



TRINITY FAQ

1) **Q:** Isn't it true that Trinitarians worship 3 gods?

A: No. Trinitarians worship one God. We believe the Bible teaches that God is comprised of three distinct co-eternal persons. That God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are all Deity, fully equal and God. That they are all of one nature and that each person of God is fully God, and that there is only one God.

2) **Q:** Does not the Bible in the Old Testament say that God is only one, singular? Deut 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one?"

A: The word for one in this verse is Echad. The definition of echad according to the *Gesenius Hebrew/Chaldee Lexicon To The Old Testament* is, "to unite, to join together, to be in unity." "Echad conveys the idea of being "bound together" like the cords of a rope." God is like three distinct strands of rope woven together into one powerful rope.

3) **Q:** We believe that God is only the father, singular. There are no verses in the Old Testament that says God is plural.

A: False, there are many verses that state the plurality of God.

Genesis 1:26 "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness,"

Genesis 3:22 "Then God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil"

Genesis 11:7 "Come, let Us go down there and confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"

Secondly, the two most used names of God, Elohim (God) and Adonai (Lord) are plural nouns not singular. Elohim is the plural form of Eloha.

4) **Q:** Could the plurality of God be something other than the Son or Spirit such as angels?

A: No. If angels were included in the above verses they would be equally our creator and this is not the case. We are told in the New Testament that we will judge angels:

1 Corinthians 6:3 "Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!"
A created being cannot judge its maker.

Secondly angels are not made in the image of God and humans are not made in the image of angels. However the Bible states that Jesus Christ is made in the image of God:

2 Corinthians 4:4 "see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. "

Colossians 1:15 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. "

Hebrews 1:3 "And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature,

5) **Q:** The Bible teaches that only God created the heavens and the earth. This includes mankind and Jesus.

A: It is true that God created the heavens and the earth:

Genesis 1:31” **God saw all that he had made**, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.”

However while God created, it was actually Jesus Christ who did the making:

Hebrews 1:1-2 “In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 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**.”

John 1:3 “Through him (Jesus Christ) all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”

Colossians 1:16 “For by him (Jesus Christ) 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.”

And in fact the Bible never says that Jesus Christ was created, but that he “appeared”.

6) **Q:** In Colossians 1:15 it states that Jesus Christ was the “firstborn” of creation meaning that Jesus was the first human creation of God.

A: From the verses above we can see that Jesus Christ was not a creation because he was the one through whom the entire universe was made.

The Greek word for the word ‘firstborn’ is prototokos. Prototokos means “heir, superior, pre-eminent in rank or above”. Paul is stating that Jesus Christ is superior, pre-eminent in rank and above “All Creation”. Jesus is superior over and the heir of all creation.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (The Son Superior to Angels)

1In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2but 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.

Now since Jesus is superior and has “supremacy” and is above all creation the following verses 16 through 19 of Colossians 1 equally confirm this thought and meaning.

Colossians 1:16-19 (The Supremacy of Christ)

16For 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. 17He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the **supremacy**. 19**For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him**,

What exactly does “all his fullness” mean? Does it mean God’s full nature and Deity?

Colossians 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

Yes it does, all of God’s fullness dwelled in Jesus Christ, which means that Jesus Christ is fully God.

7) **Q:** Are there any more examples in the Old Testament of a plural God?

A: Yes:

Genesis 19:24 “Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens.”

Genesis 19:24 "Then Yahweh [on earth in human form] rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh [in spirit form in heaven] out of heaven."

There are two different and distinct Yahweh’s present, one on earth and the other in Heaven. God the Father in Heaven, and God the Son on earth.

8) **Q:** Is the Messiah / Jesus Christ ever referred to as God in the Old Testament, in prophecies or directly stated?

A: Yes.

Psalm 45:6-7

6 Your throne, O God, will last forever 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.

This verse is echoed in the New Testament in Hebrews 1:5-10

”5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." 8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." 10 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands."

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 7:14 “ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

Mathew 1:23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteousness.

This is an interesting verse because Lord, or Jehovah is only a name reserved for God himself.

Isaiah 42:8

8 "I am the LORD; that is my name!
I will not give my glory to another
or my praise to idols.

