

# BACK TO THE BASICS

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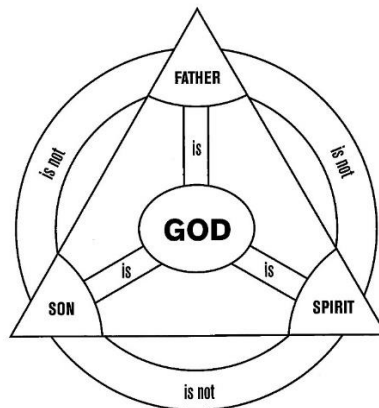
## Trinity

### Back to the Basics Truth:

I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I) God Exists as a \_\_\_\_\_.

II) The Shield of the Trinity



The truth of the Trinity is shown by the Bible's teaching that:

I) God is \_\_\_\_\_.

A) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

B) For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. Isaiah 46:9b

II) Father, Son, and Spirit are all called God.

A) The \_\_\_\_\_ is God.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Romans 1:7b

B) \_\_\_\_\_ is God.

1) "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. John 20:28

2) In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

C) The \_\_\_\_\_ is God.

Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit... You weren't lying to us but to God!" Acts 5:3-4

III) Father, Son, and Spirit are \_\_\_\_\_ from one another.

A) Jesus is distinct from the Father.

After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. John 17:1

B) The Spirit is distinct from the Father.

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

C) The Son is distinct from the Spirit.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. John 14:16-17a

IV) The conclusion is: God is one in being, but He exists in three persons.

V) Glimpses of the Trinity

VI) Why Is Understanding the Trinity Important?

A) Theologically: Understanding the truth of the Trinity prevents us from adopting inadequate views of God.

B) Personally: The Trinity is a reminder of the majesty and mystery of the God who gave Himself for us on the cross.

C) Relationally: The Trinity shows us that God in His very essence is relational.

#### **Understanding the Truth About the Trinity Matters Because:**

I) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the God the Father is always available.

A) The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. Psalm 103:19

B) ... so I don't need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

C) Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Psalm 23:4

D) So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you." Deuteronomy 31:6

II) The \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Son is always available.

A) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

B) ... so I don't need to feel \_\_\_\_\_.

C) "Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool. Isaiah 1:18

D) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17

III) The \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Holy Spirit is always available.

A) But when the Father sends the Comforter instead of me —and by the Comforter I mean the Holy Spirit—he will teach you much, as well as remind you of everything I myself have told you.  
John 14:26 (TLB)

B) ... so I am \_\_\_\_\_.

C) Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. Romans 8:5-6

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

NEXT STEPS:

- I will memorize 2 Corinthians 13:14.
- I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- I receive forgiveness from God the Son for \_\_\_\_\_.