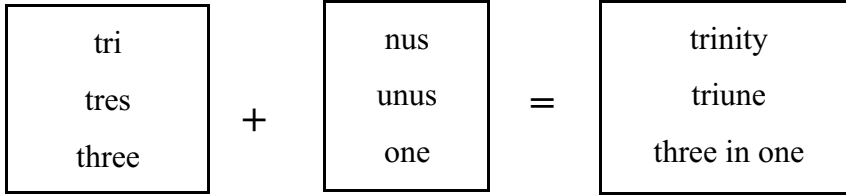
- There is but _____ God.
- The divine nature of God is not _____ and cannot be _____
- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one _____
- There is one Godhead with _____ persons,
_____ and _____

2. God is a unity. There is but one God. The divine nature of God is not divided and cannot be divided. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one God. There is one Godhead with three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

In this lesson we want to learn that God is a trinity.

- There are three persons within the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- These three are one God, the same in being (substance), equal in power and glory.

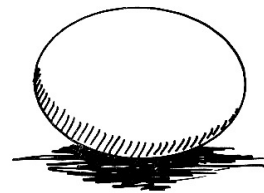
The word "trinity" is not found in the Bible. The word "trinity" comes from a Latin word "trinus" which means three in one. Sometimes the word "triune" is used. This word also comes from a Latin word which means three in one.



What does the word "trinity" mean?

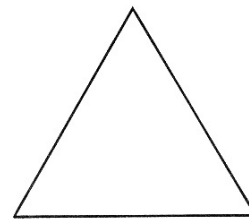
3. The word "trinity" means three in one.

Let us look at an egg. An egg has a shell, egg white, and a yolk. There are three parts but only one egg. We cannot say that the shell is an egg, or that the white is an egg. The yolk alone is not an egg either. It is only an egg when we have a shell, egg white, and a yolk together. The three parts make one egg. The shell is not like the yolk, nor is the yolk like the white.



What word or words can we use to say "three in one"?

4. We can use the words trinity or triune to say three in one. We can also look at a triangle. A triangle has three sides, but it is one triangle.



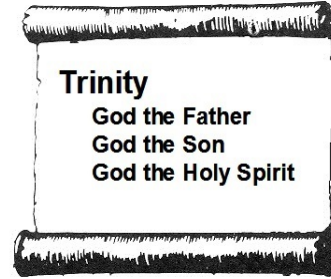
What is another way of saying, "trinity"?

5. Another way to say trinity is "three in one."

God is a trinity. There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God. We cannot understand the trinity with our minds. We learn about the trinity from God's

Word, the Bible. It is a mystery, or something which cannot be explained. But the trinity explains many things in the Bible.

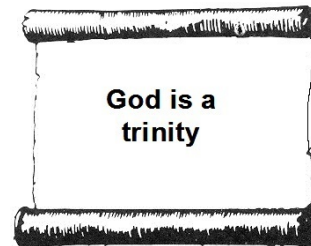
Who is a trinity?



6. God is a trinity. There are three persons in the Godhead - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one God, but they each have their own work to do.

What three persons are in the Godhead?

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7. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are in the Godhead. They are a trinity. We cannot explain the trinity, but we can believe it. Let us look at some Bible verses now.

Matthew 3:16,17

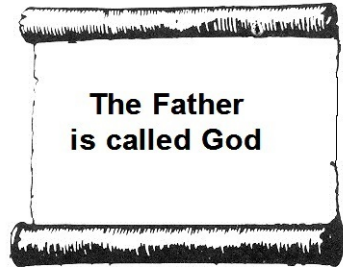
As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

This happened when Jesus was baptized. Jesus just came out of the water. The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in the shape of a dove. God spoke in a voice from heaven.

What persons are in the Godhead?

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8. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are in the Godhead. We read about all three when Jesus was baptized. All three are the same in being. This means that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.



John 6:27

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.

Who is called God?

9. God the Father is called God.

John 1:1,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



Who is called God?

10. Jesus is called God.

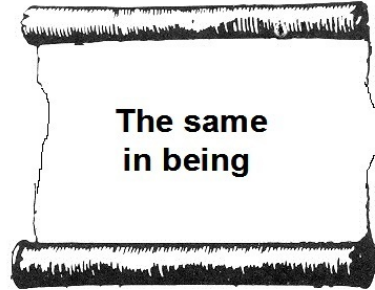
Acts 5:3,4

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."



Who is called God?

11. The Holy Spirit is called God. Peter said Ananias lied to the Holy Spirit and in the next verse He said Ananias lied to God. The Father is called God, the Son is called God, and the Holy Spirit is called God. They are the same in being - each one is God.



Who is the same in being?

12. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the same in being. **Read** these verses: John 1:18; 20:28; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 John 5:20.

What is Jesus called in these verses?

Who are the three persons of the Godhead?

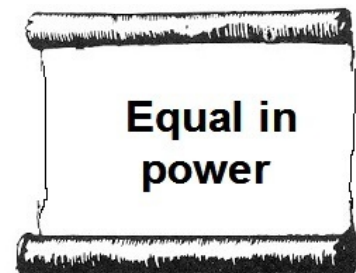
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13. Jesus is called God. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the three persons of the Godhead.

God is the Almighty God - He has all power and authority.

Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."



1 Peter 3:22

(Jesus) ... who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission (obedience) to him.

Who also has all power and authority?

14. Jesus also has all power and authority. He is equal with God the Father in power. This means He has the same power as God the Father.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

1 Corinthians 2:4,5

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration (show) of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

When would the disciples receive power?

15. The disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit would come upon them. God the Father has power and authority. Jesus Christ has power and authority. The Holy Spirit also has power.

We are learning that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

- are the same in
- are equal in
- are equal in glory

16. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the same in being, and are equal in power and in glory. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are a trinity. They are equal as God and equal in power.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are equal in glory.

Isaiah 42:8

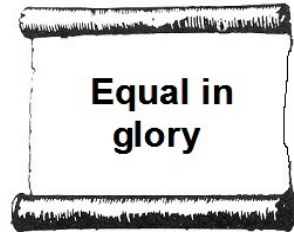
I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

What will God not give to anyone else?

17. God will not give His glory to anyone else.

Revelation 4:11

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.



Revelation 5:12

In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Who will receive glory?

18. Jesus, who is called the Lamb, will receive glory. Jesus is God and receives the same glory as God the Father.

1 Peter 4:14

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

What is another name given to the Holy Spirit?

19. He is called the Spirit of glory. From these verses we see that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are equal in glory.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are:

- the same in
- equal in
- equal in

20. They are the same in being, and equal in power and in glory. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one God. These are the three persons of the Godhead. God is a trinity.

21. Who is a trinity?

Who are the three persons of the Godhead?

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They are:

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