

## THREE FOUNDATIONS

THERE IS ONLY  
**ONE GOD**

THERE ARE  
**3 DIVINE PERSONS**

THE PERSONS ARE  
**COEQUAL  
&  
COETERNAL**

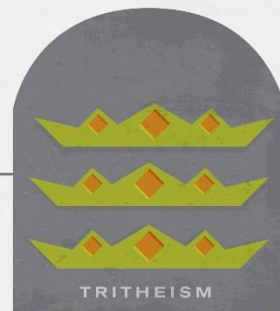
## THREE ERRORS



Modalism claims that there is one person who appears to us in three different forms or modes.



Subordinationism claims that the Son and Holy Spirit are subordinate to the Father in nature and being.



Tritheism denies that there is only one God and instead claims that there are three Gods.

### There is One God

Genesis 1:1

Deuteronomy 4:33-35; 6:1-9

1 Kings 8:59-60

Isiah 45:5-6

James 2:19

### The Father is God

1 John 3:1

### The Son is God

John 17:3

Isiah 9:6

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

Hebrews 1:3

### The Holy Spirit is God

1 Cor 2:10-16

Acts 5:3-4

### The Trinity is unified

Matthew 28:19

Matthew 3:13-17

### All Three Member of the Trinity Created

Isiah 64:8

Colossians 1:15-16

Job 33:4

### All Three Member of the Trinity Raised

### Jesus from the Grave

Acts 2:32; Romans 6:4

John 2:18-19

Romans 8:11

### All Three Member of the Trinity Were

### Involved with our Salvation

1 Peter 1:1-2

Ephesians 2:17-18

Hebrews 9:13-14

### There is Order in the Trinity

Philippians 2:5-7

John 16:13-15

## BAD ILLUSTRATIONS



### Three-Leaf Clover

**Illustration** The Trinity is like a three-leaf clover because the clover has three parts yet remains one plant.

**Error** Polytheism

**Explanation** Each leaf is only part of the clover & cannot said to be the whole clover. In the Trinity, each person is fully God.



### Water/Ice/Steam

**Illustration** The Trinity is like water because water can be ice, steam, or water and remain H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Error** Modalism

**Explanation** Water is never all three forms at the same time. In the Trinity, God is always and at all times each person.



### Father/Son/Husband

**Illustration** The Trinity is like a man who is at the same time a father, a son and a husband. He is one man, but has three roles.

**Error** Modalism

**Explanation** Father, son and husband describe functions or roles of one person. In the Trinity, God is three distinct persons rather than one person in three modes or roles.

Gen 1:1

(1) In the beginning, **God created** the heavens and the earth.

Deu 4:33-35

(33) Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live?

(34) Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

(35) **To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him.**

**Deu 6:1-9**

(1) “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—**that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it,**

(2) that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.

(3) Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

(4) **“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.**

(5) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

(6) **And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.**

(7) **You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.**

(8) You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

(9) You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**1Ki 8:59-60**

(59) Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires,

(60) that all the peoples of the earth may know that the **LORD is God; there is no other.**

Isa 45:5-6

(5) **I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;** I equip you, though you do not know me,

(6) that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, **that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.**

1Jn 3:1

(1) **See what kind of love the Father** has given to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

**Joh 17:3**

(3) And this is eternal life, that they know you, **the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom you have sent.

**Isa 9:6**

(6) For to us **a child is born**, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**1Co 8:4-6**

(4) Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that **“there is no God but one.”**

(5) For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—

(6) **yet for us there is one God, the Father**, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, **and one Lord, Jesus Christ**, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

**Heb 1:3**

(3) **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature**, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**1Co 2:10-16**

(10) these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. **For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.**

(11) For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? **So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**

(12) Now we have received not the spirit of the world, **but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.**

(13) And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

(14) The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

(15) The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

(16) “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

#### **Act 5:3-4**

(3) But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?

(4) While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to man but to God.**”

#### **Mat 28:19**

(19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

#### **Mat 3:13-17**

(13) Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

(14) John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

(15) But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

(16) And when **Jesus** was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and **He saw the Spirit of God** descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

(17) and behold, a voice from heaven said, “**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**”

#### Isa 64:8

(8) But now, O LORD, **you are our Father**; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all **the work of your hand.**

#### Col 1:15-16

(15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

(16) **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth**, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Job 33:4

(4) **The Spirit of God has made me**, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Act 2:32

(32) **This Jesus God raised up**, and of that we all are witnesses.

Rom 6:4

(4) We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, **just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father**, we too might walk in newness of life.

Joh 2:18-19

(18) So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"

(19) **Jesus answered** them, "Destroy this temple, and **in three days I will raise it up.**"

Rom 8:11

(11) If **the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**1Pe 1:1-2**

(1) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

(2) **according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood**: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

**Eph 2:17-18**

(17) And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

(18) **For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

**Heb 9:13-14**

(13) For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

(14) how much more **will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God**, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

### **Php 2:5-7**

- (5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
- (6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- (7) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

### **Joh 16:13-15**

- (13) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- (14) He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- (15) All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### **Eph 3:14-21**

- (14) For this reason **I bow my knees before the Father,**
- (15) from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
- (16) that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you **to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,**
- (17) **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- (18) may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- (19) and to know **the love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the **fullness of God.**
- (20) Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
- (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.