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# The Oneness of God

A Doctrinal Bible Study

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# Question #1

## How many gods are there?

**Answer:** There is one God, named Jesus, doing three different jobs at three different times.

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**Deuteronomy 6:4** (KJV)

Hear O'Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord.

*The next few questions will discuss the 3 jobs and when He did them.*

# Question #2

## What is the first job & time period?

**Answer:** The Father, Who created the Earth

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**Exodus 20:3** (KJV)

Thou shalt have **no other gods before me.**

**Isaiah 44:8** (KJV)

Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. **Is there a God beside me?** yea, there is no God; I know not any.

## Jesus is the Father:

**John 10:30** (KJV)

I and my Father are **one.**

# Question #3

## What is the second job and time period?

**Answer:** The Son who was born in a manger, died on the cross, and rose the 3rd day.

### Jesus is the Son:

**Matt 1:21** (KJV)

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt **call his name JESUS:** for he shall save his people from their sins.

**Isaiah 9:6** (KJV)

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, Counselor, The **mighty God**, The **everlasting Father**, The Prince of Peace.

**Luke 1:34-35** (KJV)

34 - Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 - And the angel answered and said unto her,

**The Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the **Son of God**.

This scripture explains that the **Holy Ghost** is the **Father** of **Jesus**.

This is showing **1** God doing **3** jobs at **3** different times.

# Question #4

**What is the third job and time period?**

**Answer:** The Holy Ghost who lives inside of us

**Jesus is the Holy Ghost:**

**John 14:26** (KJV)

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.

**Ephesians 4:4** (KJV)

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

This says that there is one church or body of Christ and one God or Holy Spirit.

**Ephesians 4:5** (KJV)

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

This says that there is one God, one true doctrine and one way to be baptized.

**Ephesians 4:6** (KJV)

**One God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**Verse 6 is saying:** there is one God, who is our heavenly father who is above all (in heaven) through all (in the earth) and in you all (we are filled with the Holy Ghost). The Father is the Creator who's in heaven. Jesus, the Son, was on Earth and the Holy Ghost lives in us.



# Question #5

## **What is the trinity and why do some churches believe in it?**

**Answer:** The Trinity says: that there are 3 different gods, doing 3 different jobs.

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### History

The word "trinity" is not in the Bible. The idea was invented by a lawyer from the Middle East, named Tertullian around 300 AD. He got the idea of the trinity from Egyptian theology. The idea of triple divinity or the triads of gods was derived from three points of the pyramids. The basic idea of trinity is that there are 3 co-equal co-existent gods in heaven.

Jews and Apostles (Christians) continued to believe and teach that there was only one true God. However, when Constantine became Emperor of Rome, he converted to Christianity and declared Rome a Christian nation. This was a major change for the country since, the previous emperor, Nero had persecuted and killed many Christians.

Constantine mixed the Roman gods and worship practices with the doctrine of Christianity to get the Roman citizens to convert. This doctrine formed the Roman Catholic Church.

In 325 A.D., a group of religious scholars met at the city of Nicea for a theological debate and declared that whatever was decided that day would become religious law and the doctrine of the church. They declared that God and Jesus were two separate, but equal, gods. This was the first break from the Oneness doctrine.

*Search "The Council of Nicea" for more information*

## History Continued

In 381 AD, Christianity was spreading and as the Roman Empire was conquering nations, they were converting the citizens by mixing the conquered nations' religions with Christianity to encourage the citizens to convert.

It was in 381 A.D., that another council was held to debate the number of gods. They decided the Holy Ghost was equal to the Father and the Son, thus the acceptance of the Trinity.

*Search "The Council of Constantinople" for more information*

### **The Catholic Encyclopedia, Volume 2 page 263**

States that the authors ***changed the baptismal formula*** to follow the new doctrine of Trinity that was decided at the Council of Constantinople.

### **Britannica Encyclopedia, 11th Edition, Vol 3 page 365**

Also confirms that the baptismal formula was ***changed*** from ***"In the Name of Jesus"*** to the ***"Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"*** to accommodate the doctrine of the Trinity.

As the other churches broke away from the Roman Catholic Church in later years, they changed some doctrinal beliefs but kept the Trinitarian doctrine. This is where the other denominational churches came from.

The doctrine of Oneness is consistently taught in the Bible in **both** the Old and New Testaments. This is why the old church and new church (The Jews and the Apostolic Pentecostal believers) **both** still follow the original teaching of the Oneness doctrine.

