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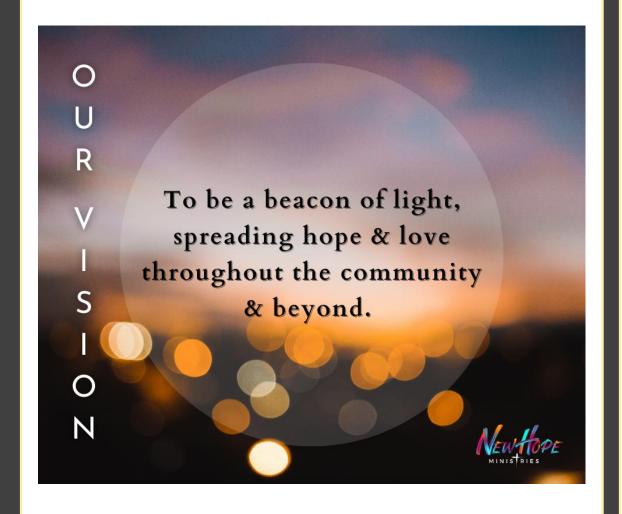












To empower individuals to discover their purpose, find healing & restoration, and embrace a life filled with faith, compassion & meaningful connections. Through our unwavering commitment to serving others we aspire to create a world where every person experiences the transformative power of God's love and finds hope for a brighter future.

### Apostles Creed

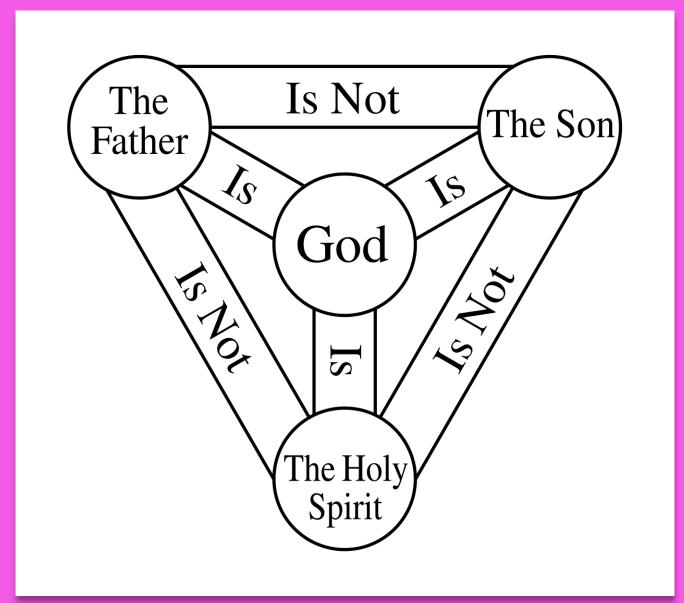
I believe in <u>God</u>, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Holy Trinity

Father - Son - Holy Spirit



## Existence. Attributes. Nature. Relationship.

Theology Proper

### The Existence of God

#### Biblical Testimony

#### Classical Arguments

- Cosmological
- Teleological
- Moral
- Ontological

General and Special Revelation

### The Attributes of God

Holy	Love	Faithful	Just	<u>Eternal</u>	<u>Almighty</u>
Righteous	Merciful	<u>Omniscient</u>	<u>Omnipresent</u>	<u>Omnipotent</u>	<u>Immutable</u>
Gracious	Sovereign	Jealous	Good	Provider	Shepherd

## The Nature of God



### God's relationship With the World

Creator

Sustainer

Transcendence and Immanence

Personal Relationship

### Biblical Monotheism

The Oneness of God

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Exclusive Worship of One God

God as Creator and Sustainer

The Uniqueness of God's Nature

God's Relationship with Humanity Monotheism in the New Testament

### Practical Implications

Belief in the oneness of God implies exclusive devotion to Him, moral responsibility, and the recognition that all authority belongs to Him alone. It calls for the rejection of idolatry and the understanding that every aspect of life is under God's sovereign rule.

Worship and Devotion

Moral Responsibility Life Perspective

# Creation and the Involvement of the Trinity

Genesis 1:2; Psalm 104:30

Genesis 1:2
The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep water. The Spirit of God was hovering over the water.



Psalm 104:30
You send out your Spirit, and they are created. You renew the face of the earth.

Creation

Sustaining Life



# The Covenantal Relationship in the Old Testament

**Leaders and Prophets** 

Empowerment of Leaders and Prophets

Moses and the EldersJudges



### Guiding and Anointing Kings

Saul and David

### Inspiration of Prophets

- Ezekiel
- •Isaiah

# Symbol of God's Presence and Power

The Holy Spirit's activity also symbolizes God's presence among His people.

### Promise of a Future Covenant

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove your stubborn hearts and give you obedient hearts.

