

## TRINITY: THE GOD YOU KNOW

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Exploring the Foundations of Our Faith, Part 10

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“If Christianity was something we were making up, of course we could make it easier. But it is not. We cannot compete in simplicity with people who are inventing religions. How could we? We are dealing with fact. Of course anyone can be simple if he does not have any facts to bother about.”

**C.S. Lewis**, *Mere Christianity*

**MAIN IDEA: To better understand the expansiveness of the 3-in-1 God...** This week, **the essence of Trinity...**

God said, “Let **us** make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness” **Genesis 1:26**

“My Lord and my God!” **John 20:28**

**WHO and WHAT Jesus** really is.

**Is Jesus really God?** Jesus said he was.

“I and the Father **are one.**” **John 10:30**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was **with** God, and the Word **was** God.” **John 1:1**

“Anyone who has **seen me** has **seen the Father.**”  
**John 14:9**

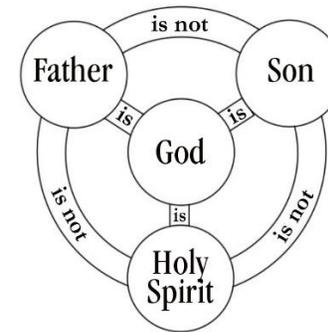
“As soon as **Jesus** was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “**This is my Son**, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **Matt. 3:16–17**

“But the Advocate, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the **Father** will send in **my name**, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” **John 14:26** (14:16-17; 15:26)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name (*not names*) of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**” **Matthew 28:19**

Making sense of what the Bible says:

- 1) There is **one God and only one.**
- 2) This God not only exists, but **exists eternally in three distinct persons.**
- 3) The **three persons are equally divine** in essence and attributes.



The term “Trinity” was coined by Tertullian, and though it is not in the Bible, the concept is everywhere.

**Theologian Jeremy Begbie:** the *analogy of sound*

“God is One, but God is not alone.” **Tertullian**

“‘At the center of the universe is a relationship.’ That is the most fundamental truth I know. At the center of the universe is a community. It is out that relationship that you and I were created and redeemed. And it is for that relationship that you and I were created and redeemed!” **Darrell Johnson**, *Experiencing The Trinity*

**One from the outside; Three on the inside.**