

John 1:1-5—In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Acts 17:22-26—*Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.*

Romans 8:28—*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

The doctrine of the Trinity, though not explicitly set forth, is found in the Bible and is seen in the light of God's more prominent plan of redemption with each person of the Trinity, united in purpose, playing a unique role in redeeming the people of God. See it, believe it, and live in the glorious light of this truth.

Statement of the Doctrine: There is One True God, existing in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are one in their essence; yet, each has His own special distinct characteristics in relation to the others:

- 1. The Father**—is of none, He generates the Son from all eternity.
- 2. The Son**—is eternally generated from the Father,
- 3. The Spirit**—proceeds from the Father and the Son by spiration.

Colossians 1:15-18—*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

John 14:18-26— “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

IDENTIFICATION DIFFERENTIATION PRINCIPLE

Sounds complex, but it is simple. This principle is seen when a verse or a passage identifies one person as God, and in the same context identifies a different person also as God

Psalm 45:4-7—*In your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness; let your right hand display awesome deeds. ⁵ Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies; let the nations fall beneath your feet. ⁶ Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁷ You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.*

Psalm 110:1—*The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”*

Psalm 110:4—*The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”*

Isaiah 48:12-16—*“Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last. ¹³ My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together.*

¹⁴ “Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? The LORD loves him; he shall perform his purpose on Babylon, and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans. ¹⁵ I, even I, have spoken and called him; I have brought him, and he will prosper in his way. ¹⁶ Draw near to me, hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there.” And now the Lord GOD has sent me, and his Spirit.

JESUS REFERRED TO AS GOD

Thomas a witness to the divinity of Christ-- John 20:26-28—Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Romans 9:5 – To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Titus 2:11-14—For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

2 Peter 1:1— Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE ONE AND MAN

God who is one in being expressed, or revealed in three persons is an example of the principle of the one and the many. Unity and diversity.

Romans 12:3-5—For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Deuteronomy 6:4—“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. The Hebrew, “echad” allows for a diversity within a unity.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one “echad” flesh.