*Deuteronomy 6:4 and John 10:30 are great examples of this*

# Question #6

## What scriptures show that Jesus is the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

**Answer:** The following scriptures

### **John 1:1** (KJV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The "Word" is capitalized because it is a Title for God.  
The "Word" was with God and the "Word" was God.

### **John 1:14** (KJV)

And the Word was made 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.

Verse 14 is saying that the "Word" or God was made flesh and lived among us. This would be Jesus being born. God stepped off of His throne and put Himself in a human body, so that He could die for our sins as the perfect sacrifice.

**Matt 28:19** (KJV) - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Trinitarian believers use this scripture as a basis for baptism, but **the command is to baptize in the Name.**

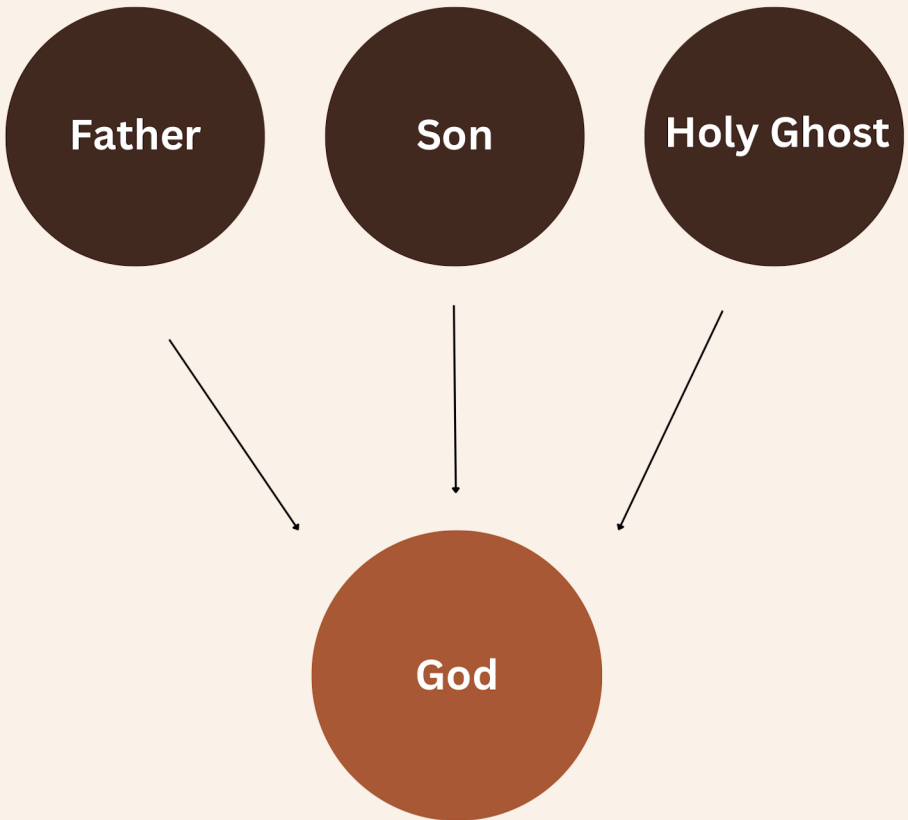
One name, not plural but a singular name. The **name is Jesus.**

**James 2:19** (KJV) - Thou believest that there is **one God**; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Even satan knows there is one God. In the story of Job, satan went before the throne of God and spoke with God about Job. There is only one throne and one God in heaven.

