

The Holy Trinity

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Do Christians Worship Three Gods?

- ❖ **The Father**
- ❖ **The Son**
- ❖ **The Holy Spirit**





The Holy Trinity

- The doctrine and belief in the Holy Trinity is a cornerstone of Christianity.
- God, one ousia or essence, and three hypostases or Persons Who are distinct but not separate.
- This formula is part of what distinguishes Christians from non-Christians.
- For example, Mormons speak about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but they are not one God in their doctrine. They believe that they are three separate gods and there are many other gods besides them.
- Also, Jehovah Witnesses also speak of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but deny the Holy Trinity saying that the Son was created and less than the Father and that the Holy Spirit is not a Person at all, but rather a force or power.





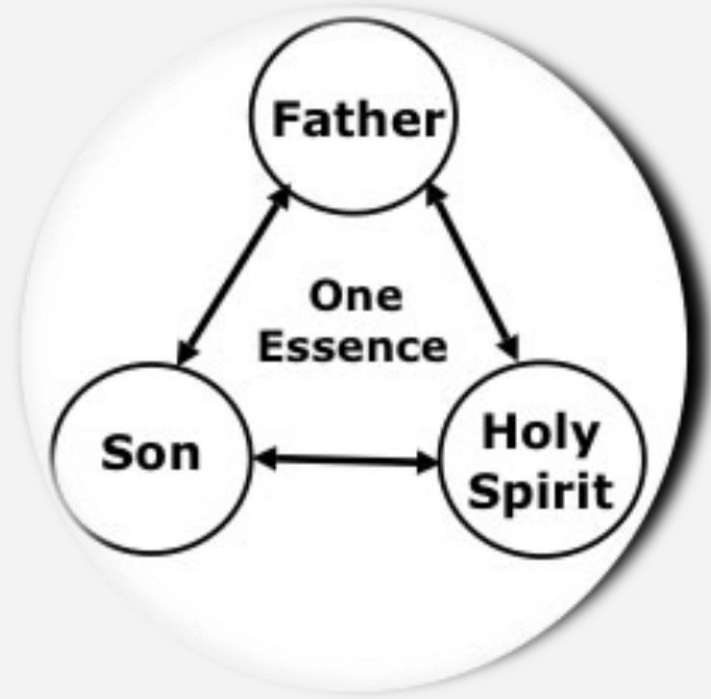
Definition

- Ousia is a Greek word that means essence.
- So God is one in essence.
- We also say that He is one nature.
- However, to distinguish between the Holy Trinity, we say that He is three hypostases.
- In English, we say that He is three Persons with a capital “P”.





Unity of the Holy Trinity



The Holy Trinity was revealed to us at Jesus' baptism "Theophany"



Holy Spirit

"Father"
This is my Son,
whom I love;
with him I am
well pleased."
Matthew 3:17

Son



Analogy for the Holy Trinity

- ❖ I'm God and none is like me (Isa 46:9)
- ❖ God is beyond the human intelligence and imagination
- ❖ What we know is only what He revealed to us
- ❖ There are secrets God did not reveal to us






Analogies..

When trying to understand Who God is, we can only go so far as to what God reveals to us since this is what our limited mind will comprehend when trying to understand the unlimited God.

You may have heard of the story of one who was walking along the beach and he saw a child taking water from the sea and trying to put it in a hole in the sand. This man thought that what the child was doing was silly, but then was rebuked himself of trying to understand the unlimited God by our limited mind.

However, the fathers of the Church have given us analogies to help us both understand the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and explain it to others.





The Holy Trinity in the Bible

There are several passages in the Holy Bible that mention the Holy Trinity the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God. From the very beginning of the Holy Scriptures.

- "I and My Father are One" (Jn. 10:30)
- "Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are" (Jn. 17:1 1)
- "I am in the Father, and the Father in Me" (Jn. 14: 10)
- "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9)





DIVINE TITLES AND ATTRIBUTES REFERRING TO ALL THREE HYPOSTASES:

There are certain attributes and titles that the Holy Bible uses in respect to God Himself. Furthermore, these words are used in reference to each of the three hypostases of the Holy Trinity to show that they are not only God, but are one and the same essence since they have been described by each of these words.


- Love
- Truth
- Eternal
- Life-giving
- Holy





Theology vs. Ecology


One must distinguish between the theology (qeolog...a) of the Holy Trinity i.e. the doctrine, divinity, and nature of the Holy Trinity and the economy (okonom...a), i.e. the creation and salvation of mankind through the action of the Holy Trinity for humanity. This refers more to the Divine plan that was in the mind of God before the ages (cf. Eph. 3:9; 2Tim. 1:9-10; Rom. 16:25-26; 1Cor. 2:7-8) and is being carried out over time and will be fulfilled in the last day at the general resurrection and the Day of Judgment.






Theology vs. Ecology

St. Paul writes about this in Ephesians 1:3-11: –Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved

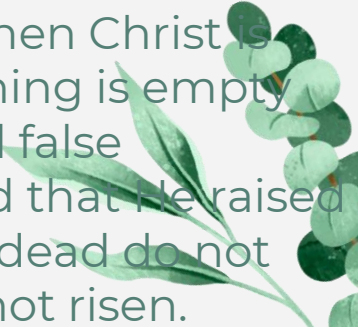





Relationship of the Holy Trinity with the believers

The Role of the Trinity in the Resurrection of the Flesh on the Last Day: The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the assurance of the resurrection of the flesh in the last day. This is such a firm and established belief that Christianity is founded on that St. Paul makes it clear that if there is no resurrection of the dead then Christ is not risen.

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up--if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, and then Christ is not risen.






How would you explain the Holy Trinity to someone

A Trinity doctrine is commonly expressed as the statement that the one God exists as or in three equally divine “Persons”, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

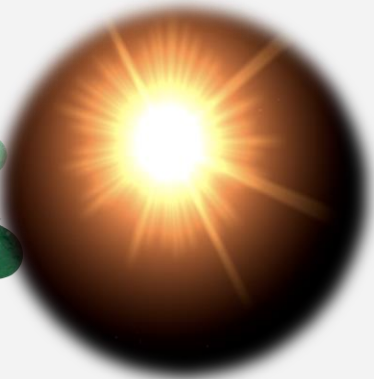
The Trinity is like an egg.

Just as ONE egg has THREE different parts the shell, the white, the yoke – ONE God has THREE different Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



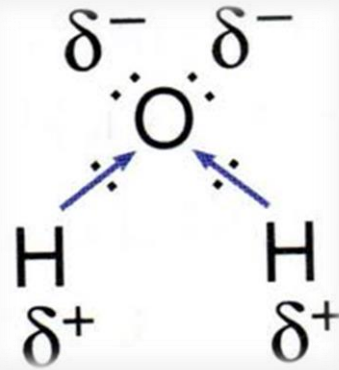


The Sun



1. Fire
2. Light (ray)
3. Heat


Water – H₂O



1. O
2. H
3. H

Egg



1. Shell
 2. White
 3. Yolk
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conclusion

God wants all His creation not only to know Him but to get into a deep relationship with Him.

He desires all to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2:4).

But we have to be ready to search for this truth with all out heart. "You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." Jer 29:13.



Still Not Clear?

Do you need help to understand it?



Read the Bible and ask that the Holy Spirit explain it to you

