

# **THE TRIUNE GOD**

**THE DIVINE NATURE OF GOD**

## TEACHING NOTES

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### What are some of God's attributes?

- Eternal
- Creator
  - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)
- God is within Himself a community in relationship; a Trinity.
  - "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)
  - The word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible, but its concept is progressively revealed within the Bible.
- God is:
  - Omniscient: All-Knowing
  - Omnipresent: Ever-Present
  - Omnipotent: All-Powerful

### What does it mean for God to be Triune?

- He is one God, having three distinct parts that function in perfect unity
- The Father
  - The One through whom the son and Holy Spirit are sent.
- The Son: Jesus
  - Eternally with God from the beginning.
  - The Word made flesh
  - Born of a virgin
  - Lived a perfect, sinless life
  - Died on the cross for the sins of the world, to redeem the world back to God.
  - Was raised to life three days later, overcoming sin and the grave.
    - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (NKJV)
  - Sits at the right hand of the Father, interceding on our behalf.
- The Holy Spirit: The Spirit of God
  - Was present from the beginning.
  - Isn't a force or an energy, it is the Lord.
  - Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17)
  - Has emotions, can be grieved, releases joy.
  - The third member of the trinity.

One God, three distinct persons, living in eternal community together fulfilling the divine mysteries of the Godhead that we are recipients of.

## MAKE IT YOUR OWN

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**Definition of Trinity:** The Christian Godhead as one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**God is triune:** One God having 3 distinct parts that function in perfect unity. List them:

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Read John 14:10, John 14:16, 1 Corinthians 8:6

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Read John 1:1-5, John 1:14, John 3:16, John 14:6, Hebrews 5:9, 1 John 4:14

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Read Ephesians 1:13, Ephesians 4:30, John 14:16-17, John 14:26

**Are there any other Gods?**

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Read Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 43:10-11, Isaiah 44:6, Isaiah 45:22, 1 Timothy 2:5, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Jude 1:25

**How do I interact with this One True God?**

1. Recognize Him for His many attributes: Eternal God, Creator, All-Knowing, Ever-Present, All-Powerful, Loving Father, Redeeming God, Savior Jesus, Helper, Comforter, Guide, etc. Get to know more about God by reading your Bible—it's how He reveals Himself to us. You may want to start with our New Believer Reading Plan on the Foundations of Faith main page.
2. Praise Him for Who He is: Acclaim Him and thank Him that He is everything we need! Learn more about worship in Foundations of Faith, Part 7.
3. Pray to Him: Simply talk to God. Share your thoughts, feelings, troubles, concerns, and needs. Know that He loves you, and is a relational God that loves when you spend time with Him. Learn more about prayer in Foundations of Faith, Part 6.

**Prayer:**

Father, I thank You for Your love for me and that You are continuously revealing Yourself to me. Help me to grow in my understanding and know You more. In Jesus' name, Amen.