

The Son

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 1:1

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

Jesus claimed to be God in John 8 "before Abraham was, I am"
Thomas said, "My LORD and MY God" John 20:28

Paul calls Jesus "the one in whom the fullness of deity dwells bodily."
Colossians 2:9

In Paul's letter to Titus (2:3) calls Jesus "our great God and Savior"
The writer of Hebrews 1:8 says of Him, "Thy throne oh God, is forever."

In Philippians 2:5-8 Paul says that before Christ became a human being he existed as God.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit of God is called God in Acts 5:3, 4

He appears in the NT benedictions along with the Father and the Son.
Example 2 Corinthians 13:14

That "He" is a distinct person is clear in that Scripture refers to "Him" with personal pronouns John 14:26, & 16:13

He does things only a person can do:

- He teaches - 1 John 2:27 John 14:26
- He convicts of sin John 16:7
- He is grieved by our sin Ephesians 4:30
- He has intellect and will 1 Corinthians 2:10,11



The story of the King... who came to serve.

Q&A

I always thought of God as always being there if we asked for forgiveness, that if we drift away, as we sometimes do, he would be accepting of us if we make an effort to draw closer to him. John said that Herod's door was closed for good, and that if we do not listen when God calls to us we might also permanently lose our opportunity. I'm still confused about this. I pray continually for family members to hear God's call and don't want to believe their door is permanently closed.

2 Corinthians 4:3& 4 –³ If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. ⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. (NLT)

Proverbs 1:28–30; Jeremiah chapters 7 & 11; Isaiah 1:15; Ezekiel 8:18; Luke 17:26–27; Romans 11:7-8; 1 Corinthians 1:27 – 29; 2 Thessalonians 2:11; Hebrews 10:26–28; 1 Peter 3:20;

Romans 10:1 – Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for th Israelites is that they may be saved.

2 Samuel 12:22 – He [David] answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The Lord may be gracious to me and let the child live.'

Is there a special formula to having a deeper prayer life?

Mark 1:35 – Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Matthew 6:5-8 –⁵ “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 5:44; Matthew 14:23; Matthew 26:36-41; Mark 6:46; Luke 3:21; Luke 5:16; Luke 6:12; Luke 9:18; Luke 9:28; John 17

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I'm confused about the Trinity. Can you explain it?

*At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as **Jesus** was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the **Spirit** descending on him like a dove. 11 And a **voice** came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”*

Mark 1:9-11

The doctrine of the Trinity is the belief that there are three persons in one nature. The Triune nature of God is one of the Bible's great mysteries, but unlike a paradox, which is a logical contradiction, one may say the Trinity goes beyond reason, but not *against* reason.

Two key biblical evidences in scripture:

1. There is but one God.

"Hear o Israel: The LORD our God the LORD is one." Deuteronomy 6:4

"There is but one God, the Father from whom all things came and for whom we live"
1 Corinthians 8:6a.

“This is what the Lord says— Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Isaiah 44:6

2. There are three distinct persons who are God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Father

God is called "Our Father" Matthew 6; and in Romans 1:7; "the Father" in John 5 and 6 , and God and Father in 2 Corinthians 1:3

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. John 4:23