

# ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS

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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this lecture is to use evidence from the Bible and nature to establish the **truth** of Christian teaching on the subject of the Trinity.

The word, Trinity, is not mentioned in the Bible. Nevertheless, there is ample biblical evidence of *One God in Three Persons*. For example:

- “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our **God is one** Lord” [Deut. 6: 4]
- “(There is) **one God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” [Eph. 4: 6]
- “Let **Us** make man in **Our** image ...so, God created man in **His** own image [Gen. 1: 26-27]
- “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **name** of The **Father**, and The **Son**, and of The **Holy Ghost**” [Matt. 28: 19].

## 2. Distinct Features of The Three Persons

	FATHER	SON	HOLY SPIRIT
<i>3 Distinct Persons</i>	Jn 14: 1-4; Jn 17: 1	Lk 2: 7; Acts 1: 11	Lk 1: 41
<i>Each called God</i>	Gen. 1: 1	Is. 9: 6; Matt. 1: 23; Col. 2: 9	Acts 5: 3-4
<i>Each is Omnipotent</i>	Jer. 32: 17, 27; Rev. 19: 16	Matt. 28: 18	Lk 1: 35
<i>Each is Omnipresent</i>	Ps. 139: 7-12	Matt. 28: 20; Jn 8: 58	Ps. 139: 7
<i>Each is Omniscient</i>	1 Jn 3: 20	Col. 2: 3	1 Cor. 2: 10-11
<i>Each is Creator</i>	Gen. 1: 1	Gen. 1: 26-27; Jn 1: 3; Col. 1: 16-17	Gen. 1: 2, 26; Job 33: 4
<i>They all raised Jesus from the dead</i>	Acts 13: 20; 1 Cor. 6: 14	Jn 5: 21; Jn 10: 18	1 Pet. 3: 18
<i>Each speaks</i>	Deut. 5: 22-24	Jn 1: 14 [Took human form]	Acts 13: 2
<i>Each is eternal</i>	Deut. 33: 27; Is. 57: 15	Is. 9: 6; Lk 1: 31-33; Jn 1: 1; 2: 15	Heb. 9: 14

### 3. Unique Roles

#### a) God The Father

- ❑ The One to be prayed to [Matt. 6: 6-14; Jn 14: 16; 16: 23-24]
- ❑ He alone knows the day and hour of Christ's return [Matt. 24: 36]

#### b) God The Son

- ❑ The only begotten Son of God [Mk 1: 11]
- ❑ The Saviour of the world [Jn 1: 29]
- ❑ The only way to the Father [Jn 14: 6]
- ❑ He will ultimately judge the world [Jn 5: 22]

#### c) God The Holy Spirit

- ❑ Sins against Him cannot be forgiven [Lk 12: 10]
- ❑ Always bears witness of Jesus [Jn 15: 26; 16: 13-15; 1 Cor. 12: 3]
- ❑ He is the link between the terrestrial and celestial worlds [Acts 7: 55-56; 2 Cor. 12: 2-4; Rom. 8: 15-17]
- ❑ The Comforter [Jn 14: 26]

### 4. But all Three Persons are Tri-United!

- ❑ Work as a team [Gen. 1: 1-2, 26; Mk 1: 10-11]
- ❑ Father always bears witness of the Son [Jn 5: 37]
- ❑ Son does the Father's will [Jn 5: 28-29; Phil, 2: 5-11]
- ❑ Son works through the Holy Spirit [Lk 4: 18-19]
- ❑ Holy Spirit bears witness of the Son [Jn 15: 26; 16: 13-15; 1 Cor. 12: 3]

### 5. Trinity revealed through Nature

***"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork"** [Ps. 19: 1]*

***"Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands"** [Ps. 102: 25]*

Crime investigators use fingerprints of suspects to establish the culprits. Therefore, if as claimed in the forgoing Scripture passages above God created all things, what do His fingerprints reveal about His nature?

In *The Secret of the Universe* (an old book now out of print), Professor Nathan Wood established the following remarkable facts:

- a) The totality of nature is referred to as the **Universe**, not multiverse, thus signifying oneness.
- b) The universe consists of **time, Space and Matter**, no more!
- c) Time is **Past, Present** or **Future**, no more!
- d) Space is measured by **Length, Breadth** and **Height**
- e) Matter is **Energy** in **Motion** producing **Phenomena**.

Many more illustrations can be added. For example, the **sun** is one big ball that we see often but it produces **light, heat** and **radiation**. Government, made by human beings created by God, consists of the **legislative, executive** and the **judiciary**.

## 6. Conclusion

God is not one plus one plus one equals three, but **One times One times One equal One!** Both the Bible and nature confirm it. Alleluia!