

**Heart of God Ministries International  
Greater Works TEAM Building**

**The Blessed Trinity**

In this study, let us teach by the whole counsel of the Scriptures.

Let us study reverently the following hymn of Reginald Heber, who was inspired by this seraphic praise...

**"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be."**

**True Worship:**

**God dwelling eternally as One God in three Persons has inspired awe and wonder in the hearts of man, enlightening, enriching and elevating his view of Almighty God. It is the Light of Truth which has provoked worship and adoration to the Blessed Trinity.**

**This worship entails worship of the Godhead as Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Spirit). It is their own divine position as clearly demonstrated through the Old and New Testament that these three are God in distinction of "Persons." Distinctive defined means: 'marking a difference.' "This is not to say we worship "each one of the three Persons as three Gods or as separate Gods." However, we can call upon each of the Godhead and address them as a person due to the divine qualities attributed to each of them. As 'One God," they are co-existing in Will, Plan and Purpose. We do not subscribe to the narrow doctrine of 'Jesus Only' being the One God. The following study will confirm:**

- **Our Christian faith is in One God existing in three distinct Persons.**
- **We worship each as the Godhead; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**The Bible explicitly states that the Father, "as such", and the Son, "as such," received worship.**

**The Father John 4:23**

**23 A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers.**

**The Son**

**John 9:32-38**

**32 Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.**

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33 If this Man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything like this. 34 They retorted, You were wholly born in sin [from head to foot]; and do you [presume to] teach us? So they cast him out [threw him clear outside the synagogue]. 35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and meeting him He said, Do you believe in and adhere to the Son of Man or the Son of God ? 36 He answered, Who is He, Sir? Tell me, that I may believe in and adhere to Him. 37 Jesus said to him, You have seen Him; [in fact] He is talking to you right now. 38 He called out, Lord, I believe! [I rely on, I trust, I cleave to You!] And he worshiped Him.

The Holy Ghost... It can be inferred from the fact that the Holy Spirit is God and that as such He should be worshiped. Each Personage of the Godhead is co-equal and co-eternal. Each in their eternal state have the same qualities attributable only to God:

omnipresent (present everywhere),  
omnipotent (have absolute power and authority),  
omniscient (knowing everything).

The triple praise of the seraphim... denotes each are worshiped. How can one build relationship without communication, and expression of honor and interaction?

The Holy Spirit is *sent* as our helper. He is the standby and abides in us to hear our hearts and the confessions and professions of our mouth. He discloses, declares, transmits and imparts the things of Christ to us. It His voice that we hear. He prays for us those things we do not know how to pray. He gives us the gift of tongues, the spiritual languages. All communication with God is spiritual. Paul says we pray in the spirit and we pray with understanding. Prayer is the Holy attribute that God receives before the throne. Yes, we communicate and pray to build relationship directly with the Holy Spirit. We talk with Him and He talks with us. Again, He is God. He is no less God nor no more God than the Father, and the Son.

Isaiah 6:3 KJV

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory..... is significant when it is disclosed in the New Testament that the Son (Jn 12:41) and the Holy Spirit (Acts 28:25) were actively on the scene. (Rev. 4:8)...

John 12:39-41

39 Therefore they could not believe [they were unable to believe]. For Isaiah has also said, 40 He has blinded their eyes and hardened and benumbed their [callous, degenerated] hearts [He has made their minds dull], to keep them from seeing with their eyes and understanding with their hearts and minds and repenting and turning to Me to heal them. 41 Isaiah said this because he saw His glory and spoke of Him. [Isa 6:9,10.] Acts 28:24-26

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**24 And some were convinced and believed what he said, and others did not believe. 25 And as they disagreed among themselves, they began to leave, [but not before] Paul had added one statement [more]: The Holy Spirit was right in saying through Isaiah the prophet to your forefathers:**

**26 Go to this people and say to them, You will indeed hear and hear with your ears but will not understand, and you will indeed look and look with your eyes but will not see [not perceive, have knowledge of or become acquainted with what you look at, at all].**

**The Holy Spirit is addressed as God...**

- **the prayer of apostolic benediction of 2 Corinthians 13:14,**
- **the prayer of Moses in Numbers 6:24-27**
- **the adoration of Revelation 1:4**

**These scriptures address the Holy Spirit with distinction of person as God and show reverence or worship to Him as well as the Father and Son.**

