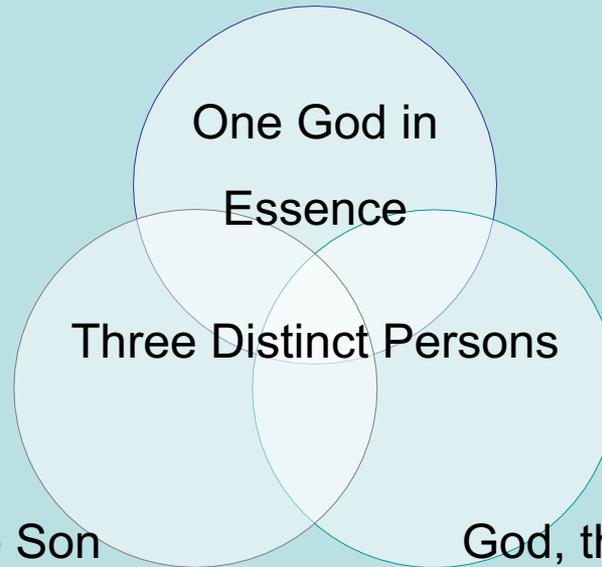


# Uncreated Reality

God, the Father

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



**Ephesians 4:4-6**—There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism; [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Trinity—not a Biblical word, but reflected in the Bible.

One God, three persons.

**PRINCIPLE:** The One and the Many

# God, the Father

**Genesis 1:1**--In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Uncreated

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**John 1:1-3**-- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was with God in the beginning. [3] Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**Genesis 1:2**--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.

**Creator**

God, the Son

God, the Holy Spirit

**Creation Distinction**

The Heavens, the Earth, plants, animals and Man

**Jesus**—The eternal **Son** adding to divinity a true humanity.

**Philippians 2:5-8**—Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: [6] Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, [7] but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. [8] And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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# God, the Father

**WSC Question 4:** What is God?

**Genesis 1:27**--So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

## The Glory of the Incarnation

**John 1:14**-- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

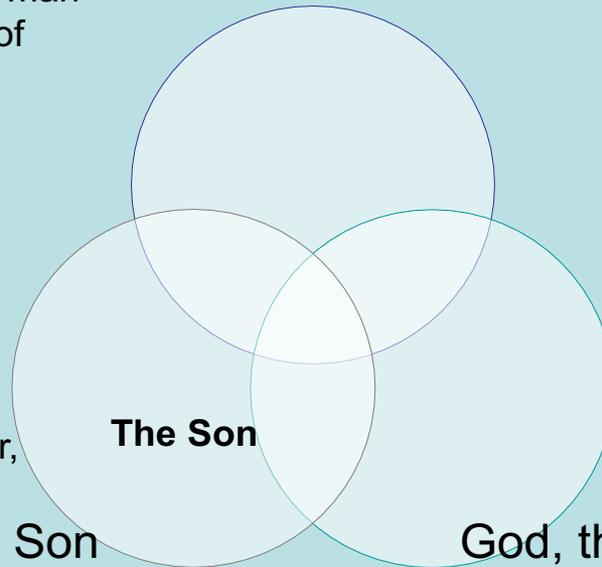
God is a Spirit, a infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,

## Incommunicable Attributes

in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

## Communicable Attributes

### The Image of God



God, the Son

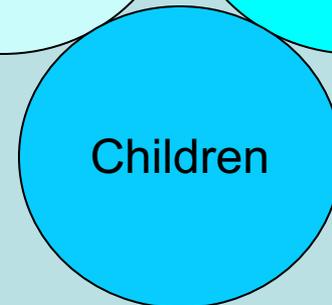
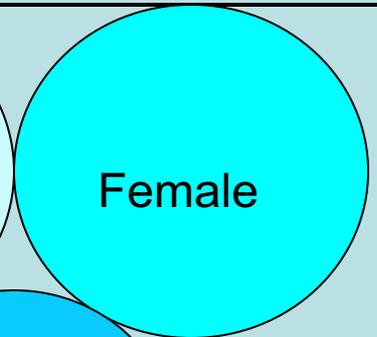
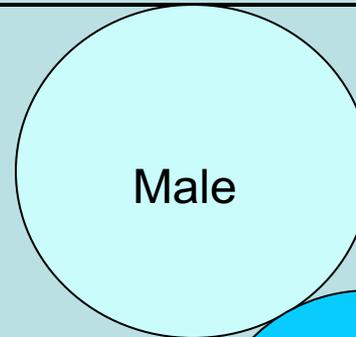
God, the Holy Spirit