And we know the full Glory of God dwelt within Jesus Christ.

- 9) **Q:** Ok those are all very good but are there any other examples of where God the Father refers to God the Son in the Old Testament or the Son to the Father?

A: Possibly:

Job 40:6-9 “Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm: 7 “Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. 8 Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself? 9 Do you have an arm like God’s, and can your voice thunder like his?””

This is a non-singular external reference, not “an arm like mine” or “a voice that thunders like mine” as is the following verse.

Job 40:17-19 “Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. 16 What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! 17 His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. 18 His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. 19 He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword.”

It appears that in verses 6-9 it is the Son who is referencing the Father. In verses 17-19 it is the Father who is referencing the Maker, the Son. Both however are “the Lord”.

Also Psalms 2 is a great chapter concerning the Messiah:

Psalm 2

2 The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers gather together
against the LORD
and against his Anointed One.

4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.

5 Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

6 "I have installed my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD :
He said to me, "You are my Son ;
today I have become your Father.

“He said to me, “You are my Son,” It is the SON, Jesus Christ speaking in this verse. This shows that Jesus Christ existed before he came to earth.

10) **Q:** In the New Testament, is Jesus Christ ever equated with having the same nature and power as of God?

A: Yes and in many ways. Here are a few examples:

Mark 2:5-12

”And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming, who can forgive sins but God alone?”

1) Jesus is claiming the divine power of the forgiveness of sins, the absolution from sin is strictly a function of deity:

Isaiah 43:25 “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.”

2) Jesus Christ is eternal, was before creation and never had a beginning and never has an end just as God the Father:

Hebrews 1:10 He (God) also says, "In the beginning, O Lord (Jesus Christ called God), you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning.

1 Corinthians 1:24

But to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the Wisdom of God.

Revelation 2:8

To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

3) Jesus Christ has full power and deity:

Philippians 3:20-21

20But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,
21who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

11) **Q:** You mentioned John 1:1 but we do not believe that John is referring to Jesus as ‘the Word. Does “The Word” really mean Jesus Christ?

A: Without any doubt. In many Bible translations the title of this chapter is called “God Became a Human Being”. John’s purpose for writing the gospel of John and 1 John is to describe who Jesus Christ really is. To give us a full understanding whom Jesus is in relationship to God. Chapters 5 and 8 are the highest concentrations of this purpose.

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning.

Some simple things to see in this verse. We can see that the Word is a distinctly different reference than God, “the Word (1) was with God (2), He (1) was with God (2) in the beginning”. However the most powerful statement in this verse concerning “the Word” is that “the Word was God”.

The question that is being asked then, was it really Jesus Christ that John was equating to the Word? Yes, all one has to do is read a few verses down in this same chapter to see who exactly John was equating with the Word:

John 1:14-18

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. 15 John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' " 16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

*Isaiah 45:23-24 "I have sworn by Myself, The **WORD** has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, **That to Me every knee will bow**, every tongue will swear allegiance. They will say of Me, 'Only in the Lord are righteousness and strength.' Men will come to Him, And" all who were angry at Him shall be put to shame.*

These verses are extremely potent; The Word (God) became flesh and made his dwelling among us. That is the meaning of Jesus Christ's name Immanuel, God is with us. We all know who is at the Father's side, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is called God the One and Only. The One and Only God. John also opens up 1 John with similar fashion:

1 John 1-2 (The Word of Life)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Jesus Christ is also called the Word of God in Revelation:

Revelation 19:13

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

However John is completely clear in 1 John 5:7 that he is referring to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as the Word.

1 John 5:7-13

7 For there are THREE that bear record in heaven, the Father, the WORD, and the Holy Ghost: and these THREE are ONE. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one

The word Logos (Word) means Wisdom, and Jesus is the Power and Wisdom of God

1 Corinthians 1:24

but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

"In John, denotes the essential Word of God, Jesus Christ, the personal wisdom and power in union with God, his minister in creation and government of the universe, the cause of all the world's life both physical and ethical, which for the procurement of man's salvation put on human nature in the person of Jesus the Messiah, the second person in the Godhead, and shone forth conspicuously from His words and deeds." Strong's 3056

12) **Q:** In my Bible it says that the Word was “a god”. Not thee God. Why is that?

