

The Doctrine of the Trinity
“I Am God, and There Is None Like Me”

Ephesians 5:21 **submitting to one another** out of reverence for Christ.

Atheism - “Without God”

Monotheism - “One God”

Polytheism - “Many Gods”

Isaiah 46:9 remember the former things of old; for **I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me...**

Theism

1. God is three persons
2. Each person is fully God.
3. There is one God

Old Testament

LORD - YHWH

God or god - El or Elohim

New Testament

Lord - Kurios

God - Theos

Micah 4:5 For all the peoples walk each in the name of its **god** (*Elohim*), but we will walk in the name of the **LORD** (*YHWH*) our **God** (*Elohim*) forever and ever.

1Thessalonians 3:11 Now may our **God** (*Theos*) and Father himself, and our **Lord** (*Kurios*) Jesus, direct our way to you,

Deuteronomy 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God, the LORD is one.**”

Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the **LORD your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Exodus 15:11 “**Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?** Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

1Kings 8:60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the **LORD is God; there is no other.**

Isaiah 45:21 Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, **the LORD?** And **there is no other god besides me**, a righteous God and a Savior; **there is none besides me.**

Isaiah 45:22 “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! **For I am God, and there is no other.**

Doctrine of the Trinity is progressively revealed in Scripture. The Trinity is implied in the Old Testament. In the New Testament the Trinity is explicit.

Genesis 1:1 **In the beginning, God** created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:26 Then **God** said, “**Let us** make man in our image, after **our likeness**. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 3:22 Then the **LORD God** said, “Behold, the **man has become like one of us** in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”

Genesis 11:7 Come, **let us go down** and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

Isaiah 6:8 And I heard the voice of the **Lord** saying, “Whom shall I send, and **who will go for us?**” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Psalms 45:6 Your throne, O **God**, is forever and ever. **The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;**

Psalms 45:7 you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore **God, your God**, has **anointed you** with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

Hebrews 1:8 **But of the Son he says**, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of **your kingdom**.”

Psalms 110:1 The **LORD says to my Lord**: “**Sit at my right hand**, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Mark 12:28 And **one of the scribes** came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “**Which commandment is the most important of all?**”

Mark 12:29 **Jesus answered**, “The most important is, ‘**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**’

Mark 12:30 And **you shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

Mark 12:31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. **You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.**”

Mark 12:33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Mark 12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Mark 12:35 And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “**How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?**”

Mark 12:36 David himself, in the **Holy Spirit**, declared, “**The Lord said to my Lord**, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.””

Mark 12:37 David himself calls him **Lord. So how is he his son?**” And the **great throng heard him gladly.**

Matthew 22:41 Now while the **Pharisees were gathered** together, **Jesus asked them a question,**

Matthew 22:42 saying, “**What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?**” They said to him, “**The son of David.**”

Matthew 22:43 He said to them, “How is it then that David, **in the Spirit**, calls him **Lord**, saying,

Matthew 22:44 “**The Lord (*Father*) said to my Lord (*Son*), “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”**”?

Matthew 22:45 **If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?**”

Matthew 22:46 And **no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.**

Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled and **grieved his Holy Spirit**; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

Hosea 1:1 The word of the LORD that came to Hosea...

Hosea 1:2 When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea..

Hosea 1:7 But **I (LORD) will have mercy** on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the **LORD their God**. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.”

Isaiah 44:6 Thus says the **LORD, the King of Israel** and **his Redeemer**, the **LORD of hosts**: “I am the first and I am the last; **besides me there is no god**.”

Isaiah 48:16 **Draw near to me**, hear this: from the beginning **I** have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be **I have been there**.” And now the **Lord GOD** has **sent me**, and **his Spirit**.

Angel of the LORD = Messenger of the LORD

Exodus 3:2 And the **angel of the LORD** appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

Exodus 3:3 And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.”

Exodus 3:4 When **the LORD** saw that he turned aside to see, **God called to him out of the bush**, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Exodus 3:5 Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

Exodus 3:6 And he said, “**I am the God of your father, the God** of Abraham, the **God** of Isaac, and the **God** of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to **look at God**.

Numbers 22:35 And the **angel of the LORD** said to Balaam, “Go with the men, but speak only the word that I tell you.” So Balaam went on with the princes of Balak.

