

# Trinity – Attributes & Roles

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# Trinity – Outline

- ✓ Understanding the Trinity
- Characteristics of Trinity
- All three in the Trinity are God
- The Trinity is inseparable
- Trinity-Wrong beliefs/Cults

# Trinity – A recap...

- The most distinct doctrine of Christian faith  
Rest are all either pantheistic, polytheistic, monotheistic
- Other religious view on Trinity
- Definition of the term Trinity (Trinity expresses the belief that God is one Being made up of three distinct Persons who exist in co-equal, co-eternal communion as the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit)
- Illustrations that explain Trinity (Egg, woman, water)
- 3persons, not 3different Gods, but one God
- The Plurality of Godhead “Elohim”
- Appearance of different members of Trinity

# Trinity – Why this study is important?

1. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the *most important distinguishing doctrines of the Christian faith* and therefore is deserving of our careful study, passionate embrace, and thoughtful application.
2. The doctrine of the Trinity is both *central and necessary for the Christian faith* to be what it is. Remove the Trinity, and the whole Christian faith disintegrates.
3. *Worship* of the true and living God consciously acknowledges the relationship and roles of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
4. The Christian's life of *prayer* must rightly acknowledge the roles of Father, Son, and Spirit as we pray to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit.
5. The Christian's *growth in Christ likeness or sanctification* is rightly understood and enriched when seen as the work of the triune God.

# Trinity – Why this study is important?

6. The triune relationships of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit cause us to marvel at the *unity* of the triune God.
7. The triune relationships of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit cause us to marvel at the *diversity* within the triune God.
8. The triune relationships of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit cause us to wonder at the *social relationality* of the triune God.
9. The triune relationships of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit cause us to marvel at the *authority-submission structure* that exists eternally in the three Persons in the Godhead, each of whom is equally and fully God.
10. The doctrine of the Trinity—one God existing in three Persons in the ways we have described—provides one of the most important and neglected *patterns for how human life* and human relationships are to be conducted.

# Trinity – Attributes of Godhead

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

The Godhead shares common attributes among them, but having different roles

# Trinity – Attributes of Godhead

- Omnipotent (Having all power)
  - Father - Jeremiah 32:17
  - Son - Hebrews 1:3
  - Holy Spirit - Luke 1:35
- Omnipresent (Present everywhere at the same time)
  - Father - Psalm 139:8-12
  - Son – Matthew 18:20
  - Holy Spirit – Psalm 139:7

# Trinity – Attributes of Godhead

- Omniscient (Knowing everything)
  - Father - Psalm 139:1-6
  - Son - Matthew 12:15, Matthew 12:25
  - Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
- Immutable (Never changing)
  - Father - Malachi 3:6
  - Son – Hebrews 13:8
  - Holy Spirit – John 14:16-17, 1 Corinthians 12:4



# Trinity – Attributes of Godhead

- Eternal (Without beginning nor end)
  - Father - Psalm 90:2
  - Son – Revelation 1:8
  - Holy Spirit - Hebrews 9:14
- Truth
  - Father - Deuteronomy 32:4
  - Son – John 14:6
  - Holy Spirit – John 16:13

# Trinity – Attributes of Godhead

- Love
  - Father - John 3:16
  - Son – 1 John 3:16
  - Holy Spirit - Romans 15:30
- Holiness
  - Father - Leviticus 19:2
  - Son – Hebrews 7:26
  - Holy Spirit – the name itself refers to Holiness

# Trinity – Distinct Roles of Godhead

- Father – Sets the purpose
- Son – Implements
- Holy Spirit – Makes it effective
  - Matt. 3:16-18 (Jesus Baptism)
  - Heb. 9:14 (The Lord's death)
  - Isaiah 61:1 (Jesus service)

# Trinity – Distinct Roles of Godhead

- **Different functions in the work of creation**
  - God the Father spoke the creative words
  - God the Son carried out these creative decrees (John 1:3)
  - God the Holy Spirit was “moving” over the face of the waters (Genesis 1:2)

# Trinity – Distinct Roles of Godhead

- **Distinct functions in the work of redemption**
  - God the Father planned redemption (John 3:16; Gal. 4:4; Eph. 1:9-10)
  - God the Son accomplished redemption for us (John 6:38; Hebrews 10:5-7)
  - God the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and the Son to apply redemption to us (John 14:26; 16:7; 15:26)

# Trinity – Holy Spirit

- 1) The Holy Spirit is God, a distinct Person within the Godhead, not a force, not a thing, or an "it"
- 2) What is the Holy Spirit's mission? To reveal Jesus. What is Jesus' mission-to reveal the Father. What about the Father-to send Jesus and the Holy Spirit so we can come to Him. Perfect Harmony.
- 3) The Holy Spirit gives gifts for use in ministry and empowers effective ministry

# Trinity – Holy Spirit

## Qualities that a person has...(a force or thing does not)

- The Holy Spirit has intellect - 1 Corinthians 2:10
- The Holy Spirit has knowledge - 1 Corinthians 2:11
- The Holy Spirit has emotions - Ephesians 4:30
- The Holy Spirit has his own will and he makes decisions - Acts 16:6
- The Holy Spirit Loves - Romans 15:30

# Trinity – Holy Spirit

## Things only a person would do (a force or thing does not)

- He teaches you things about God and yourself - John 14:26
- He tells the truth - John 15:26
- He guides - John 16:13
- He convicts- John 16:8
- He prays for you - Romans 8:26-27
- He commands - Acts 13:2