Mt. Lebanon Church

Bible Study

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 Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God’s word.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

The first step to helping others understand GOD is to admit that we cannot and do not know everything about Him. We can only know what He reveals to us through His word. We are completely and utterly dependent on Him to know Him. Our attitude is not to try and figure God out but to know Him as Creator, King, Father, Savior, and Restorer.

The doctrine of the Trinity means that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons which is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is one in essence and three in person. When we break down this definition we get three crucial truths, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, each Person is fully God and there is only one God.

The bible speaks of the Father as God.

Philippians 1: 2,….Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The bible speaks of the Son as God.

Colossians 1: 9 -20,….that you may walk worthy of the Lord….increasing in the knowledge of God….giving thanks to the Father….he has delivered us….and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of his love….he is the image of the invisible God….

Titus 2: 11 - 14,….glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ….

The bible speaks of the Holy Spirit as God.

Acts 5: 3 – 4,….Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit….you have not lied to men but to God….

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

Throughout the Old Testament you have shadows of the trinity everywhere. You have prophecies about Jesus, you have references to the Holy Spirit. Even in the creation story in Genesis you have God the Father, and His word, JESUS, and the Holy Spirit hovering over the deep.

Genesis 1: 1 – 2,….In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth….and the spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters….

 So, the concept of three persons but one God is all throughout the bible. Although the word trinity does not exist in scripture it is a word that we have adopted to describe how God has revealed himself to us throughout his word. Therefore, the bible indicates that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons.

The Father sent the Son into the world.

 John 3: 16,….For God so loved the world that gave his only begotten Son….

 The Son returned to the Father.

 John 16: 10,….because I go to my Father….

The Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit into the world.

 John 14: 26,….but the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things….

 Acts 2: 32 - 33,….this Jesus, God has raised up….being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit….

Therefore, the Holy Spirit is distinct from the Father and the Son. Each member of the Trinity has a distinct consciousness. They relate to each other personally and the Father regards himself as I while he regards the Son and Holy Spirit as you. Likewise, the Son regards himself as I, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as you.

This is important for many different reasons but one of the greatest reasons is that it communicates something to us about who God is. He has the perfect relationship within the Godhead. Each person relates perfectly to one another in a deep and abiding relationship to one another. This means that God is a relational God and as we read in scripture each member of the trinity is uniquely at work to restore the relationship with GOD and mankind.

**Each one person is fully God.** The divine essence is not something that is divided between the three persons but is fully in all three persons without being divided into parts.

Colossians 2: 8 - 9,….not according to Christ. For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in him….

This means we can pray confidently, and trust completely that Jesus is fully God, and the Holy Spirit is fully God, and the Father is fully God. Each member is fully at work fulfilling God’s promises. We believe that the one God eternally exists in three persons which is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and that these three are one God, co-equal and co-eternal, having precisely the same nature and attributes, and worthy of precisely the same worship, confidence, and obedience.

 [Matthew 3:16](http://www.christianity.com/bible/bible.php?ver=niv&q=matthew+3:16) – 17,….when he had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I an well pleased….

[Matthew 28: 19](http://www.christianity.com/bible/bible.php?ver=niv&q=matthew+28:19) – 20,….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….

[John 1: 1 - 14](http://www.christianity.com/bible/bible.php?ver=niv&q=john+1:14),….In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God….and the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth….

II Corinthians 13: 14,….the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all….

When we say these things, we mean that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, but they are not three gods but only one God. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Spirit, the Spirit is not the Father, but each is God individually and yet they are together the one true God of the Bible.

Genesis 1: 26 – 27,….

The Bible contains clear statements regarding diversity within that unity. For instance, in the very first verse of the Bible we are told that in the beginning God created. Later in the same chapter we have one of the most striking statements of diversity in unity. Then God said, let us make man in our image, in our likeness, so God created man in his own image.

Isaiah 48: 16,…. explicitly refers to all three persons of the trinity….and now the Lord God and his Spirit have sent me….

All Three Persons are called God in different places in the Bible.

[Galatians 1:1](http://www.christianity.com/bible/bible.php?ver=niv&q=galatians+1:1),….but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead….

How could the Son and the Spirit be called God unless they somehow share in God's essence? But if they share in God's essence, they are God alongside the Father. All three Persons are associated together on an equal basis.

[1 Peter 1: 2](http://www.christianity.com/bible/bible.php?ver=niv&q=1+peter+1:2),….elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ….

[Ephesians 3:14 - 21](http://www.christianity.com/bible/bible.php?ver=niv&q=ephesians+3%3a14-21),….I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ….to be strengthened with might through his spirit in the inner man….that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith….to know the love of Christ….filled with all the fullness of God….

[2 Thessalonians 2: 13](http://www.christianity.com/bible/bible.php?ver=niv&q=2+thessalonians+2:13),….because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit….for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ….

The bible shows us that God is three-in-one and one-in-three.

Luke 22: 42,….Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, Yet not my will, but yours be done….

From the beginning of creation in Genesis to the end of times in Revelation, God refers to Himself as "us" or "our" and thus describes the doctrine of the Trinity. The word trinity comes from "tri" meaning three and "unity" meaning one. God is three distinct individuals - God the Father, the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit - in one true God. These Bible verses and Scriptures about the trinity will help you have a better understanding of who God is. It can be a difficult concept to grasp, yet we can believe God's word and know that while His ways are higher than ours, we can trust in Him!

[1 Corinthians 8: 6,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/1-corinthians/8-6.html)

yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live….

[2 Corinthians 3:17,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-corinthians/3-17.html)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom….

[2 Corinthians 13:14,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-corinthians/13-14.html)

 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all….

[Isaiah 9:6,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/isaiah/9-6.html)

 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace….

[John 1:14,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/1-14.html)

 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 10:30,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/10-30.html)

  I and the Father are one….

[Luke 1:35,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/luke/1-35.html)

 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God….

[Matthew 1:23,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/1-23.html)

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means “God with us….

[Matthew 28:19,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/28-19.html)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit….

[Matthew 3:16-17,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=matthew+3:16-17)

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased….

[John 14:16-17,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=john+14:16-17)

 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you….

[Romans 14:17-18,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=romans+14:17-18)

 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,  because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval….

[Luke 3:21-22,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=luke+3:21-22)

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased….

[Genesis 1:1-2,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=genesis+1:1-2)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters….

[1 Peter 1:1-2,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=1+peter+1:1-2)

  Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance…..

[2 Corinthians 1:21-22,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=2+corinthians+1:21-22)

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come….

[1 Corinthians 12:4-6,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=1+corinthians+12:4-6)

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work….

[Ephesians 4:4-6,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=ephesians+4:4-6)

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;  one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all….

[Colossians 1:15-17,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=colossians+1:15-17)

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together….

[John 14:9-11,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=john+14:9-11)

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?  Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.  Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

[Philippians 2:5-8,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=philippians+2:5-8)

 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

[John 10:30-36,….](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=john+10:30-36)

 I and the Father are one.” Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?” “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.” Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I have said you are “gods”  If he called them ‘gods,’ to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be set aside, what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’?

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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