

**BETTER TOGETHER . . .**  
**THRU THE GLORY OF THE TRINITY**



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“We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” – *our statement of faith, article 1*

“The doctrine of the Trinity affirms that God’s whole and undivided essence belongs equally, eternally, simultaneously, and fully to each of the three distinct Persons of the Godhead.” -*Bruce Ware*

What was God doing before creation? (John 17:24, 3:35, 5:20s, 14:30-31)

Verses that show each person of the Trinity to be deity. (A brief sample only) (1 Cor. 8:6; Acts 5:3-4)

What are heresies that fall short of the self-revelation God has given us in the Bible?

- God is NOT a mixture of the Father, Son and Spirit.
- God is NOT a \_\_\_\_\_ God, like Allah.
- God is NOT a single-person God in \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is NOT a single-person God who created Jesus the Son.

“... without the Son, God cannot truly be a Father; thus alone, he is not truly love. Thus he can have no fellowship to share with us, no Son to bring us close, no Spirit through whom we might know him. Arius was left with a very thin gruel: a life of self-dependent effort under the all-seeing eye of his distant and loveless God.” - *Michael Reeves, The Good God, p. 106*

“Now if God were not triune, if there was no Son, no lamb of God to die in our place, then we would have to atone for our sin ourselves. We would have to provide, for God could not.” – *Reeves, p. 55*

**IF WE “GET IT WRONG,” WE ARE NOT ABLE TO . . .**

**BE SAVED BY \_\_\_\_\_**

“It means that this God makes no third party suffer to achieve atonement. The one who dies is the lamb of God, the Son. And it means that nobody but God contributes to the work of salvation: the Father, Son and Spirit accomplish it all.” – *Reeves, p. 55*

**DELIGHT IN GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_** (Isaiah 42:8; John 17:22-23, 16:14-15; Hebrews 9:14)

**\_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD’S PROVIDENCE**

**RESPOND TO THE FATHER AS A \_\_\_\_\_** (1 John 3:1a; John 17:25-26)

**\_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONAL LOVE AS HUSBANDS** (1 Cor. 11:3)

**APPRECIATE \_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT UNIFORMITY** (1 Cor. 12:4-6)

**BE BIBLICALLY \_\_\_\_\_** (Matthew 28:19-20)

“So the Father sent the Son because of how he so loved him (and wanted that love to be shared and enjoyed), and the Son went because he so loved his Father (and wanted that love to be shared and enjoyed). The mission comes from the overflow of love, from the uncontainable enjoyment of the fellowship.” – *Reeves, p.86*

**CHANGE OUR \_\_\_\_\_** (2 Cor. 4:4)