**2 Cor 13:14 KJV**

**14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.**

**Numbers 6:24-26**

**24 The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you; 25 The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you; 26 The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).**

**Revelation 1:4-6**

**4 John to the seven assemblies (churches) that are in Asia: May grace (God's unmerited favor) be granted to you and spiritual peace (the peace of Christ's kingdom) from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] before His throne, [Isaiah 11:2.]**

**5 And from Jesus Christ the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead [first to be brought back to life] and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who ever loves us and has once [for all] loosed and freed us from our sins by His own blood, [Ps 89:27.] 6 And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages and forever and ever. Amen**

**The term Trinity is a symbol. Both the Threeness and the Oneness of God are embraced by the term. God in His Trinitarian manner of existence is unique. There is none like Him in the universe...**

**Isaiah 40:18-25**

**18 To whom then will you liken God? Or with what likeness will you compare Him? [Acts 17:29.] 19 The graven image! A workman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts silver chains for it.**

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**20 He who is so impoverished that he has no offering or oblation or rich gift to give [to his god is constrained to make a wooden offering, an idol; so he] chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to carve and set up an image that will not totter or deteriorate.**

**21[You worshipers of idols, you are without excuse.] Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? [These things ought to convince you of God's omnipotence and of the folly of bowing to idols.] Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? [Rom 1:20,21.]**

**22 It is God Who sits above the circle (the horizon) of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; it is He Who stretches out the heavens like [gauze] curtains and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in,**

**23 Who brings dignitaries to nothing, Who makes the judges and rulers of the earth as chaos (emptiness, falsity, and futility).**

**24 Yes, these men are scarcely planted, scarcely are they sown, scarcely does their stock take root in the earth, when [the Lord] blows upon them and they wither, and the whirlwind or tempest takes them away like**

**stubble. 25 To whom then will you liken Me, that I should be equal to him? says the Holy one.**

**In the 25th verse the Holy Spirit scribes through Isaiah that God is One.**

**Due to both the plurality and the oneness of the Godhead,**

- **it makes efforts to demonstrate God's nature quite difficult.**
- **it enables those with opposing doctrines to find support for their respective positions from the same scriptural illustrations.**

**Comparing man to the Godhead is inadequate in its demonstration.**

**Even though man is made in the image of God, and therefore, shares some aspects to His being, God is not made in the image of man and, thus, the comparison is inadequate.**

**The Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God; but the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father nor the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father nor the Son.**

**God is One “a living essence” or “conscious substance” existing as three Persons. The three Persons are not related to the divine substance, as three individuals to a common species of a living thing.**

**For example, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are of human nature but do not comprise as one man.**

**The Father, Son and Holy Spirit do comprise as One God, not a triad, but a Trinity. In the inner most dynamics of their being they are inherently and inescapably one. The three Persons of God bear witness of Light, Truth, and Works. These Ministries are distinctive.**

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They minister in three different realms in God's Master Plan of Redemption. They are equal in their Holy Divine Nature, but there is distinction. We can easily see the relationships among them is real and personal. It is impossible to conclude that they are only personalities of one person.

### ***A true personality requires a person.***

Unless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit each were persons, they could not be true personalities. They could not be discerned in the Bible. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of reference and not a third person of rank.

► He is the Holy Spirit that is 1st revealed in the Bible.

Gen 1:2 AMP

2 The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.

He is the Holy Spirit who breathes life into the first Adam.

Gen 2:7 AMP

7 Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being.

► He is the Holy Ghost that raised Jesus from the grave (who was among the dead from the flesh world on earth. The spirit and soul are eternal.)

Rom 8:11-14 AMP

11 And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.

12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh.

13 For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die.

But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

The Persons of Distinction of the Godhead.

Here are the proper references to the Godhead:

1. The God Person of the Father
2. The God Person of the Son... whose Name is above all names in heaven and earth. His Name re-presents all that He is in all that He has done and in Whom is the Way to the Person of the Father who is the Source of all things! Without the Father there could be No Son!

