

I. Introduction: The three persons of the Trinity are all distinct. Today we are going to examine them individually to understand the significance of their identities.

II. Understanding the Trinity.

A. God, the Father (**Matt 6:9-13**).

B. God, the Son (**Matt 16:13-20**).

C. God, the Spirit (**John 14:16-29; 15:26-27; 16:5-15**).

III. Conclusion: God is a Trinity, and that reality should thrill our souls because He relates to us in distinct ways that flow out of His identity as the Triune God.

Questions About: Understanding the Trinity

1. Who is God? What is He like? Why does it matter who He is? Why is God called the Father? Why is Jesus called the Son? And why is the Spirit called the Holy Spirit?
2. Why does identity matter to people? How do people identify themselves? Where do we get this fierce desire to protect our identity? How does God protect His identity?
3. What is the most common designation that Jesus uses to describe God? (**Matt 6:9-13**) How is God the Father of all living things? (**Gen 1:20-31**) How is God like a Father? (**Psa 103:13**)
4. Why do many people have difficulty calling God their Father? Why is confusing our earthly Father with our heavenly Father wrong? How has God adopted us? (**John 1:12; Eph 1:5**)
5. Why is Jesus referred to as the Son? (**Matt 16:13-20**) How is Jesus the only-unique Son of God? (**John 1:18; 3:16**) Why does it matter that the Father loves Jesus? (**Matt 3:17**)
6. What does the story of Abraham and Isaac show us about God? (**Gen 22:2, 12, 16**) Why does this story bother us? What does it say about God's sacrifice of His only Son? (**John 3:16**)
7. Why is God the Holy Spirit, referred to as the Spirit? (**John 14:16-29; 15:26-27; 16:5-15**) Why is it important to know that the Holy Spirit indwells us? (**John 14:16-29**)
8. How does knowing that the Holy Spirit resides in you affect your daily life? (**1 Cor 3:16**) How does understanding the Spirit's work free you from manipulating or controlling others?

Prayer

1. Pray that you might know the deep truths of the Trinity in a profound and life-changing way.
2. Pray that your understanding of the Trinity would help you feel more connected to God.