

2 - The Trinity

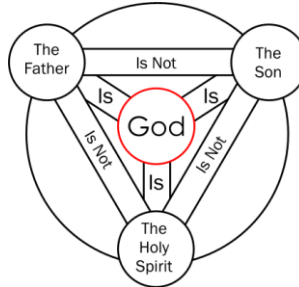


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The "Trinity" is one of the most confusing and misunderstood mysteries of the bible. The word "Trinity" doesn't show up anywhere in scripture. Many people believe because it doesn't show up anywhere in scripture that it's not a valid concept. I will only say that there are several words that don't show up in the bible that describe valid concepts (ex. Rapture). The Trinity describes the fact that God is one God but He is made up of three distinct parts (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Many sects and cults of Christianity deny the Trinity and classify each of the three parts of God as distinct, separate, and individual but don't accept the fact that they're also one God. Another name given to the Trinity is the "Godhead".

"Trinity"

- Tri = Three, Unity = Bring together into one.
- Tri+Unity = Trinity = Three brought together into one.
- There is only one God but He exists in three distinct and individual persons:
 - The Father is God
 - The Son is God
 - The Holy Spirit is God
- These three persons make up one God.
- It's NOT 1/3 for each person adding up to a whole.
- Each person is 100% God.
- Each person is equal, eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient.



"Uniqueness"

- Because the Trinity is unique, it's difficult to describe in terms that people can understand.
- The Trinity is not really like anything else in the universe but there have been many "natural" analogies used throughout the years in order to help people better grasp the concept including:
 - A single point in 3-dimensional space.
 - One egg consisting of 3 parts (shell, white, yolk).
 - One clover with 3 leaves.
 - Water can be gas, liquid, or solid.
 - The color spectrum is from 3 (red, green, blue).
 - Atom made from 3 (proton, neutron, electron).

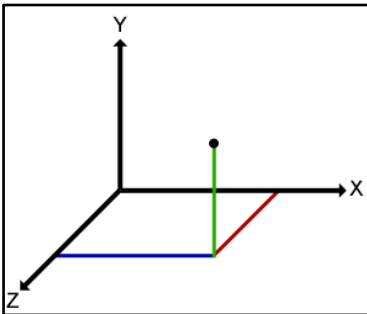
The Six Steps of the Trinity

- 1) **There is only one God.**
➢ [Deuteronomy 6:4] Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!
- 2) **The Father is God.**
➢ [2nd Thessalonians 1:2] Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3) **The Son (Jesus Christ, also known as "the word") is God.**
➢ [John 1:1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 4) **The Holy Spirit is God.**
➢ [Acts 5:3-4] But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."
- 5) **The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all distinct individuals.**
➢ "Jesus answered and said to him..." [John 14:26] "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
- 6) **All three persons are one God working together.**
➢ [1st Peter 1:2] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

Key "Trinity" Examples

There are two key examples in scripture that show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are separate individuals who work together as one to support each other.

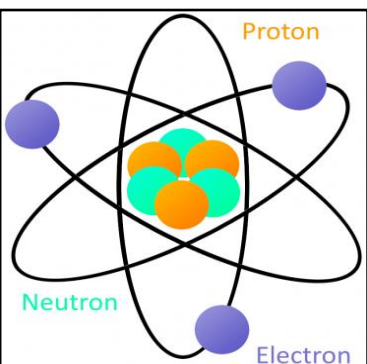
- 1) [Genesis 1:26] Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- 2) [Matthew 3:16-17] After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."



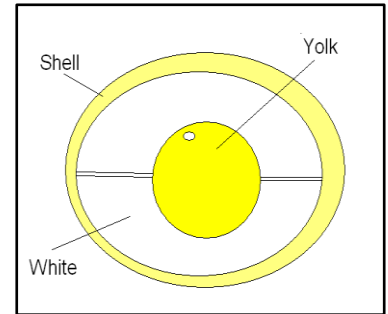
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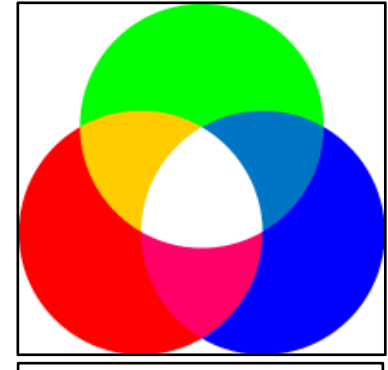
1 clover defined by 3 leaves



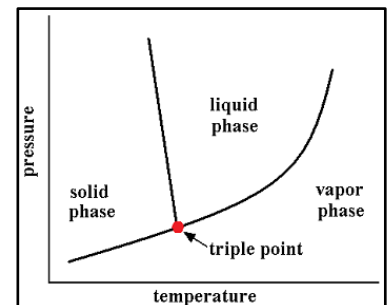
1 atom defined by 3 parts



1 egg defined by 3 parts



1 color defined by 3 parts



Water is the best example: it has 3 forms (gas, liquid, solid) and can exist as all 3 at once (triple point).