

For further study concerning the Trinity...

This page is intended as a quick reference on the doctrine of the Trinity. You might want to keep it handy as a short summary of the Bible's teaching.

Five Statements Concerning the Trinity

These five statements serve to summarize the Biblical witness of the Unity and Trinity of God.

1. There is only one true God.

“To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other beside Him.” [Deuteronomy 4:35]

See also Deuteronomy 6:4,25; 43:10; 1 Timothy 2:5

2. The Father is God.

“Yet for us there is only one God, the Father, of whom are all things.” [1 Corinthians 8:6]

See also St John 17:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:3; Philippians 2:11; Colossians 1:3; 1 Peter 1:2

3. Jesus Christ, the Son, is God.

“...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” [Titus 2:13]

See also Isaiah 9:6; St John 1:1; 5:18; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 2 Peter 1:1

4. The Holy Spirit is a person, is eternal, is God.

“Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?... You have not lied to men but to God.'” [Acts 5:3,4]

See also St Matthew 3:16-17; St John 16:13; Hebrews 9:14

5. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are distinct persons with equal authority.

“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.” [St Matthew 28:19]

See also Romans 15:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2

Events and Attributes Attributed to the Different Persons of the Trinity

Another method of tracing the Biblical teaching of the Trinity is to compare the events and attributes which the Scriptures appoint to each person of the Trinity.

<i>Event/Attribute</i>	<i>The Father</i>	<i>The Son</i>	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>
Creation Genesis 1:1 Hebrews 11:3	Psalm 24:1f; 33:6; 102:25f; Exodus 4:11; Jeremiah 10:2; Hebrews 1:1f; Isaiah 44:24; Ephesians 3:9- 14; 4:6	John 1:1-3 Hebrews 1:10-12	Colossians 1:16-18; Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; Hebrews 1:1f
Resurrection (of Jesus) Acts 3:26; 13:30; 17:31 1 Thes. 1:10 Hebrews 13:20	Acts 2:32 Romans 6:4; 8:11; 10:9 1 Corinthians 15:15	John 2:19-22 Matthew 27:63	Romans 1:4; 8:11
'Alpha and Omega'; 'First and Last'	Revelation 21:6 Isaiah 41:4	Revelation 1:8, 17; 22:13	
Is God Deuteronomy 4:35 Isaiah 45:18	Ephesians 4:6	Titus 2:13 John 1:1; 20:28	Acts 5:3,4
Saves and Regenerates Man 1 John 3:9	1 Peter 1:3	John 4:14; 5:21	John 3:6 Titus 3:5
Justifies Romans 4:6; 9:33	2 Corinthians 5:19	Romans 5:9; 10:4 1 Corinthians 6:11 2 Corinthians 5:19	1 Corinthians 6:11 Galatians 5:5
Sanctifies Exodus 31:13	Jude 1	Jude 1 Titus 2:14	1 Peter 1:2
Forgives Sins Psalm 32:5; 130:4 Isaiah 43:25		Matthew 9:1-8 Hebrews 1:3	
Eternal	Psalm 90:2	John 1:2 Revelation 1:8,17	Hebrews 9:14
Holy	Revelation 15:4	Acts 3:14	Acts 1:8, etc. “Holy” Spirit
Truthful	John 7:28	Revelation 3:7	1 John 5:6