## Man in the image of God

in his being, wisdom, power, justice, goodness and truth.

Man reflects the principle of the **One and Many**

**Genesis 2:24**--For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.



**One Family—Many Members**

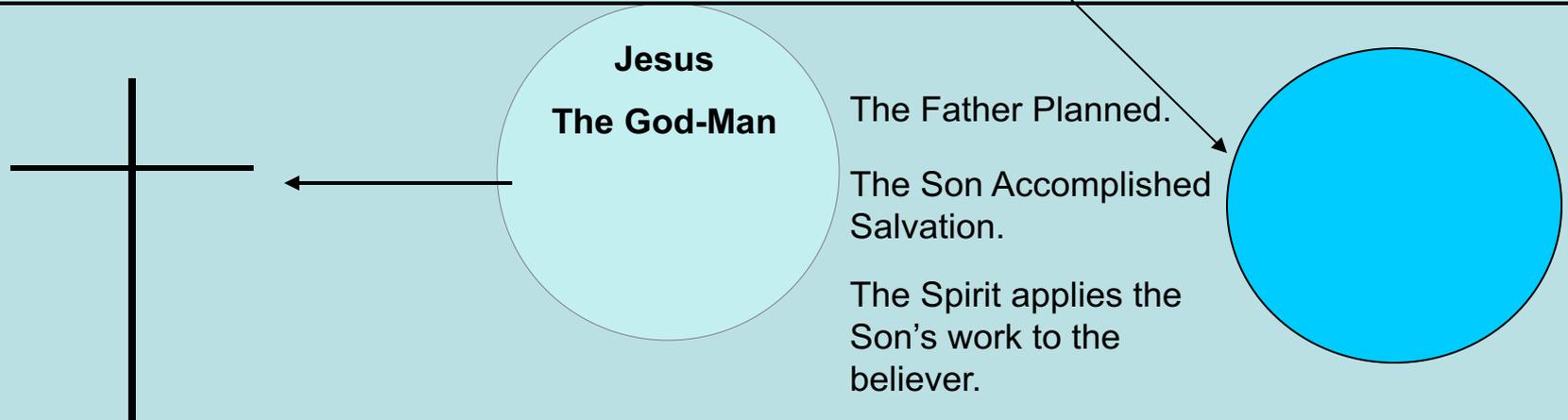
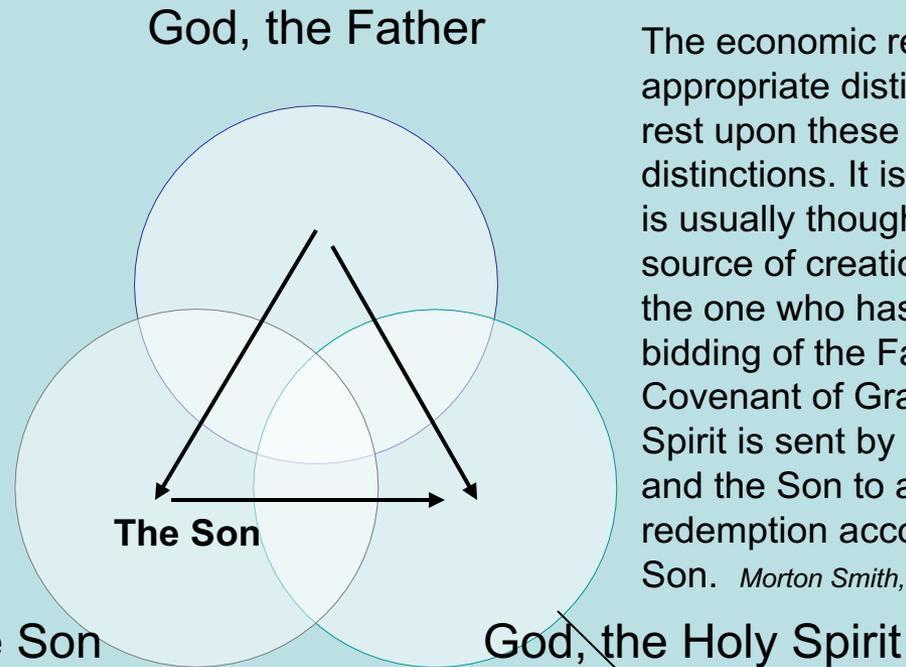
# How Do We View the Role Relationships of the Persons of the Trinity?

