

*We believe in a triune God, made of one substance but three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father is the creator of all things. The Son (Jesus Christ), is God incarnate. He came to Earth as both fully man and fully God - one person in two natures. Living a sinless life, he was crucified, resurrected bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God as our High Priest and Advocate. His death and subsequent resurrection was the all-sufficient sacrifice for our sin and given to man as a free gift by the grace of God. The Holy Spirit brings conviction and regeneration of sinners. Through him, believers have eternal union with Christ and are deemed children of God. He indwells, illuminates, guides, equips, and empowers all believers for Christ-like living.*

In his book *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer made the argument that, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Is this true? Some might agree, others might disagree. Tozer's reasoning is that no people nor religion in the history of the world is greater than their view of God, and that we naturally move toward what we believe God (or what takes the place of God in our lives) to be.

God is very hard for our finite minds to grasp. God is trinity - he is three in one, but God is not three different entities. Deuteronomy 6:4 says, "Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." We are a monotheistic religion, meaning, we worship one God. The trinity is not three gods. But each person of the trinity has a different function.

As the statement says, God the Father is the Creator of the universe. God the Son, Jesus, came to Earth as fully man, yet fully God. Living a sinless life, he was crucified and then physically rose from the dead. The Holy Spirit brings people to faith and works within us to sanctify us through a life of faith.

If the idea of the trinity is confusing, you're in good company. Human reason and logic cannot explain the mystery of the trinity. It is something that we believe by faith. It's not that it is unreasonable. Rather, it is beyond human reason.

We don't need to fully understand the Trinity. This is how God has revealed himself and so we believe it even though our finite minds cannot fully comprehend it. The Father sent the Son to die for us and now the Holy Spirit indwells us. The question each of us must answer, not just once, but daily, comes from Matthew 16:15: "'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'"

Here's some questions to discuss in your group:

- If someone were to ask you about the Trinity, how would you explain it?
- Do mysteries about God make you curious, drive you nuts, or do you try to just brush past them?
- In the words of Tozer, what comes to your mind when you think about God?