# Trinity

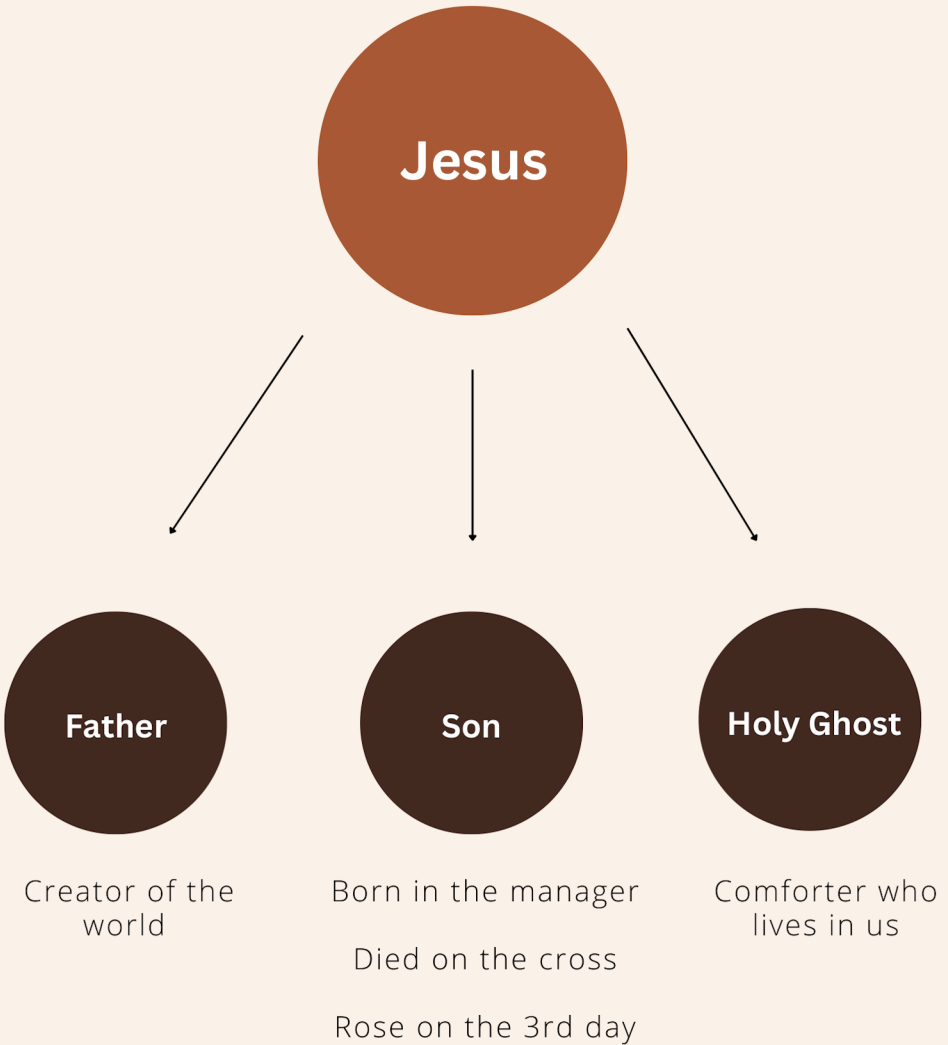
The idea of three co-equal, co-existing gods that do one job of being God



*The word "trinity" is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible*

# Oneness

Oneness or the deity of God is one God who did three different jobs at three different time periods





# Question #7

**How do we know that the Bible uses titles as descriptions?**

**Answer:** The Bible frequently uses titles that describe the character of a person

At different times in the Bible, God is called Father, Son, Holy Ghost, Alpha, Omega, Rose of Sharon, and Lion of Judah. These titles all describe the job or the characteristic of God for the context that they are used in.

The Bible also uses serpent, dragon, devil, and satan to describe Lucifer. Lucifer is the fallen angel that was kicked out of Heaven for his arrogance and rebellion against God.

**Rev 12:9** (KJV)

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The Bible says that Lucifer is the father of all lies. He wants humanity to believe there are 3 gods, so they don't know the true power found in Jesus Name.

We know that the dragon, serpent, devil, and satan are all titles for the fallen archangel named Lucifer. He wants us to know there is only one of him. It doesn't take 3 gods to defeat 1 devil. If we can understand that Lucifer is his name and these are titles for jobs he does or characteristics he has, why do we struggle with the name of Jesus and His titles being Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. His name is Jesus and is one God who has done three different jobs.

# Question #8

**How can God be in Heaven and on Earth at the same time?**

**Answer:** He owns all of Heaven and Earth

**Acts 7:49** (KJV)

Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool:

If you are sitting on a chair and your feet are on the footstool, are you on both pieces of furniture at the same time? God is a spirit, so like clouds or fog, He covers the entire universe. Therefore if heaven is His throne and Earth is His footstool then He is in both places at once.

That is why people all over the world can have the Holy Ghost because God is not bound by the laws of nature like a human is. We tend to think of Him as a man with man's limitations but God is a spirit and has supernatural abilities.

**Psalms 139:7-10** (KJV)

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, **thou art there**: if I make my bed in hell, behold, **thou art there**.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.



# One God Illustration

Your name is (                      ) – You are **one** person.

**Owner:** You own a trucking company; you bought the truck.

**Manager:** You manage the company; you negotiate routes and payments.

**Operator:** You drive the truck; you do the physical day-to-day operations.

You are **one person** doing **3 different jobs** in your company.

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His name is **Jesus** – He is **one** God.

**Owner (Father):** He created the Earth and the people, so He owns it.

**Manager (Son):** He negotiated the route and cost of salvation for us.

**Operator (Holy Ghost):** The Holy Ghost lives in us and deals with day-to-day activities

His **Name** is **Jesus** and **He has done 3 different jobs**.

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