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**John 1:18 AMP**

**18 No man has ever seen God at any time; the only unique Son, or the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him [He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known].**

### **3. The God Person Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost**

**It imperative that you have a solid foundation of this spiritual doctrine (trinity)!**

**Not from what other men teach amiss... but, what the Bible teaches and fully confirms so that you may show yourself approved of the scriptures and not of men!**

**When you begin to walk patiently in the Holy Ghost, He will shine His Light upon the scriptures as you have never dreamed! He will speak a spiritual language of the scriptures and will give you spiritual understanding which is higher than the natural mind of intelligence.**

**1 Cor 2:11-16 AMP**

**11 For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**

**12 Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.**

**13 And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].**

**14 But the natural, non-spiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated.**

**15 But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him].**

**The three Persons are One God perfect in will, purpose and action.**

**While they are distinct, they are inseparable as one God:**

- 1. The Father reveals the Son as the Savior of the world.**
- 2. The Son reveals the Father as the Source Cause of all things, therefore, Father is not Begotten.**

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The Son is the Begotten of the Father. He gains all source and direction from the Father.

3. The Holy Ghost reveals the Son's Spiritual Stature to all penitent believers who desire to mature into the Measure of the Fullness of Christ's Stature.

Let us look at a number of passages that will help us to better understand the word "one" as it pertains to the trinitarian faith that God is One in Three Persons....

The word "one" is not a reference to a single unit in the exact mathematical sense, but is one in the sense of a compound unity, or a unity of more than one, a unity that involves purpose, will, identity, sensibility and intellect.

See webpage Marvelous Wonders

[www.thepropheticvoice.com/marvelous\\_wonders.html](http://www.thepropheticvoice.com/marvelous_wonders.html) for a study on the awesome significance of "one" (1) as it applies to both physical realities and spiritual realities.

Please make special note that we are not writing about the "Oneness" movement and the errors expressed in lack of understanding the divine Trinity. *"Oneness" advocates declare the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as titles used to represent "JESUS."*

Thus the 'Jesus Only movement.'

It required the advent and appearance of the Son of God on earth to accomplish redemption's plan, and to reveal the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is promised by the Old testament prophets and by the Lord Jesus himself. Holy Spirit is referenced by the pronoun He. The word (He) denotes "person." His Presence empowers our ability to see the Light of Truth that God is one Lord.

- In a true sense, God is one, and in an equally true sense the three personalities of the Godhead are distinct.
- It is both reasonable and scriptural to say that there is one divine essence or nature which all have in common, and yet, there are three mutually related and distinct centers of consciousness, knowledge, and demonstration.

Let us look at each distinction in the divine works of God to get a clearer understanding.

If you are a student of the Bible, have you found it compelling to acknowledge the New Testament clearly presenting a plurality of God identified by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

- Plurality makes it challenging for most to see and believe in One God.
- There are also those who would deny that there is a plurality of Persons.

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We want to build on the plurality of God to demonstrate the existence of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost (Spirit) by the Scriptures.

### Declared to Be God:

#### 1. The Father

...for God the Father has authorized and certified Him and put His seal of endorsement upon Him. (John 6:27)

Who were chosen and foreknown by God the Father... (1 Peter 1:2)

#### 2. The Son

...the Word was God (John 1:1)

But as to the Son, He says to Him, Your throne, O God... (Hebrews 1:8)

#### 3. The Holy Ghost

...that you should lie to and attempt to deceive the Holy Spirit,... you have not [simply] lied to men [playing false and showing yourself utterly deceitful] but to God. (Acts 5:3,4)

...the temple of the Holy Ghost ---- the temple of God (1 Cor 6:19; 3:16)

### Father, Son and Holy Spirit Grouped Together:

1. Luke 1:35 ...The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you [like a shining cloud]; and so the holy (pure, sinless) Thing (Offspring) which shall be born of you will be called the Son of God
2. Matt 28:19-20 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, (We will study “baptism” in a separate document)
3. Romans 1:1-4 ...the Gospel (good news) of and from God... [The Gospel] regarding His Son, Who as to the flesh (His human nature)... And [as to His divine nature] according to the Spirit of holiness was openly designated the Son of God in power [in a striking, triumphant and miraculous manner] by His resurrection from the dead,...
4. 1 John 5:7 So there are three witnesses in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one;
5. Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

### THE FATHER

The Father is the source of all things seen and unseen. What is He like? His nature is to be a source and to reproduce. Fatherhood is more than one of His attributes; it is who He is and what He does. He is the Eternal Father of the Eternal Son. There never was a time that He was not Father. He was Father before He ever created, judged, redeemed, or answered a prayer. His creation, love, care, and provision came out of His Father-heart.



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The Spirit with which He anoints and manifests His presence comes from "Our Father who rules from Heaven's realm.

