

# THE LIFE *and* TIMES of JESUS CHRIST

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Christ and the Trinity”**

The Fellowship of the Eternal Godhead

THE THEME OF THIS SERIES:

**Colossians 2:9**

**“For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead dwells  
in bodily form”**

TOPICAL SUBJECT REFERENCED UNDER:

**The Trinity, Jesus is God, The Godhead**

## INTRODUCTION:

**The Concept of God, in the Mind of Man**

*has captured man's imagination more than any other topic or issue since time began. In most cultures around the world the concept of god has led people to worship their god or gods according to their understanding...*

**The Human “Concept,**

**Thought, Idea” about God or god's**

**is a valid and even essential consideration in every civilization.**

**Man Cannot Claim Ignorance About God**

**Romans 1:20**

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

In Fact - God Has Put the Human Race on Notice  
“To Know Me”

## The God of the Bible Demands to be Known

**Jeremiah 29:11-13**

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will **call upon Me** and **go and pray to Me**, and I will listen to you. 13 And **you will seek Me** and **find Me**, when you **search for Me** with all your heart.

**John 5:39**

"You **search** the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which do **testify** of Me.

So the Question ‘Who is God’?

*or*

‘What is God’ can no longer be Debated

**Galatians 4:4**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God **sent forth** His Son...

**1 Timothy 3:16**

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

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# The Trinity is One Great **Mystery** of God

*(that which has been kept secret - but has now been revealed)*

The Word Trinity Simply Means a “Tri-Unity”  
*Three persons in absolute Unity of Mind and Action*

*The Trinity of God goes Beyond Human Reason,  
but Not Against it (reason)*

But The Word “**Trinity**” is Not Found in the Bible  
 (“**Bible**” - “**Rapture**”)

Romans 11:33-34

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?"

## 1.) The Essence of the Trinity

### **The Trinity**

Is Seen in Scripture by Giving us what is Called  
The **Essence** of God - His **Nature**.

### **Yet The Trinity**

In Scripture Maintains That God is  
Revealed Through Three Distinct Persons in One Essence

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



**God** heb 430 'elohiym (el-o-heem');  
a single plurality, **God** or gods

Genesis 1:26  
Then **God** said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

#### a.) The Monotheism of the Trinity

## Judeo-Christian Doctrine Teaches that there is only One God *Contrary to Hinduism, Buddhism, and Mormonism*

**Deuteronomy 6:4**  
"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!"

**1 Corinthians 8:6**  
for us there is but one God,

#### b.) The Plurality of the Trinity

The Plurality is *how* God relates to Himself.

The Father Speaks to the Son and the Son speaks to the Spirit and  
the Spirit Speaks to the Father – The True Dialogue!

## Example

### Hebrews 9:14

how much more shall the blood of **Christ**, who through the eternal **Spirit** offered Himself without spot to **God**,

*Norman Geisler*

*Gives This Illustration*

“It Has Been Said That God is One “What” (essences)  
and Three “Who’s” which are the (persons)  
the three “Who’s” (*persons’s*) share the same “What” (*essences*)

*According to Albert Einstein - The Closest Illustration is This;*

~~*Not  $1+1+1=3$*~~

*But  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$*

*(all and each are equal yet maintain independent identity)*

$1 \text{ (Father)} \times 1 \text{ (Son)} \times 1 \text{ (Spirit)} = 1 \text{ (God)}$

Just as a Triangle Exists

one triangle is made up of three identical sides  
*(each are equal yet maintain identity)*

## c.) The Unity of the Trinity

### 1 Corinthians 8:6

for us there is **one God**, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; -- and **one Lord** Jesus Christ,  
(God is -- the Father and the Son and the Spirit)

### 1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

John 8:29

"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

## 2.) Jesus, the Father and the Trinity

### a.) They are One in Essence

2 John 1:9

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

### b.) They are Absolute

#### They are Omnipotent

**Matthew 28:18**

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

#### They are Omniscient

**1 John 3:20**

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

#### They are Omnipresent

**Psalms 139:7-8**

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.

