

# WHAT I BELIEVE ABOUT THE TRINITY

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I believe that God is a triune God. He is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are co-existent and co-equal, and co-eternal with no beginning or ending.

*Gen 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.*

He is not three separate gods, but one God eternal, existing as three persons. Beginning with Gen 1:1-2 God and the Spirit of God are present. Not as apart from each other, but together in creation.

*Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

After God created the earth and all that was in it He said "let Us make man in Our image". If man was created in His image then man must have been created to look like God. However sin came into all because of the sin of Adam. After the Fall man's outward appearance did not change, however man's spirit was dead and man's heart condition was evil and was the opposite of the image of God's heart.

The use of "**We** and **Our**" indicate that the passage speaks of more than one. (Gen 1:26) Because God said "make man in **Our** image" this passage must refer to God the Father and Jesus the Son. The first thirteen verses of the first chapter of the Gospel of John bring more proof of God being a triune God.

*Joh 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. (4) In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.*

John 1:1-4 is a powerful statement of who Jesus Christ is and where we can learn about Him. Another reason to believe the Bible is our guide and source of guidance for our lives.

The Gospel of Matthew in chapter 1:18-23 tells of the conception and birth of Jesus and gives us His name, "IMMANUEL" God with us. Here we have the presence of the Holy Spirit and Jesus the son of God.

If more proof is needed we can look at the end of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew 28:19 says we are to baptize in the "**in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**". Now we have all three in one passage of scripture. Why would Jesus use all three if they did not exist at the same time. Why should He tell us to baptize in the name of someone that did not co-exist with the other two. The Bible does not contain scripture that says that any of the three stopped existing or existed apart from the others. God left no doubt about His existence as a triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How sad that there are those who believe otherwise

and preach and teach other than the truth of God's existence. Praise the Lord He loves us and has provided all we need to live in His Kingdom.

The Gospel of John chapters 14 through 17 bring together God the Father, God the Son Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. Here we find the basis for the belief that as born again Christians we are "**in Christ**". The Apostle Paul uses the phrase "**in Christ**" more than fifty times in reference to those who are born again Christians. The concept of being "**in Christ**" validates Acts 1:8. How can we witness Jesus Christ to the lost in the world unless we are "**in Christ**" and "**made in His image**". The Holy Spirit infuses His power upon us in order that we can live our lives "**in Christ**". That same power gives us the ability to be and do according to "**His Image**". That is to submit to God's will and have his qualities in our lives. This means we must die daily on his Cross, to allow Him to cleanse our life of all our worldly and fleshly attitudes and desires until we attain ***to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.***

When any doctrine teaches that God is anything less than a triune God diminishes the power and character of God. These false doctrines that say that any part of God was only temporary or simply a manifestation of God meant for a particular dispensation of time are denying God and serving man conceived ideas. They teach a false gospel that denies the unbeliever of his or her salvation. God is not pleased with such teaching and will not bless those who teach such. However the enemy is more than glad to provide what will ensure the destruction of the lost. Many of these groups and organizations seem to enjoy great blessings (*not really blessings from God but provision from Satan*) as they continue to spread their message of false hope. Is it any wonder that cults and perverted forms of religions that claim to be "christian" are so worldly prosperous?

Praise God we can know the truth and continue to preach, teach, and live according to God's word. The Grace of God is sure and eternal. His word is the light that guides us through the traps, diversions, and false teaching so prevalent in the world today. Praise God. AMEN

