

THE TRINITY

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Who is God? That's not an easy question to answer, because it requires that we try to wrap our finite minds around an infinite God.

So the best place to begin is to accept that we cannot fully understand who God is or why He does certain things. The Bible promises that the time will come when everything about God is made perfectly clear.

1Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

Until then, we can trust that God, who is too big for our minds to contain, is near and wants to be known. In Jeremiah 24:7 Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD....

While it's impossible to understand everything, we can and should devote a lifetime to discovering more about our incomprehensible God. Everything we need to know can be found in the pages of The Bible.

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

The Bible reveals some characteristics that can be attributed only to God. While it's impossible to understand God completely, knowing these truths deepens our faith and increases our trust in God. Take time to consider some of these characteristics.

GOD IS ETERNAL While believers will live forever (immortality), only God is eternal. God was not created. God exists outside of time and there has never been a time when God did not exist.

In the next 5 sections read the Scriptures and fill in the blanks.

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the _____," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

2Peter 3:8 "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a _____ years, and a _____ years as one day."

GOD IS ALL KNOWING The Bible teaches that God is omniscient, which means He has complete and perfect knowledge. He doesn't need to learn anything new or have anything explained. He knows everything that has happened, everything taking place now, and everything that will happen in the future.

Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are _____ to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

John 16:30 Now we are sure that You know _____, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”

GOD IS EVER-PRESENT The Bible teaches that God is omnipresent, which means He is present everywhere at all times. There is no place in the universe that God does not see. His presence is everywhere.

Jeremiah 23:24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill _____" says the LORD.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the _____.

GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL The Bible teaches that God is omnipotent, which means that He can do anything that does not contradict His nature. There is no challenge too difficult for Him, no circumstance out of His control, and no problem beyond His ability to solve. There is no one more powerful than God.

Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God _____.
Is there anything too hard for Me?

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is _____, but with God all things are possible.”

GOD IS UNCHANGING The Bible teaches that God is immutable, which means He does not change in character or in His promises. Because He is perfect in all His ways and faithful to His Word, God's dealings with humankind are righteous and just. We can count on God's unchanging love.

Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, _____; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the _____ yesterday, today, and forever.

The Bible teaches that there is only one true God. He is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, the only God that exists. In Isaiah 43:10-11, God says to "believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God; there never has been and there never will be. I am the Lord and there is no other Savior:'

At the same time, within the nature of the one true God, there are three distinct and eternal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

GOD THE FATHER

God is called the Father in both the Old and New Testaments. The Lord Himself spoke of His relationship with His people, saying, "'I am a Father to Israel ... "' (Jeremiah 31:9). Jesus called God "My Father" (John 20:17) and taught His disciples to pray to "Our Father in heaven" (Matthew 6:9).

Isaiah 43:10-11 You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was _____ formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior

Being able to relate to God as Father helps us to understand His caring relationship and loving authority over His people.

What do the following verses tell you about the nature of our Heavenly Father?

John 17:11 _____

Matthew 6:31-33 _____

GOD THE SON

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The Bible undeniably teaches that the Son, Jesus Christ, is God. Jesus did not become God-He has always been God. Speaking of His participation in the creation of all things, the apostle John declares that Jesus existed before time began (see John 1 :1-4). Jesus Himself said, Before Abraham was, I AM (John 8:58 NKJV).

Jesus came to earth with a specific mission: to pay the penalty for our sins by dying in our place. To do this, He became fully human while still remaining divine. Simply put, Jesus is God in human form.

What do the following verses tell you about the nature of the Son, Jesus Christ?