When we pray it is not just to God, it is to our Father.

- He is Father of His Kingdom (Matthew 6:9-10)
- He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:14)
- He is Father of our spirits (Hebrews 12:9)
- He is Father of Israel (Exodus 12:9)
- He is the Father of family (Ephesians 3:14-15)
- He is Father of lights (James 1:17)
- He is Father of all born of the Spirit (Romans 8:15-17)
- He is Father to the fatherless (Psalm 68:5)
- He is the Father to whom the Son has been given all authority to reign over the Kingdom of life eternal. (1 Corinthians 15:27)
- He is the Father of His family who is presented a perfected kingdom through His Son who reigns with Father by the Name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Kingdom of God is a family Kingdom therefore we are also persons: fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters in Christ, the Anointed One.

Father God gives life to us and we give life to the world.

As Father, He gives us (source & substance/provision) *abundant life* and *eternal life* in His Son.

We become the Father's house while on earth. While we live it is Father's plan, purpose and act that we become one as the Father and Son are one.

(John 10:10; John 14:6-7; John 17:21)

The "antichrist" spirit in the world hates the Fatherhood and the Spirit of the Father. The enemy's primary purpose is to pervert and destroy fatherhood.

### THE SON

How do we know the Father? It is through the Son, Jesus Christ, who came to reveal the Father.

Jesus is the Father revealer:

- He is the manifest Living Word of the Father (John 1:1)
- He is the manifest Will of the Father (John 4:34)
- He is the manifest Work of the Father (John 5:17-19)
- He is the manifest Life of the Father (John 5:26)
- He has the Authority of the Father (John 5:27)
- He is the Righteous Judge of the Father (John 5:30)
- He is the Representative of the Father (John 5:43)
- He is the Pleasure of the Father (John 8:29)
- He is the Path to the Father (John 14:6)

▶ Jesus knew and revealed the Father uniquely.

▶ Jesus' desire was not primarily that we know him, but that we know the Father.

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- ▶ We know the Father because we know the Son.
- ▶ The Father is Spirit and truth.
- ▶ The Son demonstrated the Father's nature through His birth, life, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection, ascension and fulfillment of the promised Holy Spirit.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus said, "If you, being evil, know how to give gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give you the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. (Luke 11:13)

- ▶ The Father wants us to know truth.
- ▶ The Father wants to give us the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ It is the Holy Spirit that guides, teaches and motivates us. (John 14:26)
- ▶ It is the Holy Spirit that draws us to the Father to reconciliation through the work of His Son and to desire to commune (fellowship) with Him. (Romans 8:15-16)
- ▶ It is the Holy Spirit from the Father that draws others to us to seek spiritual "parenting."
- ▶ The Holy Spirit's desire is that we give life to others as our Father in Heaven gave life to us by revealing His Son.  
The will, plan and purposes are 'one.'

When Jesus was baptized, the Father sent the Holy Spirit upon Him:

"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Then the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted.

Satan's temptations were all directed at "self-serving."

Jesus rejected them in favor of "Father-serving" because the Holy Spirit of the Father was upon Him.

Then Jesus, being led by the Holy Spirit and in the power of the Holy Spirit went about destroying the works of the devil, healing (serving) others and bringing sons to glory.

2 Corinthians 5:19 AMP

19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but canceling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).

These are two distinctive "persons" working as one in harmony.

Can we refuse to acknowledge the Son is flesh?

Can we refuse to acknowledge God in Him? He was conceived of the Spirit.

- ▶ It is the work of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son that we are motivated towards service and reproduction.
- ▶ The Spirit of fatherhood and sonship calls us to spiritual parenting.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is the same spirit of the Father.
- ▶ God the Father is both spirit and truth.

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- ▶ Spirit is the “Personage Holy Spirit” and Truth the” Personage Son” who was made manifest on the earth for us to obtain knowledge and understanding of the Kingdom of Heaven and the Blessed Trinity.

### Three SEEN at the River Jordan:

Luke 3:21, 22 Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized, and [while He was still] praying, the [visible] heaven was opened And the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying, You are My Son, My Beloved! In You I am well pleased and find delight!

[See also Ps 2:7; Isa 42:1.]

