

Triune God

What the Trinity Is:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

1. **God is three persons**--the Father, Spirit, and Son are three persons

★ Hints of plurality within the Godhead in the OT

★ Clear plurality/trinity teaching in the NT

2. **Each person is fully God**

★ Father

★ Son

★ Spirit

3. **There is one God**

- With all the above being true, if we stop the message here, we are stuck in a very bad place called tritheism. We must also know that God is one.
- ★ What do we mean by ONE since there are three distinct persons within the Godhead?

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What the Trinity Is NOT--Common, yet horrendous Trinitarian Errors

- **Modalism/Pentacostal Oneness**
 - **What is it?** The belief that God is not three persons, rather he is one person who reveals himself in three different ways
 - **Why:** Modalism comes from the desire to emphasize the ONENESS of God
 - **Big Problem:** Modalism ultimately loses the heart of the doctrine of the atonement--that is, the idea that God sent His son as a substitutionary sacrifice, and that the son bore the wrath of God in our place, and that the Father was satisfied
- **Arianism/Jehovah's Witnesses**
 - **What is it?** *Holy Spirit & Jesus are in some way divine, but not fully God. They are both created beings.*
 - **Why?** *They look @ only begotten and take that to mean created.*
 - **Big Problem:** You simply cannot deny the deity of Christ and claim to be a Christian.