

# The Importance of the Trinity

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## I. The Nature of God

### 1. God is One

- **Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Exodus 20:1–2**
  - One true God — Creator and Revealer
  - No plurality of gods; absolute unity in essence
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### 2. God is Eternal

- **Psalm 90:2; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; Exodus 3:14; Revelation 1:8**
  - No beginning, no ending
  - **Aseity**: Self-existent, self-sufficient, independent
  - Unchanging in nature and character
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### 3. God is Transcendent (and Immanent)

- **Acts 17:24; 1 Chronicles 29:11**
  - Sovereign over all creation
  - Distinct from creation, yet involved in it
  - Rejects **Deism** (distant God)
  - Affirms **Theism** (present, sustaining God)
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### 4. God is Knowable

- **Genesis 2:4; Genesis 6:6; Isaiah 55:8; James 4:8; John 17:3; Exodus 34:6; 1 John 4:7–8, 16**
- Personal, relational, covenant-keeping God

- Desires nearness and relationship
  - Both **transcendent** and **personal**
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## II. The Triune Nature of God

### 1. God is Three in One

- One God in **essence**
  - Three distinct **persons**
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### 2. Each Person is Fully God

- **The Father is God**
    - *Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 43:10; 44:6–8*
  - **The Son is God (Jesus Christ)**
    - *John 1:1, 14, 18*
  - **The Holy Spirit is God**
    - *Genesis 1:2; Acts 5:4; Acts 10:44*
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### 3. Key Doctrine of the Trinity

- Co-equal
  - Co-eternal
  - Fully God
  - Not three gods — **one God**
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### 4. Important Distinctions

- The Father ≠ The Son
- The Son ≠ The Spirit
- The Spirit ≠ The Father

- Yet each is fully God
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### III. Biblical Foundation of the Trinity

- **Matthew 28:19** — Father, Son, Holy Spirit
  - **John 1:1** — The Word is God
  - **2 Corinthians 13:14** — All three persons together
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### IV. The Holy Spirit — A Person, Not a Force

- **John 16:7–8, 13**
  - Convicts, guides, speaks
  - Personal presence of God in the believer
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### V. Practical Application

- **Know God as Father** → Relationship
  - **Believe in the Son as Savior** → Salvation
  - **Walk in the Spirit** → Daily living
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### Key Truth

**One God in essence, three persons in relationship — fully God, eternally united, personally revealed.**

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