

## **The Holy Trinity**

1. What do we mean by, “the Trinity?” When we speak of the Trinity, we are speaking of the three persons who make up the Godhead. Even though when we think of God, we usually think of only one person, there are actually three real, true, existent “personalities”, who make up the Godhead. It is very hard to understand the Trinity, without thinking, at least to a certain degree, of three distinctive individuals. Even though they are actually three different individuals, they are also one. We will probably never be able to fully understand the matter of the Trinity, with our human mind. Yet we still must fully believe with our heart, that there are three distinct individuals who make up the Godhead; those individuals being God the Father, God the Son-Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit of God. We hope to make the picture a little more clear; or make the matter of the Trinity a little more easy to understand; by attempting to explain, at least to a certain degree, some of the writings which God gives us in his Holy Word, concerning the Trinity.

2. Sadly to say, there are many people throughout the earth, who claim to believe in God, but they do not believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and neither do they believe in God’s Holy Spirit. Many say that Jesus was only a fairytale of some kind. And many say that the Holy Spirit does not exist. They believe in God the Heavenly Father, and they will believe no further. We hope to prove, if it be possible, that the Son of God has always existed; and so has the Holy Spirit of God. We will begin in the book of Genesis. God had just completed the creation of the heavens and the earth; as well as the creation of the moving creatures of the waters, the fowl of the air, and all the creatures of the earth. God is now ready to create man. We read in Gen. 1:26: “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

**A.** Let us make man. Who is God talking to, as He gets ready to create man? Let us remember, that this is the very beginning of time, as far as mankind is concerned. Even if it were true, that there had been what some people call as the “Gap Period”, between verses 1 and 2 of the first chapter of Genesis, it had all been wiped out, and there was no one left upon the earth. So who else could God of been talking to, except for Jesus his Son, and his Holy Spirit?

**B.** In our image. Once again, the Heavenly Father is speaking to someone, other than Himself; and it had to be someone, who already had the same image as God Himself. Who else could He of been speaking to, if the Trinity

*did not exist?*

*C. After our likeness. This is just another confirmation, that God was not alone, when He created the heavens and the earth. Let us also read Gen. 1:2, which tells us: “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” This is just another confirmation, that the Spirit of God has always existed; just as the Heavenly Father.*

*3. Also, after Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan; and God was about to send them from the Garden of Eden; He said in Gen. 3:22-24: “And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” Who was God speaking to this time? So far, Adam and Eve had been the only ones created. Who was God referring to this time, when He said, “One of us”? Once again, God the Father was referring to Himself, Jesus his Son, and his Holy Spirit; which make up the holy Trinity.*

*4. Another scripture which gives evidence of the reality of the Holy Spirit, is Isa. 11:1-4: “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and He shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall He slay the wicked.” This was a prophesy to the people of the coming Messiah; Jesus the Son of God; who was often called, “The Son of David.” This is another confirmation of the true reality of Jesus the Son of God, as well as the Holy Spirit.*

*5. We also have a prophesy of Jesus, given by Isaiah; which declares that the Holy Spirit shall be upon Him. Isa. 42:1 tells us: “Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.” And in Matt. 12:18 we read: “Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles.”*

*A. My servant, whom I uphold. Hebrew-tamak (taw-mak): to sustain, or to*

support; to empower, or to give strength unto.

**B. Mine elect.** Hebrew-bachiyir (baw-kheer): one chosen, or selected; to be acceptable for a particular purpose; excellently rated.

**C. In whom my soul delighteth.** Hebrew-ratsah (raw-tsaw): to be pleased with, or satisfied.

**D. He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.** Hebrew-mishpat (mish-pawt): justice; speaking of bringing forth fair treatment. Jesus was sent to bring deliverance unto his own people, the Jews. But when He was rejected by his own people, mercy and grace was also offered unto the Gentiles; which included the whole world.

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**6. Isaiah also tells us in Isa. 48:16:** “Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret for the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.” This is another revelation, or another Old Testament glimpse, of the Holy Trinity.