Numbers 22:38 Balaam said to Balak, “Behold, I have come to you! Have I now any power of my own to speak anything? **The word that God** puts in my mouth, that must I speak.”

Judges 2:1 Now the **angel of the LORD** went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, “**I brought you up from Egypt** and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, ‘**I will never break my covenant with you,**

Judges 2:2 and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done?

Judges 6:11 Now the **angel of the LORD** came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites.

Judges 6:14 And the **LORD turned to him** and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?”

In the New Testament the Trinity is explicit.

Matthew 3:16 And when **Jesus** was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

Matthew 3:17 and behold, a **voice from heaven said**, “**This is my beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**,

1Corinthians 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, **but the same Spirit**;

1Corinthians 12:5 and there are varieties of service, **but the same Lord**;

1Corinthians 12:6 and there are varieties of activities, **but it is the same God** who empowers them all in everyone.

2Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ** and the **love of God** and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit** be with you all.

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and **one Spirit**—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

Ephesians 4:5 **one Lord**, one faith, one baptism,

Ephesians 4:6 **one God and Father of all**, who is over all and through all and in all.

1Peter 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, in the sanctification of the **Spirit**, for obedience to **Jesus Christ** and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Jude 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the **Holy Spirit**,

Jude 21 keep yourselves in the love of **God**, waiting for the mercy of our **Lord Jesus Christ** that leads to eternal life.

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

John 1:2 **He was in the beginning with God**.

John 17:24 **Father**, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because **you loved me before the foundation of the world**.

1John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous**.

Hebrews 7:25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who **draw near to God through him**, since **he always lives to make intercession for them.**

Romans 8:34 Who is to condemn? **Christ Jesus** is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the **right hand of God**, who indeed is **interceding for us.**

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 have said to you.**

Romans 8:27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the **Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.**

John 16:7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, **I will send him to you.**

John 16:13 When the **Spirit of truth comes**, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 16:14 **He will glorify me**, for **he will take what is mine and declare it to you.**

Acts 16:6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been **forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.**

Acts 16:7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, **but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.**

Acts 8:29 And the **Spirit said to Philip**, “Go over and join this chariot.”

Acts 13:2 While they were **worshiping the Lord** and fasting, the **Holy Spirit said**, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which **I have called them.**”

Acts 15:28 For it has seemed **good to the Holy Spirit** and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements:

Ephesians 1:12 so that we who were the first to **hope in Christ** might be to the **praise of his glory**.

Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**,

Ephesians 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, **to the praise of his glory**.

Ephesians 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

Ephesians 1:17 that the **God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory**, may give you **the Spirit** of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

Ephesians 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the **Father**,

Ephesians 3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

Ephesians 3:16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through **his Spirit** in your inner being,

Ephesians 3:17 so that **Christ** may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Ephesians 3:18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Ephesians 3:19 and to know the **love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God**.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Acts 10:38 how **God** anointed **Jesus of Nazareth** with the **Holy Spirit** and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for **God was with him**.

Romans 15:13 May the **God of hope fill you** with all joy and peace in believing, so that by **the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope**.

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

John 1:2 **He was in the beginning with God**.

John 1:3 **All things were made through him**, and **without him** was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:4 **In him was life**, and **the life** was the **light** of men.

John 20:27 Then he (*Jesus*) said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

John 20:28 Thomas answered him, "**My Lord and my God!**"

John 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

John 20:31 but these are written so that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ**, the **Son of God**, and that by believing **you may have life in his name**.

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?

Acts 5:4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to man but to God.**”

1Timothy 2:5 For **there is one God**, and there is **one mediator between God** and men, the **man Christ Jesus**,

Romans 3:30 since **God is one**—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

1Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is **one God, the Father**, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and **one Lord, Jesus Christ**, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

John 17:23 I (*Jesus*) in them and you (*Father*) in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that **you (*Father*) sent me (*Jesus*)** and loved them even as you (*Father*) loved me (*Jesus*).

John 15:9 As the Father has loved me (*Jesus*), so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

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“I Am God, and There Is None Like Me”

Nicene Creed

We believe in **one God**,
the **Father** almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one **Lord Jesus Christ**,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the **same essence as the Father**.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the **Holy Spirit** and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is **seated at the right hand of the Father**.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the **Holy Spirit**,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the **Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified**.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.