

3. God is a trinity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the Godhead. They are the same in being, equal in power, and in glory.

How does the Old Testament show us the trinity of God?

- in using
- in using
- in revealing
- in the work

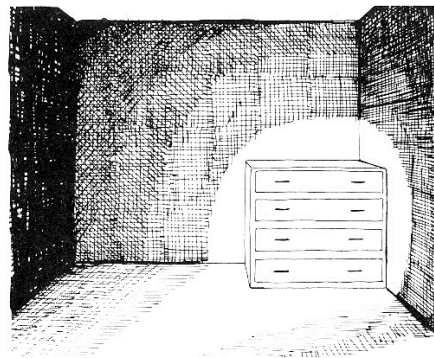
4. The Old Testament shows us the trinity of God in using the name Elohim, in using the plural pronouns for God, in revealing the angel of the LORD, and in the work of the Holy Spirit.

In this lesson we want to learn that the New Testament teaches the trinity of God. The Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God.

What does the word trinity mean?

5. Trinity means three in one. God is a trinity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one God. They are three persons but one God. Each has His own work to do.

We have learned some things about the trinity in the Old Testament. The New Testament tells us more about the trinity. This is something like a house. The Old Testament is like a room which has lots and lots of good things in it, but the light is dim. It is hard to see all the things in it.



The New Testament is like a flashlight which we use to shine into the dark room. The light shows the things which are in the room. It does not add new things, but we can see the things which are already in the room. The

New Testament is a light shining into the Old Testament. It shines light on the trinity of God. The trinity was there all the time, but we can see it clearer in the New Testament.

Which part of the Bible tells more clearly about the trinity?

6. The New Testament tells more clearly about the trinity. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, but they are one God.

We will look at four places where they are spoken of together.

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."

How do we know that the Father was there?

How do we know that the Son was there?

How do we know that the Holy Spirit was there?

7. We know the Father was there because He spoke from heaven. We know the Son was there because Jesus was baptized. We know the Holy Spirit was there because He came down on Him like a dove.

John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth.

Who spoke these words?

Whom would He ask?

About whom did He speak?

8. Jesus spoke these words about the Holy Spirit. He would ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit. All three are mentioned in these two verses.

Matthew 28:19

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.

In whose name should people be baptized?

9. People should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

This blessing is often used in church services.

Who is mentioned in this blessing?

10. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all mentioned in this blessing. We saw God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit when Jesus was baptized and when the Holy Spirit was sent. All three names are used when people are baptized and when a blessing is given in church.

Which persons are in the Godhead?

11. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are in the Godhead. Each

one is called God. **Read** John 6:27 and Romans 1:7.

Galatians 1:1,3

Paul, an apostle - sent not from men nor by man but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

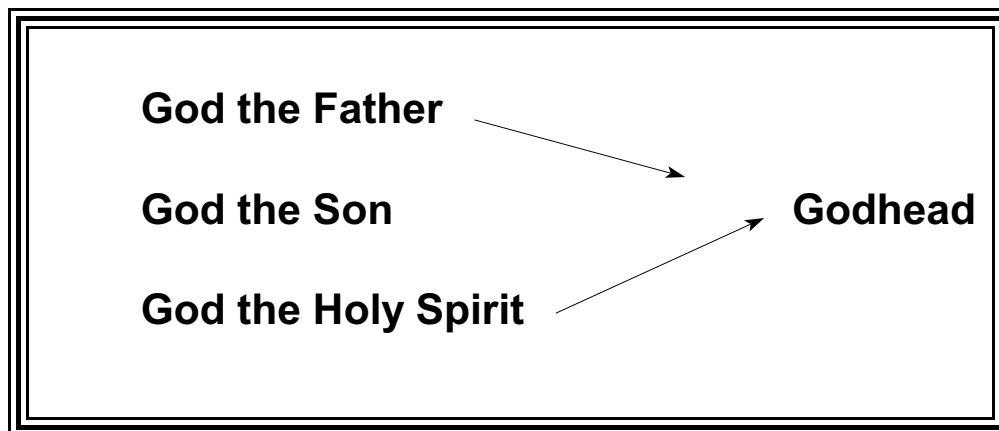
Who is called God in these verses?

12. The Father is called God. Read John 1:1; John 20:28; Titus 2:13; and 1 John 5:20.

Hebrews 1:8

But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter (symbol of a king) of your kingdom."

Who is called God?



13. The Son 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? ... you have not lied to men but to God."

Who is called God?

14. The Holy Spirit is called God.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the Godhead.
They are one God, the only God.

They work together as one and yet each one has a special work to do.

God the Father . . . the Father person

**God the Son shows what the Father is like
. . . . made a way for people to have
fellowship with God**

**God the Holy Spirit . . works in the hearts of
people**

Does God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit each have the same work in the Godhead?

15. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit work together as one, but each has a special work to do.

John 17:2,4

For you (God) granted him (Jesus) authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

I (Jesus) have brought you (God) glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

While Jesus was on earth, the Father gave authority to Jesus. He also gave Him a work to do. God the Father is the Father person in the Godhead. He elects (chooses), loves, and cares for people.

Who is the Father person in the Godhead?

16. God the Father is the Father person in the Godhead. **Read** John 14:8-11.

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God, but God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

What is one special work of the Son?

17. One special work of the Son is to show us the Father. Another special work is to make a way for people to come into fellowship with God.

1 Timothy 2:5,6

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men - the testimony given in its proper time.

Jesus came to show us the Father. What else did He do?

18. Jesus, the Son, also made a way for people to come to God by giving His own life.

John 14:16,17,26

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my

name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

What is the work of the Holy Spirit?

19. The Holy Spirit is in the believer. He teaches, counsels, and reminds him of Jesus' words.

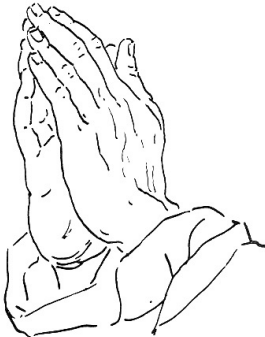
20. Which persons are in the Godhead?

Who is called God?

21. As we finish this study about God the Father, I trust you will be able to say,

Psalm 8:9

“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”



Questions from Lesson 3.

1. We see that God is sovereign -

- in keeping
- in _____ for and _____ all things

2. 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

3. Who is a trinity?

4. There is one Godhead with _____ persons
and _____

They are:

- the same in _____
- equal in _____
- equal in _____

5. How does the Old Testament show us the trinity of God?

- in using _____
- in using _____
- in revealing _____
- in the work _____

6. Who is called God?

- _____

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT GOD AND JESUS CHRIST by Helen Pope.
Copyright, 1989 by Northern Canada Evangelical Mission, Inc., Box 3030, Prince Albert,
Saskatchewan, Canada, S6V 7V4. Revised 2013. All scripture quotations in this
publication are from the Holy Bible, New International Version. Copyright (c) 1973, 1978,
International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan Bible Publishers.