

The Trinity - The doctrine that there is one God in three persons. The word Trinity is not in the Bible, however witness to the doctrine of the Trinity is found throughout Scripture. The study of the trinity may not be the most exciting thing in Scripture. However, the Christian faith rests upon the foundation of biblical truth. It matters that we understand what Scripture says about the nature of God.

Creed - a formal statement of Christian beliefs. First Creed, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Old Testament Creed - Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! [5] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. [6] "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. [7] You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. [8] You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [9] You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

New Testament Creed - And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory. 1 Tim. 3:16

The Nicene Creed 325 AD

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son). With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic,(universal) and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Those who deny the trinity teach that Jesus was a created being and the holy spirit is a force. Those who do so also teach a way of salvation other than that which is completely by faith. When Christ is lowered from the fullness of His position then He ceases to be the complete and perfect sacrifice. The Bible teaches that One God is represented as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Because our finite minds can't grasp it, many reject it. There are a great many things about the infinite God which we can't understand.

- Scripture teaches both the Sovereignty of God and the free will of man.
- Scripture teaches that Christ is completely God and completely man.
- Scriptures teach a way of salvation which is not logical to the mind.

There is only one God - "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! Deut 6:4 (*The Jews prayed this in the morning and the evening.*)

The Father is God - Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. - Phil. 1:2

The Son is God - looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13

The Holy Spirit is God -Acts 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? [4] While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

Old Testament Scriptures that references the Trinity:

- Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; Gen 1:26a
- "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 and His Spirit Have sent Me." Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go. Isa 48:16-17
- Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [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. [3] Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. *Colossians 1:16*

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. [17] And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

New Testament references to the Trinity. Many of these give clear indication to the fact that each member of the Trinity had/has different functions. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in perfect union while having different roles.

- The incarnation of Christ.
- The baptism of Christ.
- The death of Christ - how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb 9:14
- Baptism and command to preach the gospel. 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, [20] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Mt 28:19-20
- Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. Acts 2:33

Other verses referencing the Trinity

- But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. Rom 8:9
- For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; [10] and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. Col 2:9-10
- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. 2 Cor 13:5

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