

Explaining The Trinity

'I am the Lord, and there is no other' (Isaiah 45:18). God the Father is our Lord.

'Peter, an Apostle of Jesus; to those who have received a like precious faith with ourselves, in the righteousness of our God and Saviour, Jesus our Messiah' (2 Peter 1:1). Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). Jesus the Son is our Lord.

'In that same hour, Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank You Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have concealed these things. Yes, Father, for such was Your will"' (Luke 10:21). The Holy Spirit is our Lord.

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are each our Lord. God is One and there is no other, however, believing that Jesus is God and the Holy Spirit is God, is not like believing in three Gods. We need to understand about the Trinity, the three-in-one God-head – three Persons – one God. Jesus said, "I and the Father are One" (John 10:30). That is one in unity but two Persons, each with His own role. Many people are disturbed by the word 'Trinity', mainly because they cannot grasp the concept of our three-in-one God. The concept is very simple. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are each God, although there is only one God, not three. We pray to the Father in Jesus' name, and it is the Holy Spirit Who helps us. 'Whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you' (John 15:16). 'I am telling you the truth when I say it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go away the Holy Spirit will not come to you; but if I do go away, I will send Him to you' (John 16:7).

If it is hard for anyone to understand the three-in-one concept, we need look no further than our own species. We can see the three-in-one concept in ourselves. People are three-in-one. 'May the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through; and may your spirit, soul and body be preserved sound and complete and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus our Messiah' (1 Thessalonians 5:23). We are all made up of three parts; spirit, soul and body. When Adam was created, he had the spirit of life breathed into his body, and he became a living soul. 'The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and he became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7). Adam became spirit, soul and a breathing body; three parts, each with its own role and purpose, all wrapped up in one package. Adam was not three people, but one person with three distinctive parts, each with its own role. God is not three People, but One, with three distinctive parts, each with His own role.

A married couple, two people, are to become one. 'For this cause, the man shall leave his parents and be joined to his wife and the two will become one flesh' (Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:31) – two people, but one in unity, each with his/her own role and purpose. If we hold an egg, we hold three parts in one – the shell, the white and the yolk, but it is still just one egg – each part

with its own purpose. An apple has the skin, the flesh and the core containing the seeds, but it is still just one apple.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, promised by Jesus then sent to us after Jesus rose from the dead. We can see in the following verse, that the Holy Spirit, the Father and Jesus are three separate Persons, but one in unity and purpose. 'But the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things' (John 14:26). Do you see that? The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father in Jesus, the Son's, name. The Holy Spirit is as real as God the Father and Jesus the Son. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three Persons but One in unity, and to have this same unity with God, we must be baptised in water in the (one) name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

God the Father is the ruler of all things. He is the Head. He sits on His throne ruling the whole universe and He keeps everything in order. 'The Lord reigns over the nations. The Lord sits on His holy throne' (Psalm 47:8). 'The Lord has established His throne in the heavens. His Kingdom rules over all' (Psalm 103:19).

The purpose of the Son after He came to earth was to reconcile mankind with God the Father. 'We were reconciled to God through the death of His Son' (Romans 5:10). 'And God purposed that through the Son, all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, the Father made peace by means of the blood of Jesus' cross' (Colossians 1:20). Obviously, Jesus is a distinctly different Person than God the Father, because God calls Him His begotten and beloved Son, and has called Jesus to sit down beside Him in heaven. Jesus now sits on the right hand of the Father. To see where God calls Jesus His Son, we can look up the following scripture references; Psalm 2:7; Acts 13:33; Hebrews 1:5; Psalm 110:1 & 4; Hebrews 5:5; Matthew 2:15; 3:17; 11:27; 17:5; Mark 1:11; 9:7; Luke 3:22; 9:35; 10:22 and 2 Peter 1:17. 'He has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God' (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus is now the Head of His body of believers and followers. 'He is the Head of His body, the church ... He alone occupies the chief place' (Colossians 1:18).

One purpose of the Holy Spirit is to testify about Jesus. 'When the Holy Spirit comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes from the Father, He Himself will testify regarding Me (Jesus)' (John 15:26). Again in this verse, we can see the Three working together in complete unity.

We hope this has helped to explain the Trinity, the three-in-one Godhead, each being God, each Personality with His own role and purpose, but being only one God.

Amen and God bless you.

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