A: It is only the New World Translation of the Jehovah Witnesses that makes this error due to the fact that they are anti-Trinitarian (Unitarian, Arian). The JW’s used a false method of Greek translation which is evident by the following quotes including the Greek scholar that they used to justify their false translation, William Barclay:

”Thank you for your letter of August 11th. The Watchtower article has, by judicious cutting, made me say the opposite of what I meant to say. What I was meaning to say, as you well know, is that Jesus is not the same as God, to put it more crudely, that he is of the same stuff as God, that is of the same being as God, but the way the Watchtower has printed my stuff has simply left the conclusion that Jesus is not God in a way that suits themselves.”

William Barclay

Here are some additional Greek scholars refuting the false NWT

Dr. William Barclay, a leading Greek scholar of the University of Glasgow, Scotland: "The deliberate distortion of truth by this sect is seen in their New testament translations. John 1:1 is translated: '...the Word was a god, ' a translation which is grammatically impossible...It is abundantly clear that a sect which can translate the New Testament like that is intellectually dishonest."

Dr. Ernest C. Colwell of the University of Chicago: "A definite predicate nominative has the article when it follows the verb; it does not have the article when it precedes the verb...this statement cannot be regarded as strange in the prologue of the gospel which reaches its climax in the confession of Thomas. 'My Lord and my God.' - John 20:28"

Dr. B. F. Wescott (whose Greek text - not the English part - is used in the Kingdom Interlinear Translation): "The predicate (God) stands emphatically first, as in IV.24. It is necessarily without the article...No idea of inferiority of nature is suggested by the form of expression, which simply affirms the true deity of the Word...in the third clause 'the Word' is declared to be 'God' and so included in the unity of the Godhead."

13) **Q:** Does Jesus Christ ever make the claim that he is God and what were the listener’s reactions?

A: Yes and the listener’s, the Jews, were very upset and angry with him:

John 5:17-18

17 Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." 18 For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 8:21

21 Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come." This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?" But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

John 8:41-43 “ Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here.

John 8:58-59 : "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

The phrase "I am" (ego eimi) echoes Isaiah chapters 40-55. The high concentration of I AM sayings of Jesus Christ in John matches the high density of I AM sayings in Isaiah 40-55. That is because the theme of Isaiah 40-66 is the identity of Jehovah and the theme of John is the identity of Jesus.

It was at the statement of I am! that "at this, they picked up stones to stone him," Jesus was clearly defining and calling himself God and the educated and scholarly priests knew this fully.

Luke 4:11-13 11they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." 12Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the LORD YOUR GOD to the test.'" 13When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time

Revelation 1:8 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

The word for "Almighty" is pantokrator which means "Almighty God".

14) **Q:** Are there other times that Jesus Christ claims directly that he is God?

A: Yes:

John 10:28-30

28I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30I and the Father are one."

And again, what were the Jews reaction?

John 10:31-33

31Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, 32but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" 33"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

John 17:11

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.

John 10:38-39

38But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." 39Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

John 12:44-45

44Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me.

John 14:6-7

6Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

one (P) Pronunciation Key (wn)

adj.

Being a single entity, unit, object, or living being.

Characterized by unity; undivided

Of the same kind or quality

Forming a single entity of two or more components

Being a single member or element of a group, category, or kind

15) **Q:** Were there people in the New Testament who openly accepted and stated that Jesus Christ was God?

A: Yes there were:

John 11:25-27

25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Acts 2:34-36

34For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

35until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet." '

36"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

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.

2 Peter 1:1-2

1Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

2Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Titus 2:13

while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

1 Corinthians 1:3

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 20:28

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Ephesians 6:23

Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

16) Q: You quoted from Titus, is it true that Paul (God Breathed) calls Jesus Christ God, multiple times? What is the message of the book of Titus?

A: Yes, here are all of the verses from just the book of Titus which is only three chapters long. Paul has great rebuke for those such as cults and false messengers.

1:3 and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

1:4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

1:11 They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain.

1:13 This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith.

1:15-16 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. 16They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.

2:10 and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

and that is

2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

2:13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

2:15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

3: 4-7 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

3:15 15Everyone with me sends you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all

No further comments are needed by me, Paul sums up the unity of the Grace of God perfectly and clearly.

