



# The Triune God...

An Introduction to the Holy Trinity.

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- The Holy trinity is a biblical doctrine that points to the Triune nature of God. One God in three persons. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- The term itself is not mentioned in the bible but is directly derived from scriptures in the bible that point to this truth.
- The doctrine of the Trinity was formally articulated by the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325 and the First Council of Constantinople in AD 381 as they addressed various heresies and affirmed the co-equality and co-eternity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

# The Triune God...

- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth... **Genesis 1:1**
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Jehovah Elohim – This is the name of God that reveals his plural nature and is the bedrock for the doctrine of the trinity. Jehovah Elohim points to God as the Creator (Gen1:1), the King of kings(Ps47:7), our Lord(Ps86:12), our Savior(Hos13:4) and the supreme Judge(Ps50:6).

- Then God said, **“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Genesis 1:26**
- Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole **spirit and soul and body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1Thessalonians 5:23**

# The individuality of the Holy Trinity...

The individuality of the Holy Trinity points to how each person of the trinity differs from the other yet they are fully God in themselves!! The one true God in three persons, three different persons co-equal and fully God.

- **God the Father...** And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent... **John 17:3**
- **God the Son...** Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” **John 20:28**
- **God the Spirit...** But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit... You have not lied to man but to God.” **Acts 5:3-4**

# The existence of the Holy Trinity...

The understanding of the existence of the trinity points that they have existed eternally; they have always existed and will always exist!! One did not exist before the other. The bible shows that they were all in the beginning and are co-eternal in nature.

- **The existence of God and the Spirit...** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth... The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.. **Genesis 1:1-2**
- **The existence of the Son...** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. **John 1:1-2**

# The distinctness of the Holy Trinity...

The personalities of the trinity are distinct from one another and this distinction can be seen in their functions and roles. Duly relational and in coherent alignment, none contradicts the other and none overlaps the other. They are distinct but synchronized.

- **Salvation willed by the Father...** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will. **Ephesians 1:11**
- **Salvation accomplished by the Son...** He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. **1John 2:2**
- **Salvation at work in believers by the Spirit...** but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” **Romans 8:15**

# The Holy Trinity represented in scripture...

- **Matthew 28:19**... Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name **of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**.
- **2Corinthians 13:14**... The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ** and the love of **God** and the fellowship of **the Holy Spirit** be with you all.
- **Acts 10:38**... how **God** anointed **Jesus** of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him

# Importance of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

- The doctrine of the Holy Trinity safeguards the believer and the Christian faith from heresies such as modalism, which denies the distinctiveness of the persons of God and Arianism, which denies the full divinity of the Son and the Spirit.
- It also helps us understand the distinct roles of each person of the Godhead in a believer's life: the Father's sovereign will, the Son's redemptive work, and the Spirit's empowering presence.
- It also helps and encourages believers to understand and appreciate living in unity irrespective of the diversity of the body of Christ.