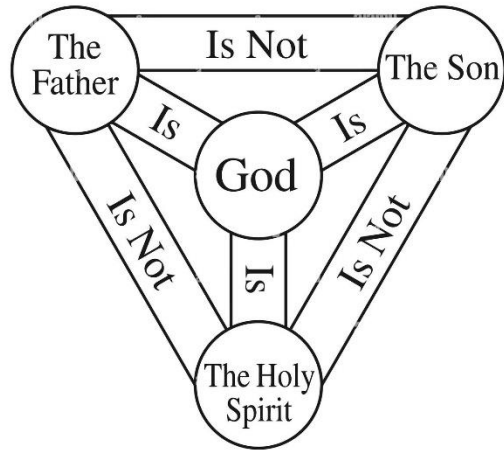


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The overwhelming impression we get from scripture is that God is absolutely and eternally one essence who exists in three distinct and ordered persons without division and without replication of the essence. Look at the image above. What does it say about the trinitarian nature of God? Read Matthew 3:16-17. How many members of the trinity are in this passage? Are they distinct? Are they all God?

6. What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study? How can we pray with you about those needs? Consider memorizing John 1:1.



Sunday, September 1, 2024

A Strong Foundation
2. The Trinity
John 1:1-5

We believe that God exists in three persons in the Trinity: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit – each of whom possesses all the attributes of deity and characteristics of personality.

Three Truths About the Trinity:

1. God is _____

2. God is _____

3. God is _____

Study Guide

For the week of September 1, 2024

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What was your understanding of the Trinity in the environment in which you grew up? Was there a certain person of the Trinity who was emphasized more? Father, Son or Holy Spirit? Is there a person of the Trinity that you have felt more connected to? Who do you pray to most often? What's the hardest part of the Trinity for you to grasp?

2. Read John 1:1-5. What does "In the beginning" refer to? What or who is "the Word?" What does it mean that "the Word was with God, and the Word was God?" What was the Word's role in creation? In verse 4, what are the life and light John talks about? What is the relationship between light and darkness in verse 5?

3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What does verse four tell us about God? What does that mean? How are we to relate to the Lord? How much of our lives should be impacted by the Lord? How do we demonstrate our love for him? Read Exodus 20:1-6. What did God want from the Israelites here? Why? Read James According to the following passages, how many Gods are there: James 2:19, 1 Corinthians 8:4-6, 1 Timothy 2:5-6.

4. While God has revealed himself as one, he has also revealed himself as three. Who are the three persons that make up the Godhead? Thinking about the gospels, what are some ways that Jesus refers to God (Matthew 6:25-34 is one place to start)? Read John 1:1 again. If we accept that Jesus is the Word, what does that mean about who he is in relation to God? Read Matthew 4:1 and 14:15-17. Are Jesus and the Holy Spirit the same person? Are the Father and the Holy Spirit the same person? Is the Holy Spirit God?