

I. God the Father is God

A. *There can only be one true God*

The word “God” is a superlative. It describes the highest of all beings with no rivals. False gods are not really gods at all. It is impossible for more than one true God to exist.

1. He is the one and only God. “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:” (Deuteronomy 6:4)
2. He is a single being, yet a plural person. “Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.” (Galatians 3:20)

B. *God alone is eternal, with no origin*

1. God has no beginning or ending. “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” (Romans 1:8) “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)
2. God has always been God. God was never a man who earned the title of God. Man can never become a God. That is a lie from Satan. (See Genesis 3:5)

C. *God is the creator of all things*

1. Jehovah God is the Creator. “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” (Psalm 33:6)
2. God is unlimited (Psalm 139:1-12). He is omniscient – all knowing, He is omnipresent – everywhere present, being a Spirit. He is omnipotent – able to do anything.

II. Jesus Christ is God

A. *Jesus Christ is eternal, just like the Father*

1. Jesus had no beginning. “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of

thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” (Micah 5:2)

He was not created as some claim. Colossians 1:15 says Christ is “the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.” This teaches his eternity and dominion, not that he was created. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1) Some argue that because there is no definite article before the last word “God” that it is referring to “a” god. However the word “God” in verses, 6, 12, 13, and 18 has no definite article but obviously speak of God.

2. Jesus is the Alpha & Omega (beginning and end) as the Father. “. . . I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen. . .” (Revelation 1:17-18) “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.” (Revelation 22:13)

B. *Jesus Christ is called God, just like the Father*

1. Isaiah called Jesus God. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)
2. Prophets called Jesus God. “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” (Matthew 1:23)
3. John called Jesus God. “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is

true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” (1John 5:20)

4. Thomas called Jesus God. “And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.” (John 20:28)
5. God the Father called Jesus God. “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.” (Hebrews 1:8) (See also Titus 2:13, 1Timothy 3:16)

C. *Jesus Christ is the creator of all, just like the Father*

1. Jesus created all things. “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:” (Colossians 1:16) We also read in John, “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3) (See also 1Corinthians 8:6, Ephesians 3:9, Hebrews 1:2)
2. Jesus was included in the “let us” of Gen 1:26. “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . .” (Genesis 1:26)

Why did Jesus call God His Father? Because God is not like us (one person in one being), He is three Persons in one being. When Jesus prayed, he prayed to the Father, the same being but different Person.

III. The Holy Spirit is God

A. *The Holy Spirit is called God*

1. The Spirit and God are used interchangeably. “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost,

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and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.” (Acts 5:3-4) (See also 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

2. He is called the Spirit of both God and Christ. “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Romans 8:9)
3. He is named as an equal with God
“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.” (2Corinthians 13:14) (See also Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:22, 2Corinthians 13:14)

B. The Holy Spirit is eternal

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14)

C. The Holy Spirit is not a force but a Person

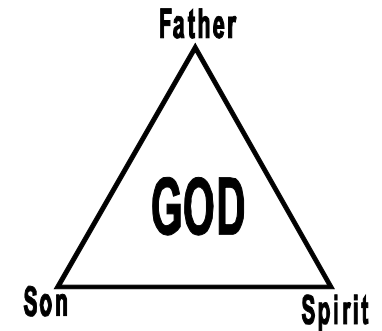
1. He possesses qualities of a person: He can teach. “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26) (See also John 16:13-14). He can be grieved, resisted, vexed, blasphemed. He is true, loving, holy, eternal, omnipotent. He searches, convicts, comforts, speaks, intercedes, testifies, teaches, guides, fellowships, commands.

2. Since evil spirits are real beings, so is the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

No one argues that God the Father is God. We have also found that Jesus is God. He is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, just like the Father. He is called God. The Old Testament says Jehovah is the Creator, the New Testament says that Jesus is the Creator. Thus, Jesus is Jehovah. The Holy Spirit is also God. He is called God. He is eternal as God. He is a Person not a force.

Since the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit are all God, and there is only ONE God, then God must be a Trinity. You say “I don’t understand it.” Neither does anyone else. God is not like us, He is a unique Being that supersedes human logic. We must accept God’s divine being by faith.



God is a Trinity. This means that He is one God eternally existing in three distinct persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who are all equally God.

Many mistaken people deny the Trinity and force God to be like us – one person in one being. It is wrong to think of God as a human.

For example, is chemical H₂O liquid, solid or vapour? All three! Yes, H₂O is the same chemical whether it is water, ice, or steam. I have a difficult time understanding that, just as I have a difficult time comprehending God being three persons in one, yet it is true.

Let’s examine three Bible facts which we cannot deny if we are going to be faithful to the Bible. These facts ought to convince us that God truly is a Trinity.