The witnesses of this holy scene, and the readers of the four Gospel accounts, were conscious of three distinct beings: the One who stood before them, the One who descended from heaven, and the One who spoke from heaven. If such were not the actual event, it must be regarded as an event which was calculated to deceive all who saw it and those who recorded it and those who later heard about it or read about it. Any attempt to present an alternative interpretation, attempts to remove from this baptismal scene the divine plurality (so obviously present), and is an evasion of God's inspired record.

There is no record that Jesus the Incarnate Son, ever departed from His incarnation (with the brief three day exception of departure from the physical aspect of His manhood in His death and resurrection). He could not be the voice from heaven, the "symbolic dove" from heaven ,and the one being baptized by another human even tough all things are possible with God.

Jesus was never seen two places at one time in His incarnate life, before or after the resurrection. This is a testimony to the restraining operation of His omnipresence during His life on the earth. For this attribute of God to be operational would have made His incarnate, (flesh manhood) a drama and a deception for the redemption.

### The Prayers of Christ:

John 17:1-5

17:1 WHEN JESUS had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify and exalt and honor and magnify Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify and extol and honor and magnify You.

2 [Just as] You have granted Him power and authority over all flesh (all humankind), [now glorify Him] so that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.

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**3 And this is eternal life: [it means] to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true and real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed one, the Messiah), Whom You have sent.**

**4 I have glorified You down here on the earth by completing the work that You gave Me to do.**

**5 And now, Father, glorify Me along with Yourself and restore Me to such majesty and honor in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed.**

If Jesus were not only man but also a one-person God, it was cruelly deceptive of Him to "lift up His eyes to heaven" as if He were praying to the Father. If He Himself were the Father, then, He who was "the Truth" would not have given Himself to such a false pretense.

It is not proper to suppose He was accommodating Himself to the concept of God that was held by his disciples for He always lifted the thoughts of the earth-bound souls to whom He ministered up to the heights of truth.

John 4:20-24

**20 Our forefathers worshiped on this mountain, but you [Jews] say that Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary and proper to worship.**

**21 Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither [merely] in this mountain nor [merely] in Jerusalem.**

**22 You [Samaritans] do not know what you are worshiping [you worship what you do not comprehend]. We do know what we are worshiping [we worship what we have knowledge of and understand], for [after all] salvation comes from [among] the Jews.**

**23 A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers.**

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**24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality).**

**The prayers of Jesus alone justify the belief and acceptance of a plurality of Persons in the Godhead.**

**Direct References by Jesus to a Plurality of Persons:**

**Not Alone...**

**John 8:16 Yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true [My decision is right]; for I am not alone [in making it], but [there are two of Us] I and the Father, Who sent Me.**

**John 8:29 And He Who sent Me is ever with Me; My Father has not left Me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.**

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**John 16:32** But take notice, the hour is coming, and it has arrived, when you will all be dispersed and scattered, every man to his own home, leaving Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

[THE HOLY GHOST IS IN US...He represents the Godhead "bodily." (Trinity)

**Isaiah 44:24** Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and He Who formed you from the womb: I am the Lord, Who made all things, Who alone stretched out the heavens, Who spread out the earth by Myself [who was with Me]?--

This verse as line by line, pretext by pretext with other Scriptures demonstrates that the Lord did not stretch out the heavens alone... nor to mean there is no distinctions among the persons in the Godhead. The entire context reveals that the comparison is between the one true God and idols (see Isaiah chapters 41thru 49).

In comparison, Numbers 23:9 tells us that "the people shall dwell alone," but we do not infer from this that every Israelite dwelt in absolute solitariness; but rather, as a collective unit, Israel dwelt alone, and was not "reckoned among the nations."

### Another...

**John 14:16** And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever-- Amp  
"Another" can only mean "one more, not the same."

### Two...

**John 8:17-18** In your [own] Law it is written that the testimony (evidence) of two persons is reliable and valid. [Deut 19:15.]

18 I am one [of the two] bearing testimony concerning Myself; and My Father, Who sent Me, He also testifies about Me.

What other inference can be drawn from this application by Jesus of this legal requirement of two to Himself and the Father? His meaning is made plain: "I and the Father make two."

*Not two Gods, but two distinct persons within One Godhead.*

**John 15:24** If I had not done (accomplished) among them the works which no one else ever did, they would not be guilty of sin. But [the fact is] now they have both seen [these works] and have hated both Me and My Father.

Examine any exhaustive concordance and it will be plain to you that "both" signifies "more than one," with the words "seen and hated."

