

God Is... 3 in 1
Week 2
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1. Understanding one God in three persons can be difficult.

- Down through history people have tried to explain it in many different ways.
- Human understanding can not do it justice.
- The Trinity is incomprehensible.

2. The truth of the Trinity is not optional to our faith.

- ✓ It is how God has revealed himself in the bible.
Then God said, "Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves."
Genesis chapter 1, verse 26 (3)
Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *Matthew chapter 28, verse 19 (760)*
- ✓ Faith in Christ as the Son of God who gave his life for the sins world demands it.
"I and the Father are one." *John chapter 10, verse 30 (819)*
- ✓ The Bible teaches that each believer is indwelt by God through means of His Holy Spirit.
In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
1 Corinthians chapter 2, verse 11 (871)

3. Pursuing a deeper understanding of God is not optional.

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

2 Timothy chapter 2, verse 15 (915)

- ✓ So that I can worship God "in spirit and in truth".
- ✓ So that I can trust God more.
- ✓ So that I can help others with the most important issues of their life.
- ✓ So that I am seeking the approval of God.

4. The Trinity reveals perfect unity.

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and there is one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all. *Ephesians chapter 4, verses 3-6.*

The Trinity provides for me a perfect example of unity and equality for all the relationships God has given me.

The Father

- He issues decrees.
- He plans.
- He is the one from whom we seek approval.
- He determines timing.
- He offers authority.
- He is my heavenly Father.

But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval." *John chapter 6, verse 27 (814)*

The Son

- ✓ He is my sacrifice.
- ✓ He is my advocate.
- ✓ He produces fruit in my life.
- ✓ He is the head of his church.
- ✓ He is preparing my heavenly home.
- ✓ Yet to come he will conquer and judge his enemies.
- ✓ He is the Messiah.
- ✓ He is my Savior.

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. *John chapter 14, verse 6 (823)*

JESUS IS MY ACCESS TO THE FATHER!

The Holy Spirit

- ✓ He teaches me.
- ✓ He comforts me.
- ✓ He guides me.
- ✓ He confirms & seals my salvation.
- ✓ He convicts me of sin.
- ✓ He indwells me.
- ✓ He intercedes for me.
- ✓ He gives spiritual gifts.

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative- that is, the Holy Spirit- he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. *John chapter 14, verse 26 (824)*

And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. *Ephesians chapter 1, verse 13 (893)*

Next week: God is unchanging