



The Believer's Life Support: The Trinity

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God, The Father—The unique titles, attributes, and distinction of each member of the trinity is found in only one book, The Holy Bible. The Father is the Ancient of Days, the Grand Conductor that works and orchestrates all things after the counsel of his perfect and permissive will. He saves mankind because of his good pleasure. He is impartial in his treatment of all men. In Ephesians 1:13, 14; 4:30 it says God seals the believer with his holy Spirit of promise until the redemption of the purchased possession (until the death of the saint).

God, The Son—Christ was begotten of the Father. Men have seen God. His name is Jesus Christ. Christ came to atone for men's sins. When any denomination or sect rejects Jesus as man's Savior, they have rejected Jesus' sole purpose for coming to earth. Jesus Christ means Savior from sin. He has delivered men from eternal condemnation and a debt they cannot pay. His payment was complete, once-and-for-all, perfect. Nothing can be added to improve man's position with regards to Christ's redemption of man's soul—not church, not giving, not keeping the law, not flagellation, not asceticism . . . Nothing! When a church teaches works, and that these acts 'enhance' one's acceptance before the Father, this is blasphemous. Redemption then becomes conditional. Striving and rest are opposites. We rest in Christ's finished work on Cavalry. We also rest in knowing that no minister or cleric can have sway, influence or be an intermediary over my soul. In Christ we are priesthood believers. We have direct access to the Father through Jesus the Son. Anyone rejecting Christ automatically rejects God the Father. Jesus said, 'If you've seen me, you've seen the Father.' Jesus Christ will be man's ultimate judge in the hereafter—as all power has been granted to Christ in heaven and on earth. Finally, Jesus is the Word. When the Father spoke in Genesis 1, he created all things by his spoken word, Jesus Christ—"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:3). When an individual rejects the Bible as God's word, they reject Jesus Christ as Savior. That is why if you haven't settled the issue of which Bible is the Bible you are not one of his—his sheep hear his voice (John 10:3).

God, The Holy Spirit—The Holy Spirit is not a force or some nebulous, unknowable abstract concept. He is a person, the third person of the trinity. He is responsible for saving the sinner. Also known as the Spirit of Christ, without him you can do nothing. He teaches, leads and guides the individual into all truth. He will give the believer the words to say in the day of testing, adversity, tribulation and extreme trial. Finally, the Holy Spirit regenerates the sinner to a saint in a moment of time, that is, when the old man is crucified and sanctified—dead in his trespasses and sins.