27 I will put my Spirit in you. I will enable you to live by my laws, and you will obey my rules.

## Spiritual Significance of the Promise



Transformation of the Heart



**Empowerment by the Spirit** 



New Covenant Fulfillment

## Practical Application of the Promise

## Dependence on the Holy Spirit

Heart Transformation

Living in Obedience

# The Deity of Christ and the Hypostatic Union

### The Deity of Christ

## Extra-Biblical Sources for Christ's Deity

#### Writings of the Early Church Fathers

- Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-110 AD)
- Justin Martyr (c. 100-165 AD)
- Irenaeus (c. 130-202 AD)

Pliny the Younger (c. 61-113 AD)

Josephus (c. 37-100 AD)

• Antiquities of the Jews

Tacitus (c. 56-120 AD)

Lucian of Samosata (c. 125-180 AD)

The Didache (1st century)

The Epistle of Barnabas (c. 70-130 AD)

The Gospel of Thomas (2nd century)

Suetonius (c. 69-122 AD)

Talmudic Writings

### Biblical Basis for Christ's Deity

Direct Claims of Divinity

Title of Divinity

Worship of Jesus

Attributes of God

### Importance of Christ's Deity

Atonement

Revelation of God

## The Hypostatic Union

### Key Aspects of the Hypostatic Union

- Two Natures in One Person
- Scriptural Basis
  - John 1:14
  - Philippians 2:6-7
- Experiencing Humanity

## Importance of the Hypostatic Union

## Mediator Between God and Man

Perfect Sacrifice

Sympathetic High Priest

# The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

Christology

#### The Person of Christ

The Titles and Roles of Christ

The Work of Christ

The Pre-Existence and Incarnation

The Relationship of Jesus to God the Father and the Holy Spirit

### Christology

### The Person of Christ

Fully Divine

Fully Human

One Person

#### Messiah

Titles and Roles of Christ

Son of God

Son of Man

High Priest

Work of Christ

Incarnation

Atonement

Resurrection

Ascension and Intercession

**Second Coming** 

### Pre-Existence and Incarnation

#### Relationship of Jesus to God the Father and the Holy Spirit

#### Relationship with God the Father

- Eternal Sonship
- Subordination in Role, not Nature
  - Revealer of the Father

### Relationship with the Holy Spirit

- Conception by the Holy Spirit
  - Anointed by the Spirit
  - Empowered by the Spirit
    - Sender of the Spirit

#### Importance of Christology

Who Jesus Is

The Means of Salvation

Christian Living

# The Role and Personhood of the Holy Spirit

Pneumatology

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The Nature and Attributes of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit in the Trinity

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Creation

The Holy Spirit in Salvation

Sanctification by the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit and Empowerment

Spiritual Gifts

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

The Filling of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Prayer

## The Work of Salvation and the Trinity's Role

God's Redemptive Plan

#### God the Father: The Planner and Initiator of Salvation

The Father is seen as the initiator of the work of salvation. He is the one who ordains and plans the entire redemptive process out of love and grace.

- Divine Love
- Election and Predestination
- Sending the Son

#### God the Son (Jesus Christ): The Accomplisher of Salvation

The Son (Jesus Christ) is the one who <u>accomplishes</u> the work of salvation through His life, death, and resurrection.

- Incarnation
- Substitutionary Atonement
- Resurrection
- Intercession

#### God the Holy Spirit: The Applier of Salvation

The Holy Spirit is the one who applies the work of salvation to individuals, making it a reality in the life of believers.

- Conviction
- Regeneration
- Indwelling and Sealing
- Sanctification
- Guidance and Empowerment

#### Reflect and Apply

- How has your understanding of the Holy Spirit changed after this study?
- What is your spiritual gift, and how do you believe the Holy Spirit wants you to use it?
- What role do you think the Holy Spirit plays in helping us to love others well, especially those who are difficult to love?
- In what ways can the Holy Spirit help you deepen your relationship with Jesus and the Father?
- What is one thing you will do differently this season as a result of what you've learned about the Holy Spirit?

The Trinity is not some distant theological concept meant for intellectual debate; it is the heartbeat of our faith, the very core of who we are as believers. The Father, in His great love, designed a plan of redemption, the Son accomplished it through His death and resurrection, and the Spirit now lives in us to bring that plan to life.

Think about it: the same power that hovered over the waters at creation, the same love that sent Jesus to the cross, the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead—that same God lives in us, equipping us to live transformed lives! We are not just called to understand the Trinity; we have been invited to **experience** it. The Father welcomes us into His family, the Son walks with us as our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to do the impossible.

This is not just knowledge for your head; it's fuel for your soul! The Trinity calls us to live boldly, to pray confidently, to serve passionately, knowing that all of heaven's power is at work in and through us. As we walk away from this study, let's not just nod in agreement with these truths—let's step out in faith, knowing that the fullness of God is behind every prayer we pray, every act of love we show, and every battle we face.

Embrace the gift of the Trinity, a mystery that is not meant to be fully explained but fully lived!

#### Next Time In Soul Nourishment

• Church Hurt