



Understanding the Godhead

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

1. This is the New Testament doctrine of the Trinity being used in our prayers for the saints.
2. Old Testament prayers were made up of Old Testament doctrine (Numbers 6:23-26).

The Trinity

1. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - a. God-Elohim
 - b. Jehovah – Yahweh- Lord
2. The trinity is presented in Old Testament. It is taught and explained in the New Testament.
3. God is seen as one in essence in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 6:4).
4. God is taught as more persons than one in the Old Testament (Genesis 1:2).
5. The three members of the Godhead are seen in the Old Testament (Isaiah 48:16).
6. How can they be three and yet one?
 - a. “Team” is one word consisting of many.
 - b. Scriptural examples:
 1. 2 Chronicles 5:13
 2. Judges 20:1
 3. Acts 2:1
 4. Ephesians 5:31-32
7. God is three in persons and one in vision, goals, purpose.
 - a. God the Father creates the plan (creation, redemption).
 - b. Jesus, the Son, executes the plan (made all things, was crucified).
 - c. Holy Spirit reveals the plan (through the word and into the heart).
8. All three members are one in attributes.
 - a. Sovereignty
 - b. Righteousness
 - c. Justice
 - d. Love
 - e. Eternal life
 - f. Omniscience
 - g. Omnipresence

- h. Omnipotence
 - i. Immutability
 - j. Truthfulness
9. *“The Lord is my light and my salvation...”* (Psalm 27:1).
 - a. Light is white – made of three primary colors, red, yellow, and blue.
 - b. Salvation is three-fold – past, present, future, spirit, soul, and body.
 10. New Testament references to the trinity:
 - a. Acts 17:29
 - b. Romans 1:20
 - c. Colossians 2:9
 - d. Matthew 3:16-17
 - e. Matthew 28:19
 - f. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
 - g. Ephesians 2:18
 - h. 1 John 5:7
 11. Jesus is the manifested member of the Godhead (Colossians 1:15, John 1:1).
 - a. God is invisible
 - b. Jesus is visible
 - c. The Holy Spirit is invisible
 - d. Words are a tangible expression of invisible thoughts
 - e. Thoughts are formed (Father)
 - f. Words are spoken (Jesus)
 - g. Comprehension takes place (The Holy Spirit)

The Ministries of the Godhead

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1. Jesus brought the grace of God to us (2 Corinthians 8:9, 2 Corinthians 12:9).
2. The love of God comes from the God of love. God is love.
3. The Holy Spirit is our partner or companion. He does not speak of Himself, but Jesus Christ and the Father.