

The Holy Trinity

Articles of Faith Statement

We believe in the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, that these three are one, yet three distinct personages.

Key Scriptures

- "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth."—

 John 14:11–17 (NIV)
- "For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement." 1 John 5:7–8 (NIV)

Insights

The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the deepest mysteries of the Christian faith. The Bible teaches that there is one God, yet He reveals Himself in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are not separate gods, but one in essence, equal in power, authority, and glory.

In John 14, Jesus comforts His disciples before His departure by affirming His unity with the Father: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (v. 11). This intimate relationship shows the oneness of God's nature. Yet, Jesus also promises to ask the Father to send "another Advocate" (v. 16)—the Holy Spirit, who will dwell within believers. Here we see all three persons of the Trinity working in harmony: the Son prays to the Father, and the Father sends the Spirit to empower God's people.

1 John 5:7–8 emphasizes the unity of God's testimony through the Spirit, the water, and the blood. While the wording varies across translations, the emphasis is clear: the Spirit affirms the truth of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Together, the Father, Son, and Spirit bear witness to the gospel.

Though the Trinity is beyond full human comprehension, Scripture reveals it as essential to understanding God's nature. The Father plans salvation, the Son accomplishes it through His death and resurrection, and the Spirit applies it by indwelling and transforming believers. Unity and distinction coexist in perfect harmony within the Godhead.

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Application

The truth of the Trinity shapes our relationship with God. Through the Son, we have access to the Father; through the Spirit, we experience God's presence and power. Knowing God as Trinity reminds us that He is both personal and relational. We are invited into fellowship with Father, Son, and Spirit—a relationship marked by love, unity, and intimacy.

The Trinity also gives us a model for community. Just as the Father, Son, and Spirit are united in love and purpose, so the church is called to live in unity while honoring our diversity. Practically, this means valuing one another, working together in service, and reflecting God's relational nature in how we treat others.

Finally, the Trinity deepens our worship. We praise the Father who loves us, the Son who saves us, and the Spirit who sanctifies us—three persons, one God, worthy of all glory.

Trinity?
2. How does the promise of the Spirit in John 14 bring comfort and encouragement to believers today?
3. Why is it important to affirm that there is one God in three persons rather than three separate gods?
4. How can the Trinity serve as a model for unity and love in the church?
5. How does the truth of the Trinity impact your personal prayer, worship, and daily walk with God?