**7. The proclamation of the birth of Jesus, which was brought unto his mother Mary, also proves the reality of the Holy Spirit and the Son of God, as well as the Heavenly Father. We read in Luke 1:26-35:** “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his Father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

**8. One other scripture which gives further evidence of the reality of the Trinity, is John 1:1-3, which tells us:** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.”

**A. In the beginning.** This is speaking of the very beginning of eternity, which

is impossible for the human mind to comprehend. There is no beginning with God, for He has always been; always existed; and Christ has always existed with Him, and so has the Holy Spirit.

**B. Was the Word. The Word was Jesus.** We read in John 1:14: “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

**a. The Word was made flesh.** Greek-sarx (sarx): a human being. This is relating to us, of the fact that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, became a human being; took on a human nature, and lived an earthly life; for the purpose of going to the cross, and giving his life for the sins of the whole world; becoming the eternal sacrifice which paid for our sins of the past, of the present, and of the future.

**b. And dwelt among us.** Jesus lived his life as a regular man; socialized with worldly people just like you and me, and went through rough times, just like you and I go through.

He never withdrew from the people because of their sins; but He went among them, and preached unto them the message of salvation.

**c. And we beheld his glory.** Greek-doxa (dox-ah): dignity, honor, and self-esteem. It must of truly been a glorious honor, to be able to be a witness to the life which Jesus lived while He was on the earth. For even though He faced the same kind of troubles and trials from time to time which we face on this earth, He always knew how to handle them. And his desire is to teach us to do the same. He always looked unto the Heavenly Father, for daily guidance, and for every provision. And He always attempted to teach his disciples, as well as anyone else which He came in contact with, to live only one day at a time. Jesus told us in Matt. 6:34: **“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself, Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”**

**d. The glory of the only begotten of the Father.** Greek-monogenes (mon-og-en-ace): the only child, or the only born; speaking of a single child.

**e. Full of grace and truth.** Greek-charis (khar-ece): joyfulness or cheerfulness, favor, love, encouragement, and thankfulness.

**9. Another place where we find evidence of Jesus’ presence with the Heavenly Father, when He created the world, is in John 1:10, which tells us: “He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.”** There is no doubt whatsoever, if a person will only accept God’s Holy Word, that Jesus has always existed; just as the Heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit.

**10. John also speaks of the Son of God, and of the Holy Spirit, in John 1:29-34: “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the**

Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is He of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for He was before me. And I knew Him not: but that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.”

11. Isaiah also spoke another prophesy, which Jesus fulfilled. We first read in Isa. 61:1-2: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.”

A. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me. This is a prophesy of the Holy Spirit of God, coming upon the Lord Jesus Christ, at the start of his ministry.

B. The Lord hath anointed me. Hebrew-mashach (maw-shakh): to rub with oil, or to consecrate. This is a representation of the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

C. To preach good tidings unto the meek. Hebrew-anav (aw-nawv): those who are humble or lowly; to be patient or gentle.

D. He (God) hath sent me (Jesus) to bind up the brokenhearted. Jesus recognized his purpose from the very beginning; to bring hope and give assurance to those who would believe in Him.

E. To proclaim liberty. Hebrew-derowr (der-ore): freedom (from the consequences of sin); a clear or pure escape from the cost of sin.

F. To the captives. Hebrew-shebiy (sheb-ee): those exiled, or those who are taken as prisoners to sin; those who must bear the consequences of sin.

G. And the open of the prison to them that are bound. Jesus came to release those who are bound by sin; to make a way of escape from the consequences of sin, which is eternal torment in Hell. His way of escape is through his blood; which He shed for all mankind. Hebrews 9:12 tells us: “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

H. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Jesus’ main purpose of his earthly ministry, was to proclaim, or to preach, the gospel of salvation; which He had come to make the way possible for all to accept. He had come to be the eternal, required sacrifice, for all to be saved. The prophesied

Messiah which had been hoped for, for such a long time, had finally arrived.

**I. And the day of vengeance of our God. Hebrew-nogam (naw-kawm):** revenge; speaking of the required punishment, or the cost for all the sins that had been committed. The day had come when all the sin ever committed, or ever to be committed, was to be paid for. Jesus was about to take the final punishment for all the sin of the whole world.

