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*“The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.”*

Trinity is the heart of the Christian view of God. It is a mystery which man cannot comprehend with his intelligence.

There are two essential factors in the mystery of Trinity:

- 1) The unity of the divine essence and
- 2) The reality of the personal distinctions within the essence

All human examples either explain the first or the second element but cannot explain both at the same time.

## Biblical Basis:

1. Baptism of Jesus in Matt. 3:13-17, we see that Trinity at work.
2. The baptismal formula in Matt. 28:19
3. The benediction in II Cor. 13:14
4. In the creation story itself, we find God, His Word, and His Spirit are brought together.
5. Apostle’s preaching and teaching (Acts 2:32,33; I Pet. 1:2)

## The Trinity acting in Unity:

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| 1) In Creation        | (Gen. 1:3;   | John 1:1;   | Job. 26:12,13) |
| 2) In the Incarnation | (John 3:16;  | Luke 2:11;  | Luke 1:35)     |
| 3) In Redemption      | (Heb. 9:14)  |             |                |
| 4) In Prayer          | (John 16:23; | Rom. 8:26)  |                |
| 5) In Glory           | (1 Cor. 2:4; | Phil. 3:21; | Rev. 22:17)    |
| 6) In Regeneration    | (Luke 10:20; | Eph. 1:7;   | John 3:3-6)    |

## The Trinity and the attributes of God:

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| a) Eternal     | (Ps. 90:2;   | Rev. 1:8;      | Heb. 9:14)   |
| b) Omnipotent  | (I Pet. 1:5; | II Cor. 12:9;  | Rom. 15:19)  |
| c) Omniscient  | (Jer. 17:10; | Rev. 2:23;     | I Cor. 2:11) |
| d) Omnipresent | (Jer. 23:24; | Matt. 18:20;   | Ps. 139:7)   |
| e) Holiness    | (Rev. 15:4;  | Acts: 3:14;    | Luke 1:15)   |
| f) Truth       | (John 7:28;  | John 14:6;     | I John 5:6)  |
| g) Communion   | (I John 1:3; | II Cor. 13:14) |              |

### We believe :

God is one Being, but He exists in three persons.

1. In His nature and character He is one and this cannot be divided or separated.
2. In this divine being there are three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Man is an uni-personal being, while God is a tri-personal being.
3. The whole undivided essence of God belongs equally to each of the three persons.  
(Unity in diversity; Equality in dignity; Diversity in operation)

### The Misconceptions:

- 1) There is one God who generated the other gods.
- 2) There is one person, who manifested himself in three forms. (Sabellianism)
- 3) There are three Gods who are in one “Family”
- 4) There are three persons with variation in divinity and independence. (Arianism)

### Conclusion:

- 1) Let us worship this great God
  - 2) Let us not be troubled, if we don't understand this perplexing doctrine.
  - 3) Let us remember that the departure from the doctrine of the Trinity has been and is one of the major sources of heresy in the Christian church.
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