

## The Holy Trinity #1

### **Intro: Why is this doctrine so important?**

- John 16:13-14 **However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will *not speak on His own authority*, but whatever He *hears* He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. *He will glorify Me*, for He will take of what is *Mine* and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He [the Spirit] takes of Mine and will declare it to you.**
- John 8:54 **If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing.**
- John 8:28-29 **...I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.... for I always do those things that please Him [the Father]**
- John 5:30 **I can of Myself do *nothing*. As I *hear*, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because *I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me*.**
- **This is My beloved Son, hear Him.**

### **The beginnings of a definition of the Trinity**

1. First, there is only one true God, perfectly unified and of one essence.
2. Second, this one God exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. These three Persons are not parts of God (as if the Father is a third of God and the Spirit is another third of God). Instead, they are each, fully God. Another way of saying this is that the three Persons are co-eternal, co-equal, co-inherent and of the same substance or essence, even though they are distinct Persons.

## **1. There is only one God.**

- Deuteronomy 6:4 **Hear, O Israel: The LORD [Yahweh] our God, The LORD [Yahweh] is One.**”
- Deuteronomy 32:39 **there is no God besides Me.**
- Isaiah 43:10 **You are My witnesses,” says Yahweh, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me.**
- Isaiah 45:5 **I am Yahweh, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me.**
- **the LORD our God, the LORD is one** (Mark 12:29).
- Mark 12:32 **there is one God, and there is no other but He.**
- 1 Corinthians 8:6, **there is one God.**
- Galatians 3:20: **God is one.**
- Ephesians 4:5 **one Lord,**
- Ephesians 4:6 **one God.**
- 1 Timothy 2:5, **For *there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.***
- James 2:19, **You believe that there is one God. You do well.**

## **2. This one God exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (The Father is God, the Son is God and the Spirit is God.)**

- Matthew 28:19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**
- Zechariah 14:9 **The LORD *is one, and His name one.***

### **The Father is God**

- 1 Corinthians 8:5-6 **for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.**

## **The Son is God**

- **John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**
- **My Lord and my God (John 20:28)**
- **before Abraham was I AM. (John 8:58)**
- **John 5:21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.**
- **John 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,**
- **John 5:23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father.**
- **Colossians 2:9 For in Him [Jesus] dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.**
- **Titus 2:13 our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**
- **Isaiah 9:6 Mighty God.**
- **Matthew 1:23 Immanuel**
- **Hebrews 1 [See whole chapter]**

## **The Spirit is God**

- **the Spirit of God 26 times**
- **the Spirit of the Lord 28 times.**
- **the Spirit of Christ**
- **the Spirit of your Father.**
- **2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.**
- **Acts 5:3-4 Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit... You have not lied to men but to God.**
- **The Spirit has Personal attributes**
- **fellowship with the Spirit (Philippians 2:1).**
- **He speaks, teaches, sends, guides, bears witness, forbids people from doing things (Acts 16:8), is insulted (Heb.**

10:29), is grieved (Eph. 4:3), has a will (1 Cor. 12:11) and a mind (Rom. 8:27), etc.

**3. These three Persons are equal in power, glory.**

- John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He ... said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.
- Philippians 2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God.
- John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- John 10:30, I and My Father are one.”
- Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God. Jesus answered... do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, “You are blaspheming,” because I said, “I am the Son of God?” If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him. Then they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

**4. Modalism is not possible because the Father, Son and Holy Spirit appear together in so many places at the same time.**

- Matthew 3 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God

- descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
- Genesis 1:1. **IN the beginning God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth.**
  - Genesis 1:2. **The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**
  - Genesis 1:26. **Then God said, “Let US make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion...**
  - Genesis 3:22. **Then the LORD [Yahweh] God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil.**
  - Genesis 11:6-8. **And the LORD [Yahweh] said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do: now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD scattered them.**
  - Ecclesiastes 12:1 **Remember now thy Creators [literal Hebrew] in the days your youth.**
  - Psalm 149:2 **Let Israel rejoice in his makers.**
  - Psalm 45:6-7. **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.**
  - Isaiah 48:16. **Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord GOD [adonai Yahweh] and His Spirit have sent Me.**
  - Psalm 110 **Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.**

## **5. Tying Monotheism together.**

- Deuteronomy 6:4. **Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God [plural Elohim], Yahweh is one [compound unity].** יהוה אחד.
- Usage of Hebrew word “one.”
- Genesis 1:5 **and there was evening and there was morning, day one.”**
- Genesis 2:24 says, **Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**

## **6. What understanding did Jesus expect of first century Jews?**

- John 5.
- **making Himself equal with God.**
- **Do not think that I came to accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you: Moses, in whom you put your hope. For if you had believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.**
- John 12:41, **These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.** With Isaiah 6

## **Conclusion**

- Jeremiah 9:24 says, **But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me,**