

## God in Three Created Human Beings in the Image of God

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28

Hallelujah! Today is the Trinity Sunday. So, we will talk about the Trinity.

Throughout the Bible, we read about, Three Gods.

God, the Father, God the Son Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

Three in one God. And we call this The Trinity. Trinity means three.

Today's scripture, Matthew 28:16-20 is the last scene of Jesus' eleven disciples with Jesus here on earth. And the Great Commission is given to them. The Disciples were told to **baptize people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. All three Gods were mentioned.**

*"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

They were told to spread the Gospel with the power of God in three.

Why three Gods in one God?

**It is like 1X1X1=1.**

Three in One God is like talking about God's three characters. God the creator, God the Savior, and God the guide are the three different natures, BUT of God who is one.

Three in One God does not mean believing in three gods. There is only one God. It means one God exists as three Persons.

The three Persons are not each part of God, but are each fully God and equally God.

Within God's one undivided being,

there is an unfolding into three interpersonal relationships that there are three Persons.

The distinctions within, One God in Three, are not distinctions of His essence.

And neither are they something added on to His essence.

But they are the unfolding of God's one.

There are three interpersonal relationships. There are three real Persons.

God is not one person who took three roles consecutively.

The Father did not become the Son and then the Holy Spirit.

Instead, there are three distinct persons in the Godhead. The Trinity does not contradict with each other. God is not three in the same way that He is one. God is one, in essence, three, in Person.

The concept of Trinity is hard to understand for many people. People use different illustrations to explain the Trinity.

Some people use the egg. An egg consists of a shell, a yolk, and an egg white. Three but one egg. The three parts creates an unified whole.

Some people use an apple to explain the Trinity. Apple has the skin, flesh and seeds. Just like the Father, Son and the Spirit all comprise God.

We can also use the shamrock, a kind of the clover with three small, green leaves on a single stem. The three leaves are still one plant, just as the three Persons of the Trinity are one God.

Some people use a tree. Leaves, trunk and the root make up one tree.

Or the illustration of water. Water exists as a solid (ice), a liquid, and a gas (water vapor). No matter what physical state water is in, it is still water, H<sub>2</sub>O.

Or a man. A person who is a son or daughter, could also be a father or mom, and could also be an employee.

However, no matter, what analogy we use, Trinity is still hard to understand and cannot be explained completely.

Many of the illustrations people use do not explain well enough.

Because God cannot be divided into “parts.” The Father, the Son, and the Spirit are one in essence, and cannot be said that God has three parts like the shell, yolk, and white of an egg.

**It takes faith to understand the Trinity. Only when we understand the love of God, we will understand the Trinity God.**

We know that, One God in Three, Three in One God, is LOVE.

God in Three is about the power of LOVE.

**God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are “all one love.”**

**God’s unconditional love for us.**

God the creator is God we believe. Jesus, the Son of God, is also God. Jesus is the way God revealed Himself to us in a way we could understand and see.

The Holy Spirit is with us. The Holy Spirit is with us and heard. But the Holy Spirit is not seen. However, Jesus was a manifestation of God in human. We were able to see and be with.

God in Three all work to show how much God loves us.

We were created to show God’s glory (Isaiah 43:7). **“Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”**

The earth being filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

Well that’s not exactly what we see in this world. We see a world in rebellion against the Creator. Division instead of unity.

Only in Christ Jesus can the purpose of creation be accomplished.

Genesis 1:26-27 in today's scripture, God said, **"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.** Therefore, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created man.

God wants to keep us in God's image.

Therefore, by grace of God, through faith we were saved, this is not our own doing, it is the gift of God.

Jesus comes to us by faith. Jesus forgives and helps us to be in the glory of God. Jesus saves us from our sins.

When sin entered the world, God comes to Adam after he had eaten the forbidden fruit and asks what has happened. Adam says in Genesis 3:12, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree and I ate."

In other words, it is her fault! Or God for giving her to Adam. And therefore, if someone must die for eating the fruit, it is her!

Here we see the beginning sin in human beings. Beginning of all domestic violence, abuse and blaming others began.

**But the Good news is that, God is healing us through Christ Jesus.**

Healing comes with the transforming work of Christ and the new life he purchased for us. Christ recovers us from sin. Christ brings us the grace of eternal life.

In Isaiah 48:16 we are told, "Come closer, and listen to this. From the beginning, I have told you plainly what would happen. And now the Sovereign Lord and his Spirit have sent me with this message."

Then the Holy Spirit is sent to us to speak to us to understand God in three. God is sending His spirit to be with us. Therefore, while God is the one in three, is the true God in three. God uses other of Himself to accomplish His purpose to create and redeem His people.

*So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God... And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and*

*subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:26–28)*

Yes, God created us *in his image*. Though we sinned against God. Jesus reclaims us what has been lost. It is called a “new creation in Christ.” The Holy Spirit guides us to live in righteousness and holiness in Christ. Three in One God working for us.

God created us that we love the Lord our God and love our neighbor as ourselves.

May God bless you and have a wonderful, blessed week. I miss you all and love you in Christ.