The words "seen and hated" are not identical terms, they are distinct.

Thus the word "both" indicates plurality and distinction between "Me and My Father" in this passage.

We... Our...

**John 14:23** Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

The evidence that a plurality exists in the Godhead is too strongly stated by the Scriptures to be successfully denied. No discussion of the divine nature can ignore the revelation of the Word concerning this plurality.

Now let us seek how we can understand our revelation of plurality and reconcile it with the revelation of "one God."

Without understanding the plurality of the Godhead we are left exposed to doctrines that purpose to distort our belief in One God, true monotheism. Monotheism is represented by many movements or belief systems.

Not only the "Jesus Only" movement, but also Judaism, Mohammedanism, Russellism, and Moderism are proponents of monotheism. However, divergent their views may be on many subjects, these groups are firmly united in their anti-Trinitarian stand.

In order that we have a clear understanding of true monotheism (one God), we need to let the Scriptures by the entire Word of God reveal that truth.

In order to define our faith and Trinitarian belief it is necessary that we have emphasized what the Scriptures tell us of the plurality of the Godhead in order to combat unscriptural belief of anti-Trinitarians.

We believe in one God.

Unfortunately there are those who are not thoroughly acquainted with what the Scriptures define as true monotheism in plurality of persons. Consequently, they assume the "Three God" doctrine is the Trinitarian doctrine. So let's dive into the Word of God and let the Light of Truth be enlightened to our hearts and minds!

A belief of the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures compels the Church to state that there is one God... [one subject of reference.]

As the Bible reveals the Trinity it does not conclude a mathematical equation that one God is three Gods or that one person is three persons. What we need to understand is that "one" is not always a reference to a "mathematical one."

Let the universal law of mathematics demonstrate for us what is difficult to grasp through words... One (1) raised to the 3rd power (one multiplied three times  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$ ) is still one! God being "one" is multiple in numeric. "One" is not a reference to a single unit in the exact mathematical sense, but one is in the sense of a compound unity, or a unity of more than one, a unity which involves plurality and unity in will, plan and purpose .

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The Bible demonstrates this physical and spiritual principle.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. [Matt 19:5; 1 Cor 6:16; Eph 5:31-33.]

1 Kings 22:13 KJV And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth:

John 17:22 I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one:

Acts 4:32 KJV And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

1 Corinthians 3:88 He who plants and he who waters are equal (one in aim, of the same importance and esteem), yet each shall receive his own reward (wages), according to his own labor.

Ephesians 2:14 For He is [Himself] our peace (our bond of unity and harmony). He has made us both [Jew and Gentile] one [body], and has broken down (destroyed, abolished) the hostile dividing wall between us,

1 John 5:7 KJV For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Now to review the principle of plurality in the unit of "one"...

- Two people (husband and wife) "shall become one flesh."
- Paul the planter and Apollos the waterer are one.
- God has made both Jew and Gentile one.
- The multitude of believers are described as of "one heart and one soul."

It is easy to see that the Bible frequently expresses a unity which involves a plurality, a compound unity.

There is a much deeper study of this topic in which the Hebrew language reveals the word "achid" which means "a united one."

The verse of Deuteronomy 6:4 uses this Hebrew word for ONE.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Again, we find plurality as the Hebrews recognize the "unit of one" in "Jehovah." There are those who hold to the 'doctrine' that *GOD IS ONE NOT THREE DISTINCTIVE*...Never-the-less, here are many other references to "achid" which denotes the plurality of one in a "united one."

This "one" thing we know...JEHOVAH is LORD or GOD.

[Sovereign yet in 10 distinctives]

1. JEHOVAH-JIREH = Jehovah will see, or provide. Gen. 22:14.
2. JEHOVAH-ROPHEKA = Jehovah that healeth thee. Ex. 15:26.
3. JEHOVAH-NISSI = Jehovah my banner. Ex. 17:15.
4. JEHOVAH-MeKADDISHKEM = Jehovah that doth sanctify you. Ex. 31:13.  
Lev. 20:8; 21:8; 22:32. Ezek. 20:12.

