



# THE TRINITY

## Overview:

In this series, we explore the complexities of the Trinity and why it's important to the Christian faith.

## Lessons:

1. The Trinity: The Mystery of God
2. The Trinity: God is One
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4. The Trinity: The Deity Of The Three
5. The Trinity: The Trinity in Everyday Life



# THE MYSTERY OF GOD

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## TALKING POINTS

*The full nature of God is beyond our comprehension. Even though the idea of the trinity seems impossible to us, that doesn't mean it's impossible for God.*

- There is one \_\_\_\_\_ who exists eternally in three persons.
- Even though the word “\_\_\_\_\_” isn't in the Bible, the idea of God being three in one is found throughout its pages. 2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 28:19, 1 Peter 1:2
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ is a mystery to us because God is fundamentally different from us. Revelation 4:2-11, Job 11:7

## DISCUSSION

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1. *Describe your current understanding of the trinity. If asked to defend the idea, what would you say today?*
2. *Review the definition of "holy". Why is it important to recognize that God is different from us? Identify some of God's qualities that differentiate him from us?*
3. *Read Colossians 1:15-17. What does this passage say about Jesus and why are they significant?*
4. *Read 1 Corinthians 8:6 and 2 Corinthians 13:14. How do these verses reflect the idea of the trinity?*
5. *Read Romans 11:33-36. What is the attitude reflected in Paul's words? How does that attitude challenge you as you look to understand the trinity?*



# GOD IS ONE

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## TALKING POINTS

*The Bible undeniably teaches the oneness of God. That's the starting point for the doctrine of the Trinity.*

- The Trinity starts with the concept, deeply rooted in the \_\_\_\_\_ Scriptures, that there is only one God. Deuteronomy 6:4
- “Tri-theism” is a heresy that misses the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, teaching that there are three distinct gods who work closely together. Isaiah 44:6
- The existence of only \_\_\_\_\_ God helps us make sense of humanity, morality, and eternity.

## DISCUSSION

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1. *In your opinion, why is it important to see God as one supreme being? How does believing in multiple gods change the power or essence of just one?*
2. *Review the definition of "tri-theism". Why is this view a problem? How does it minimize God's attributes?*
3. *What religions believe in multiple gods? How do those beliefs impact the view of deity?*
4. *Read Deuteronomy 6:4 and Isaiah 44:6. The Jewish people understood that there was only one God. Why does it matter?*
5. *Read Psalm 96:1-13. What does this chapter say about the God of the universe? How would this chapter read differently if there were multiple gods to worship?*
6. *Read Isaiah 43:10-13. What do these verses say that God has done for us?*



# GOD IS THREE PERSONS

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## TALKING POINTS

*Though the concept is confusing, God is one being in three persons.*

- The Bible shows God existing in three \_\_\_\_\_ persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:26, Matthew 3:16-17
- One common error that denies the Trinity is the fallacy of “\_\_\_\_\_” – that there is one God who appears in three different forms. Mark 14:36
- We relate personally with each member of the Trinity as we discover their \_\_\_\_\_ roles in creation, salvation, and prayer.

## DISCUSSION

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1. *Read Genesis 1:26. How have you heard the idea of 3 in 1 explained? How was it helpful and how was it confusing?*
2. *How would you describe the role of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?*
3. *Read Matthew 3:16-17. How does this scene reveal the concept of the trinity? How would you describe the role of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?*
4. *Review the definition of modalism. Why does this idea fall short?*
5. *Read Genesis 1:1-2 and John 1:1-3. How did each divine person of the trinity contribute to creation?*
6. *Read John 3:16 and 1 Peter 1:2. How does each divine person of the trinity contribute to our salvation?*
7. *As you learn about each person of the trinity, how is it impacting the way you worship God?*



# THE DEITY OF THE THREE

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## TALKING POINTS

*The three persons of the trinity are equal, none are created and all are worthy of our worship.*

- The Holy Spirit has all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The Bible clearly equates the Spirit with God. Hebrews 9:14, 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
- The biblical writers claim that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ equal to the Father. Jesus himself makes the same claim. John 1:1-3, Hebrews 1:3, Exodus 3:14-15, John 8:58
- Some try to resolve the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Trinity by denying that Jesus is fully God. Romans 8:3-4

## DISCUSSION

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1. *Up to now, have you viewed Jesus and the Holy Spirit differently than God? Explain.*
2. *Read Exodus 3:14-15. Why do you think God referred to himself as "I AM"? What was God communicating to Moses through his name?*
3. *Read John 1:1-3 and Acts 5:3-4. Why is it important to understand that Jesus and the Spirit are fully God? What are the implications if they aren't?*
4. *How does understanding the complexity of the nature of God influence your worship of him?*





# THE TRINITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

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## TALKING POINTS

*The doctrine of the Trinity is not just an abstract theological theory - it can shape how Christians actually live every day.*

- The Trinity teaches us to live in \_\_\_\_\_ before God and toward each other. Psalm 99:1-5, John 13:31-32
- The Trinity teaches us to live in \_\_\_\_\_: loving unreservedly, forgiving freely, living peaceably and serving connectedly. 1 John 4:7-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
- The Trinity teaches us to live on \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 4:14, John 15:26, Acts 1:8

## DISCUSSION

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1. *Reflecting on this series, what have you learned about the Trinity that you didn't understand in the past? What insights from the series were most impactful to your view of God?*
2. *Read Psalm 99:1-5. Define humility in your own words. Why should we have a humble posture towards God?*
3. *Read 1 John 4:7-8. What does John mean in this passage? What does it look like to love unreservedly?*
4. *Read Colossians 3:12-15. Identify all the actions this passage presents. In what areas do you need to grow more?*
5. *Read Acts 1:8. What is the mission of every Christian? How does the Holy Spirit help us to accomplish it?*



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## BIBLE VERSES ON THE TRINITY



EVEN THOUGH THE WORD "TRINITY" ISN'T IN THE BIBLE, THE IDEA OF GOD BEING THREE IN ONE IS FOUND THROUGHOUT ITS PAGES.

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**GOD'S NATURE IS A MYSTERY BECAUSE HE'S FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM US.**

### **JOB 11:7**

Can you solve the mysteries of God?  
Can you discover everything about the Almighty?

2

**THE TRINITY STARTS WITH THE CONCEPT, DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE JEWISH SCRIPTURES, THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD.**

### **DEUTERONOMY 6:4**

Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one.

3

**YET THE BIBLE SHOWS GOD EXISTING IN THREE DISTINCT PERSONS – THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

### **MATTHEW 3:16-17**

...as Jesus came up out of the water... he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

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**JESUS HIMSELF CLAIMED TO BE FULLY EQUAL TO THE FATHER.**

### **JOHN 8:58**

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I Am!"

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**WE CAN RELATE PERSONALLY WITH EACH MEMBER OF THE TRINITY AS WE DISCOVER THEIR UNIQUE ROLES IN OUR LIVES.**

### **1 PETER 1:2**

God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