## 3.) Jesus, the Spirit and the Trinity

### a.) Jesus, the Spirit, and Personality

# Personal Pronouns are Always Used of the Spirit

## He, Him, His

2 Samuel 23:2

"The Spirit of the LORD **spoke** by me, and His word was on my tongue.

Acts 13:2

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, **the Holy Spirit said**, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which **I** have called them."

## He has a Will

Isaiah 48:16

"Come near to **Me**, hear this: **I** have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, **I** was there. And now the Lord GOD and **His Spirit** have sent Me."

## He has Emotions

Isaiah 63:10

But they rebelled and **grieved** (*made angry*) **His Holy Spirit**; so **He** turned **Himself** against them as an enemy, and **He** fought against them.

## He has an Intellect

1 Corinthians 2:10

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

## b.) Jesus, the Spirit, and Their Purpose

Matthew 1:18

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child **of the Holy Spirit**.

# The Trinity Functions in Unison to bring about the will of God

## Titus 3:4-6

But when the kindness and the love of **God our Savior** toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of **the Holy Spirit**, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through **Jesus Christ our Savior**,

## Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of **the Father** and of **the Son** and of **the Holy Spirit**, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age." Amen.

## John 16:7-8

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send **Him** to you. 8 "And when **He** has come, **He** will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

## John 14:16-18

And **I** will pray the **Father**, and **he** shall give you another **Comforter**, that **he** may abide with you forever; 17 Even **the Spirit** of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth **him** not, neither knoweth **him**: but ye know **him**; for **he** dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 **I** will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you**.

## John 7:38-39

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## John 14:26

"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 things that **I** said to you.

## John 15:26

"But when the **Helper** comes, whom **I shall send** to you from **the Father**, the **Spirit** of truth who proceeds from **the Father**, **He** will testify of Me.

## 2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.



## c.) Jesus, the Spirit, and They're Prerogative

### **Prerogative**

*the right, the position, the privilege, the authority*

### **As The Divine Creator**

Genesis 1:2b

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Hebrews 1

Jesus is the creator of all things, and nothing that was made was made without Him making it

### **As The Divine Judge**

Joel 3:12

"Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

Matthew 25:31-32

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

### **As The Divine Authority**

Acts 5:3-4

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit**.....  
**You have not lied to men but to God.**"

Luke 3:21-22

...it came to pass that **Jesus** also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the **Holy Spirit** descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said,  
**"You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."**

1x1x1=1

## 4.) Jesus - The Son of the Trinity

Exodus 3:14

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

John 8:56-59

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

**John 10:31-33**

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

John 8:24

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

**2 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. Amen.

a.) Jesus Christ - The Son in Creation

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?

## Unity in Creation

John 1:1-3

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 nothing was made that was made.

## b.) Jesus Christ - The Son of Salvation

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave **His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.

Philippians 2:10

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

1 John 2:22

Who is a liar - but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?  
He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

### "God is Not Begotten – Neither Does God Have a Son"

Luke 12:8-9

"Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. 9 "But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

## c.) Jesus Christ - The Son for Eternity

Revelation 10:5-6

The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it,

Revelation 5:13

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

# Jesus is YHWH (Jehovah) God

## Isaiah 48:12

"Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He,  
**I am the First, I am also the Last.**

## Isaiah 44:6

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: **'I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.**

## Isaiah 41:4

Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? **'I, the LORD, am the first; and with the last I am He.'**"

## Isaiah 43:10

"You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that **I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me.**

## Revelation 1:8

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,"** says the Lord, **"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**

## Revelation 1:11

"I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **First** and the **Last**,

## Revelation 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, **lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**"

## Revelation 22:13

"I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **Beginning** and the **End**, the **First** and the **Last.**"

## Revelation 21:6

And He said to me, "It is done! **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.**

**Revelation 1:17**

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; **I am the First and the Last.**

**Revelation 1:17-18**

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**Revelation 2:8**

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says **the First and the Last, who was dead, and came back to life:**

**1 John 5:20**

And we know that **the Son of God** has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in **his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.**

**1 Timothy 3:16**

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

**Titus 2:13**

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our **great God and Savior** Jesus Christ,

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