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5. JEHOVAH-SHALOM = Jehovah [send] peace. Judg. 6:24.
6. JEHOVAH-ZeBA'OTH = Jehovah of hosts. 1Sam. 1:3,
7. JEHOVAH-ZIDKENU = Jehovah our righteousness. Jer. 23:6; 33:16.
8. JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH = Jehovah is there. Ezek. 48:35.
9. JEHOVAH-ELYON = Jehovah most high. Ps. 7:17; 47:2; 97:9.
10. JEHOVAH-RO'I = Jehovah my Shepherd. Ps. 23:1

Plurality of distinctive, Not Old Testament titles:

In Psalms 23:1-6, are seven of Jehovah, the "Good," "the Chief Shepherd," "the Great," Lord or God. Each of these engaged as "perfection of His attributes, on behalf of His sheep:--

{Note; one (1) is the number for God; six (6) for man; Observe the unity in relationship as man becomes 'one' in God the Father and God the Son as they fulfill the promise to "send" God the Spirit *to dwell* in the midst of His people as the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of God representing the full Godhead "bodily."

Psalms 23:1 THE LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

{JEHOVAH-JIREH = Jehovah will see, or provide}.

2 He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters. [Rev 7:17.]

{JEHOVAH-SHALOM = Jehovah [send] peace}.

3 He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him--not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake.

{JEHOVAH-ROPHEKA = Jehovah that healeth thee.

JEHOVAH-ZIDKENU = Jehovah our righteousness.

4 Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH = Jehovah is there.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

JEHOVAH-NISSI = Jehovah my banner.

JEHOVAH-MeKADDISHKEM = Jehovah that doth sanctify you.

6 Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

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Jehovah, the "Good," "Great," and "Chief Shepherd

God the Father: "goodness, mercy, love"

God the Son: "the house of the Lord.. the BODY." Jesus is the High Priest over the "house, the church."

God the Holy Spirit: "shall be my dwelling place" His presence in us.



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As one studies the Holy Scriptures, it is fully imperative that they are read and meditated upon in regard to

- historical applications,
- who they were written to,
- why they were written,
- whether they are literal or symbolic
- in the placement and intent of the context of verse and those before and after them.

### Colossians 3:10-11 AMP

**10** And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it. [Gen 1:26.]

**11**[In this new creation all distinctions vanish.] There is no room for and there can be neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, [nor difference between nations whether alien] barbarians or Scythians [who are the most savage of all], nor slave or free man; but Christ is all and in all [everything and everywhere, to all men, without distinction of person].

{note: The very last expansion of the Greek meaning of "all in all. to all men, without distinction to person" relates to distinctions among men and not to the distinction of the Persons of the Trinity.

### Full understanding is obtainable through Colossians 2:7-13 AMP:

**7** Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving.

**8** See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah).

**9** For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].

Let's fully appreciate the next verse as it applies to our study of distinctive:

**10** And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

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**11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [spiritual] circumcision [performed by] Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts). {note; Christ Jesus, a “flesh Person and divine Person”... Son of Man and Son of God was sinless and without guile. He resisted and conquered the corrupt carnal nature with its passions and lusts!}**

**12[Thus you were circumcised when] you were buried with Him in [your] baptism, in which you were also raised with Him [to a new life] through [your] faith in the working of God [as displayed] when He raised Him up from the dead. {note: circumcised of a hard rebellious heart and ‘united as one’ with the Father through Christ}**

**13 And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), [God] brought to life together with [Christ], having [freely] forgiven us all our transgressions,**

**It is wonderfully scriptural and satisfactory to our understanding that several Bible versions demonstrate the use of plural pronouns whereby there are conversations among the three**

**Persons in the Godhead, each of whom have a will and each of Whom were active in the Creation are recorded.**

**Genesis 1:2-3 KJV And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**

**3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**

**Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will, O God--[to fulfill] what is written of Me in the volume of the Book.**

**John 12:28 [Rather, I will say,] Father, glorify (honor and extol) Your [own] name! Then there came a voice out of heaven saying, I have already glorified it, and I will glorify it again.**

**Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, You are My Son; this day [I declare]**

**I have begotten You. [Heb 1:5; 3:5,6; 2 Peter 1:17,18.]**

**Psalm 110:1 THE LORD (God) says to my Lord (the Messiah), Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool. [Matt 26:64; Acts 2:34; 1 Cor 15:25; Col 3:1; Heb 12:2.]**

### **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are distinct...**

- **The Father and the Holy Spirit are never spoken of as manifestations in the Scriptures.**
- **Jesus Christ , the Son of God, the brightness of His glory and the express image of His Person, alone is described as the manifestation of the**

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### Godhead.