## Ontological Trinity

**Ontology** has to do with being; God exists—He is. There are three distinct persons in the triune being sharing the same essence. The First Person is the **Father**; the second person is the **Son**, eternally from the Father; the Third Person of the Trinity is the **Holy Spirit**, who is from the Father and the Son. These persons are three seats of self-consciousness in the Divine Being. Each share the same essential attributes common to Divinity.

## Economic Trinity

The economic relations reveal appropriate distinctions, which rest upon these eternal personal distinctions. It is the Father who is usually thought of as the source of creation. The Son is the one who has come to do the bidding of the Father in the Covenant of Grace, and the Holy Spirit is sent by both the Father and the Son to apply the work of redemption accomplished by the Son. *Morton Smith, Systematic Theology*



## Biblical Evidence of the Economical Relations of the Trinity

**Ephesians 1:3-4**—Praise be to the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. [4] **For he chose us in him** before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

**Ephesians 1:13-14**—And you also were included **in Christ** when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, **you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit**, [14] who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are **God's possession**--to the praise of his glory.

**Ephesians 2:18**--For through **him (Christ)** we both have access to the **Father** by one **Spirit**.

**Isaiah 48:12, 16c**—Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: **I am he; I am the first and I am the last**. . . .And now the **Sovereign Lord** has sent me, with his **Spirit**.

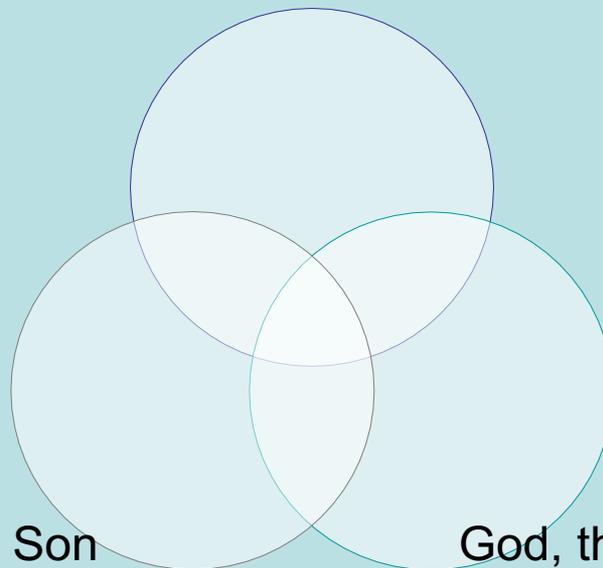
**Ezekiel 36:27**—And I will put **my Spirit** in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

# The Work of the Spirit in Revelation and Inspiration

**John 1:18**—No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

**Hebrews 1:1-2**—In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

God, the Father



**2 Peter 1:20-21**—Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. [21] For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

God, the Son

God, the Holy Spirit

**John 16:12-15**—I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. [13] But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. [14] He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. [15] All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.