**J. To comfort all that mourn.**

**a. Comfort-Hebrew-nacham (naw-kham): to bring relief, or to erase (all the sin); to be a means of escape (from sin).**

**b. All that mourn. Hebrew-abel (aw-bale): to lament, or to be in grief; to be sorrowful, due to the loss of a loved one.**

**12. Jesus fulfilled this prophesy of Isaiah, when He preached in the synagogue at Nazareth. Luke 4:16-21 tells us: “And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as his custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias.**

**And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.***

**He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.** And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him. And He began to say unto them, ***This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.***”

**13. the most distinctive characteristic about all three members of the Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; is their selfless love one for another.**

**A. The Father gives all authority unto the Son. Matt. 28:18 tells us: “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth.”**

**B. We are also told a prophesy, of the power and authority which would be given unto the Son of God, in Dan. 7:13-14: “I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”**

**C. We are also told in Matt. 11:27: “All things are delivered unto me of**

**my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.”**

**D. We read of Jesus’ coming again in the authority which the Father has delegated unto Him. Matt. 16:27-28 tells us: “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.”**

**a. And in Luke 1:31-33 we read: “And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great and shall be called, the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”**

**b. John 5:22-23 also tells us: “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honor not the Son honor not the Father which hath sent Him.”**

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**c. We read in John 17:1-3: “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to Heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”**

**d. And Eph. 1:18-23 tells us: “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at his own right hand in the Heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church. Which is his body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.”**

**E. At the transfiguration, God the Father also gave his approval of the Son. Luke 9:28-35 tells us: “And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to**

*pray. And as He prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and they that were with Him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with Him. And it came to pass, as they departed from Him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear Him."*

*F. At his baptism, Jesus the Son, received the approval of the Heavenly Father, in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Luke 3:21-22 tells us: "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the Heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from Heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."*

*G. Jesus also gives all glory unto the Father. John 12:49-50 tells us: "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."*

*H. Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and in the Heavenly Father, who had delivered all things unto the Son.*

*Luke 10:21-22 tells us: "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in Spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him."*

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*14. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, work together, and serve one another; as can be seen from John 14:15-17 & 25-26; which tells us: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. These things have I*

*spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."*

15. When Jesus ran the merchants from the temple, He once again spoke as one who was God. We read in Luke 19:45-46: "And He went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; Saying unto them, **It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.**" And John also relates this story, in John 2:12-16: "After this He went down to Capernaum, He, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days. And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, **Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.**"

16. Jesus also spoke of the Trinity in John 15:26-27, which tells us: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning." We also read back in John 14:16-17 & 26: "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

17. Just before his ascension, Jesus spoke once again of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We read in Matt. 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**" We also read in Acts 1:4-9: "And, being assembled together with them, commanded

*them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?*

*And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”*

*18. The apostle Paul also spoke of the Trinity, in 2 Cor. 13:11-14: “Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Greet one another with an holy kiss. All the saints salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”*

*19. As we have said from the beginning, there is only one God, but three different persons; the Heavenly Father, the Son of God-Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost. We read in 1 Cor. 12:3-6: “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.” We also read in 2 Cor. 13:14: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”*

### **Conclusion:**

*Without a doubt, we have Godly truth from Genesis to Revelation, to prove the reality of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Even though Jesus is not always here physically with us, He knows everything we do, He hears everything we say, and He knows our every thought. He is with us continually, through his Holy Spirit. When we accept Jesus as our personal Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us from that moment on. The holy Trinity has always been alive, and will be forevermore. Even though we may not always perfectly understand God’s operation, all we must do is believe, and trust Him. He is always with us, whether we feel Him or not. Let us never forget, that our Christian walk is a walk of faith. And our Heavenly Father,*

*Jesus Christ the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, are always working things out for our own good. And God tells us in his Holy Word, in Proverbs 3:6, to acknowledge Him in all thy ways, and He shall direct thy paths.*

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