1 Timothy 3:16 And great and important and weighty, we confess, is the hidden truth (the mystic secret) of godliness. He [God] was made visible in human flesh, justified and vindicated in the [Holy] Spirit, was seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, [and] taken up in glory.

• It was not the Father nor the Holy Spirit, but the Son who was incarnated, and was "received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God."

Luke 1:32 KJV He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Luke 1:35 KJV And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Mark 16:19 So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.

• Let us also note that the Father nor the Holy Spirit are said to be manifestations of each other or to be manifestations of the Son.

If language teaches anything, the New Testament teaches that the Son of God and the Holy Spirit were far more than agencies, impersonal powers.

• The Son of God and the Holy Ghost are revealed as personal Agents.

It is imperative that we understand the essence of the Divine Persons...

• If the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost were mere manifestations, why is there such detail given to them and their Divine natures to distinguish one from the other?

• Can a manifestation really be said to love another manifestation?

• If only a manifestation, when the purpose of the manifestation is fulfilled, would not the manifestations themselves cease to exist?

Another aspect of the Trinity is the Perfect Mutual Knowledge each have of one another.

### Father of the Son...

Matthew 11:27 AMP

All things have been entrusted and delivered to Me by My Father; and no one fully knows and accurately understands the Son except the Father...

### Son of the Father...

Matthew 11:27 AMP

...and no one fully knows and accurately understands the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son deliberately wills to make Him known.

### Father of the Holy Spirit...

Romans 8:27 AMP

27 And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is]...

Holy Spirit of the Father...

Romans 8:27 AMP

...because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 AMP

10 Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny].

11 For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Son of the Holy Spirit...

John 14:26 AMP

26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthenener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

John 16:7-8 AMP

7 However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthenener, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

Holy Spirit of the Son...

John 16:13-15 AMP

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

14 He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

15 Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

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**The Scriptures are very clear to specify each member of the Godhead as a Person who lives forever.**

### **The Father...**

**Matthew 6:9 Our Father Who is in heaven,**

**Matthew 6:13 For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**John 17:1 WHEN JESUS had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify and exalt and honor and magnify Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify and extol and honor and magnify You.**

**John 17:3-5 And this is eternal life: [it means] to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true and real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed one, the Messiah), Whom You have sent.**

**4 I have glorified You down here on the earth by completing the work that You gave Me to do.**

**5 And now, Father, glorify Me along with Yourself and restore Me to such majesty and honor in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed.**

### **The Son...**

**John 12:34 At this the people answered Him, We have learned from the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; how then can You say, The Son of Man must be lifted up [on the cross]?**

**Who is this Son of Man? [Ps 110:4.]**

**Hebrews 7:24**

**24 But He holds His priesthood unchangeably, because He lives on forever.**

**Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).**

### **Holy Ghost...**

**Hebrews 9:14 KJV How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?.....**

**Persons reveal emotion. The highest emotion and condition of the soul is love. Let us look at the mutual love distinctly revealed of the Persons of the Godhead.**

### **Father to the Son...**

**John 3:35 AMP**

**The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand.**

**John 15:9 AMP**

**I have loved you, [just] as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love [continue in His love with Me].**

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**John 17:24-25 NKJV**

**(This love is not just toward the Son's humanity)  
...for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.  
O righteous Father!**

**Son to the Father...**

**John 14:31 KJV**

**But that the world may know that I love the Father...  
Holy Spirit to Father and the Son and Father and Son to the Holy Spirit...  
No specific Scripture is given, however, the Scriptures do speak of "the  
love of the Spirit"  
(Romans 15:30), and "the fruit of the Spirit is love" (Galatians 5:22).**

- **We know that God is love.**
- **The Holy Spirit is the third Person of God, and, therefore, the Holy Spirit is love.**
- **The Godhead is equally divine in nature and shares other aspects of the divine relationship as well.**

**We have built precept upon precept to share the divine truth of the Blessed Trinity.**

- **Truth is a pearl of great price.**
- **The supreme test of our love for truth is to be willing to humble ourselves to it and to receive the Word and the written record of the Holy Spirit.**

**When we set aside our voice of opinions for the truth itself, then we can be said to love truth.**

**Your Future is decided by whose voice you choose to believe...**

**Question: Who have you chosen to believe?**

**May God Bless and Keep You In His service that Your Fruit Shall Remain,**

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