John 1:14 _____

Colossians 1:15-17 _____

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

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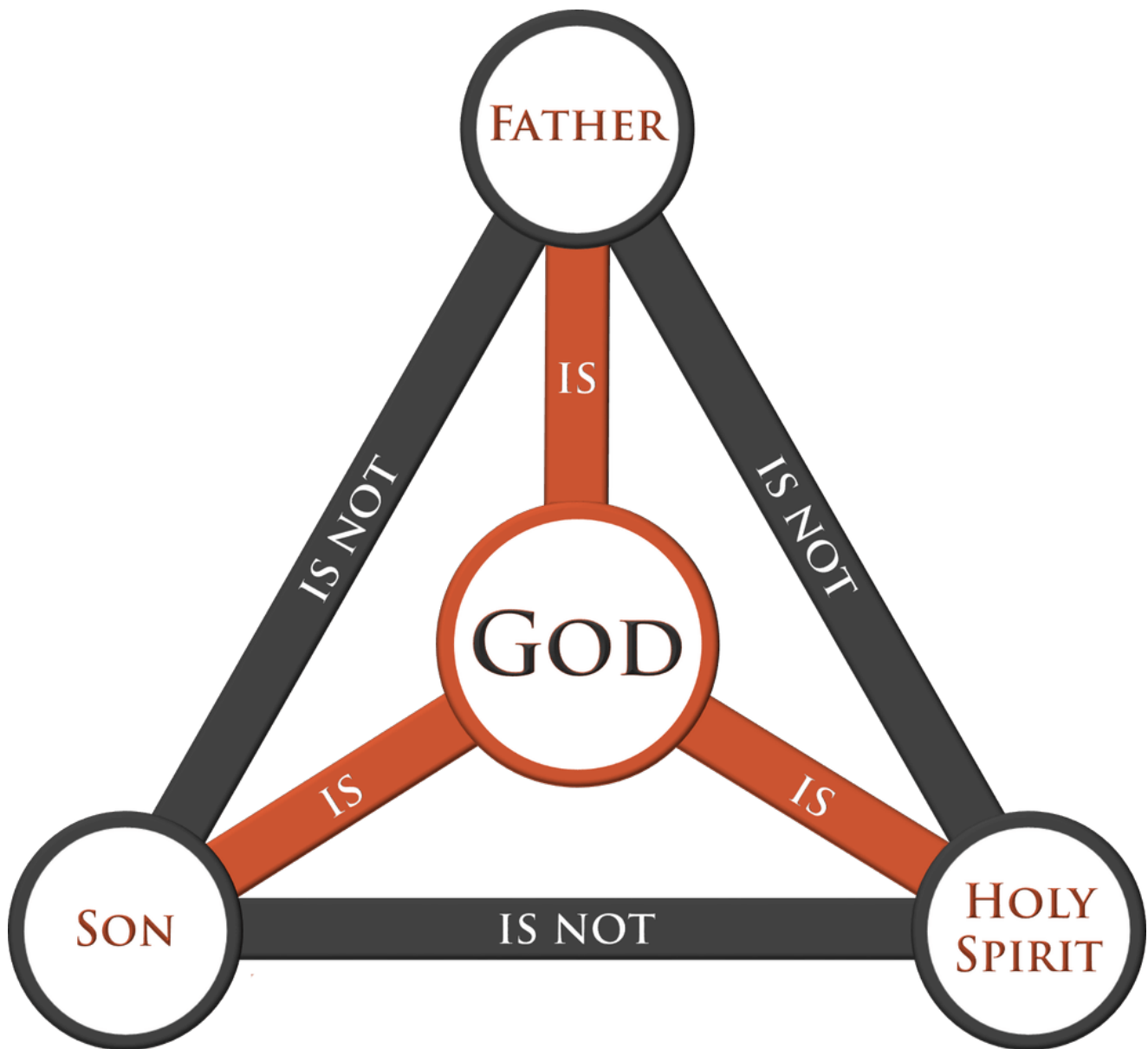
When Jesus returned to the Father, He promised He would send "another Helper, that He may be with you forever" (John 14:16). In Greek, the word another means "another of the same kind:" Jesus promised to send a Helper who was just like Him. This Helper is God the Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal power, but a person. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.

When you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit came to live within you (1Corinthians 6:19). His presence is God's "seal" that you belong to Him (Ephesians 1 :13-14). His presence and power in your life enables you to grow in your new relationship with God.

What do the following verses tell you about the nature of the Holy Spirit?

John 14:26 _____

Romans 8:26-27 _____



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