

A night sky with a vibrant aurora borealis over a dark, rocky landscape. The aurora displays a spectrum of colors including purple, green, and yellow. The foreground shows dark, jagged rock formations under a starry sky.

Mark 1:9-13

THE TRINITY

**We
believe:**



3.1.1 The Divine Inspiration and Supreme Authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

3.1.2 The existence of One God in three Persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Does God exist?

- # Atheist = *there is no God*
- # Agnostic = *doesn't know whether there is a God or not*
- # Polytheist = *there are many gods*
- # Pantheist = *impersonal; everything is god*
- # Materialist = *no need for God*

Indicators of God's existence

- Ontological = *most cultures believe in a superior being*
- Cosmological = *“cause and effect”*
- Teleological = *where there is a design there must be a designer*

Is there a God?

- ❖ Ultimately a matter of faith – either way
- ❖ Pascal's wager:
 - a. *It's impossible to prove or disprove the existence of God*
 - b. *If we do live the Christian life and there is no God = no loss*
 - c. *If we don't live the Christian life and there is no God = good fun*
 - d. *If we do live the Christian life and there is God = eternal reward*
 - e. *If we don't live the Christian life and there is God = eternal punishment*

What can we know about God?

1. There is only one God (Deut 6:4-9)
2. This one God exists as three Persons
3. The three are one (essence) yet the three are different (person)
4. God is unity

(Essence = being, what you are

Person = who you are, distinct)

The Bible says...

- ✓ The Father is God (Phil 1:2)
- ✓ Jesus is God (Titus 2:13)
- ✓ The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4)

There are many verses in the Bible where all three are mentioned together

NOTE *the word “Trinity” does not occur in the Bible*

Each Person is fully God

The Trinity is NOT

≠ *Like a pie cut into three pieces*

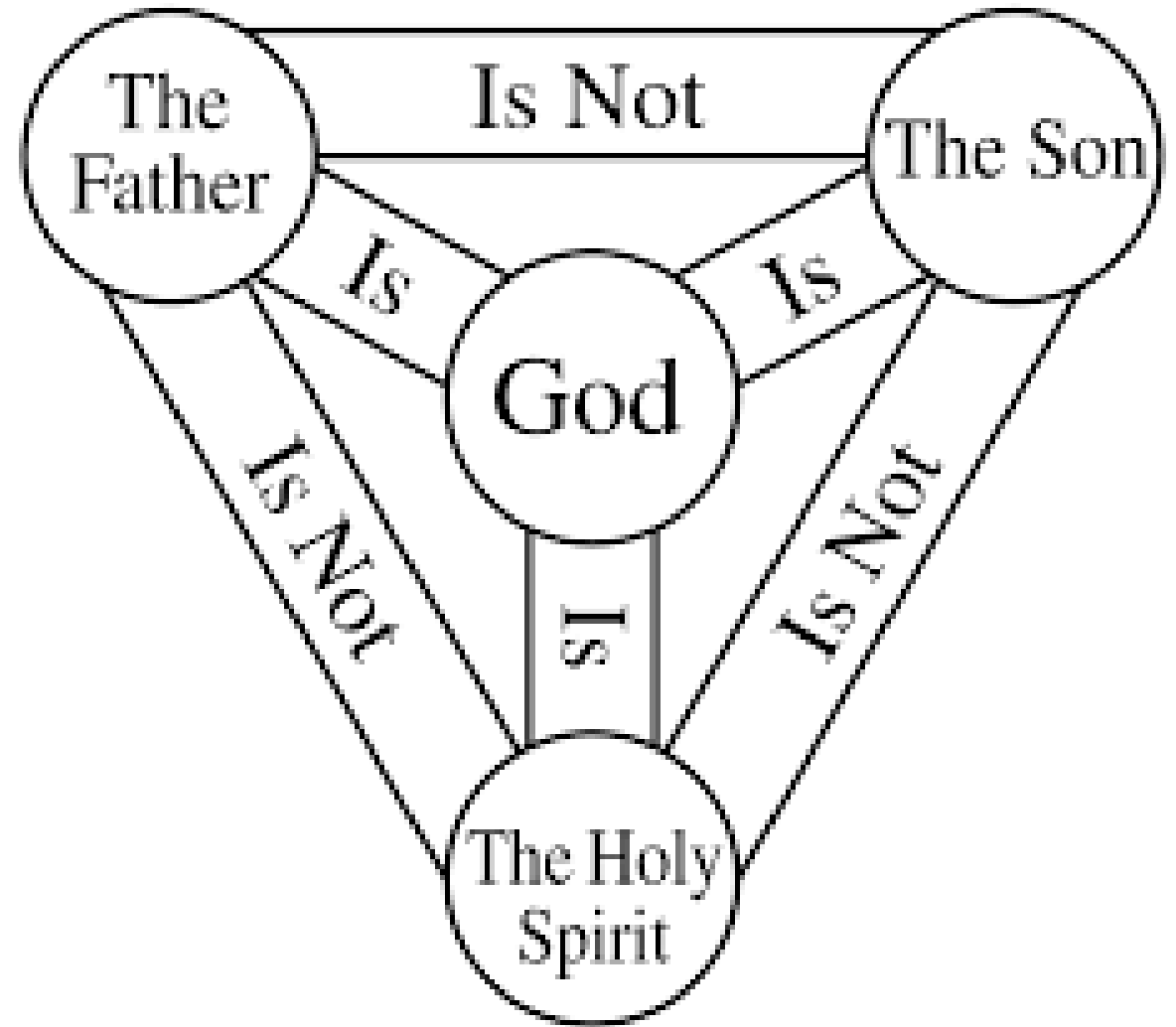
≠ *Like the three parts of an egg*

≠ *Appearing in three different forms*

Best explained relationally rather than in physical terms

God IS three in one! Complex & mysterious!

God as Trinity:
*not a concept
but a real
person living
amongst us.*



Our response to the Triune God

- ✓ We have a higher, deeper, better, wider understanding and knowledge of our God
- ✓ We respond in awe of God
- ✓ It affirms that God is love
- ✓ It deepens our worship
- ✓ It helps us understand our praying (*we pray to the Father through the Son by the Spirit*)



Benediction (2 Cor 13:14)

The grace that comes through our Lord Jesus Christ, the love that is of God the Father, and the fellowship that is ours in the Holy Spirit be with you all!

(JB Phillips)