17) **Q:** Are there any verses in the Bible that state that Jesus Christ is God, “in the flesh” or that God came to earth in the flesh other than John 1:1 and John 1:14?

A: Yes:

Colossians 2:9

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

1 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

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 2:11

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

John 7:16

They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said.

"God has come to help his people."

18) **Q:** Is the word “Trinity” ever mentioned in the Bible?

A: The English word Trinity is not. However the Trinity is:

Romans 1:20 (KJV-NKJV)

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 (Theiotees), so that they are without excuse.

Colossians 2:9 (KJV-NKJV)

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead (Theotees) bodily;

Both Theiotees and Theotees are used only once in the Bible in these two verses. Both words are taken from Theos which is God. The common understanding that these two words mean is the total essence and completeness of God’s divinity. The writers of the KJV knew what the fullness and complete essence of God’s divinity was and that is why they choose to use the word Godhead. However it must be said that no other translation uses this word but no other translations signifies the total uniqueness of these two words.

In fact there is a “family of God”.

Ephesians 3:14-15

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

19) **Q:** If Jesus Christ was not created, where did he come from then, did God just come down from Heaven? Was God physically in the body of Jesus Christ?

A: Jesus Christ came and was sent from God in Heaven, literally. God was living in the body of Jesus of Nazareth.

John 16:25-30

25"Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

29Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

What exactly is the meaning or inference of the statement "This makes us believe that you came from God."?

John 6:46

No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

John 13:3

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

John 8:42

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

What I am getting at here is that Jesus Christ was not created he was sent and appeared, he already existed.

John 7:16

They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

1 John 3:5

But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

John 8:16

But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.

John 3:13

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 14:10

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not

just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV)

That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Jesus existed with the Father in heaven and in the presence of the Father before the world began.

John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Zacharias' Prophecy

Luke 1:67-69

Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people."

20) **Q:** Are there any verses that speak of God in terms of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as one?

A: Yes:

1 John 5:7-8 KJV/NKJV [*Comma Johanneum*](#)

7 For there are THREE that bear record in heaven, the Father, the WORD, and the Holy Ghost: and these THREE are ONE. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the **NAME** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

One name of God = The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but **the same Spirit**. 5 There are different kinds of service, but **the same Lord**. 6 There are different kinds of working, but **the same God** works all of them in all men."

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Acts 5:3-4

3Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

It was actually God who was sacrificed on the Cross.

Acts 20:28

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

21) **Q:** What then was the purpose for Jesus Christ (God) coming down from heaven to earth then and why did he come as a man.

A: These two verses answer this question very nicely:

Philippians 2:6

5Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
7but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

8And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 8:1-4

Life Through the Spirit

1Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, 4in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

22) **Q:** Who raised Jesus Christ from the Dead? How was he raised from the dead?

A: By the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: God.

The Father

Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Son

John 2:19 Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and I will raise it up in three days."

John 10:17 This is why the Father loves Me, because I am laying down My life that I may take it up again.

John 10:18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from My Father."

The Holy Spirit

Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then He who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through His Spirit who lives in you.

23) **Q:** Did any of the early church fathers believe in the Trinity?

A: Yes, by far the majority did.

80 AD Hermas "The Son of God is older than all his creation, so that he became the Father's adviser in his creation. Therefore also he is ancient"

140 AD Aristides "[Christians] are they who, above every people of the Earth, have found the truth, for they acknowledge God, the creator and maker of all things, in the only-begotten Son and in the Holy Spirit"

150 AD Justin Martyr "The Father of the universe has a Son, who also being the first begotten Word of God, is even God."

170 AD Tatian the Syrian "We are not playing the fool, you Greeks, nor do we talk nonsense, when we report that God was born in the form of a man"

98/117AD Ignatius of Antioch "We have also as a Physician the Lord our God Jesus the Christ the only-begotten Son and Word, before time began, but who afterwards became also man, of Mary the virgin.

115-190AD Irenaeus "The Church, though dispersed throughout the whole world, even to the ends of the earth, has received from the apostles and their disciples this faith: ...one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are in them; and in one Christ Jesus, the Son

of God, who became incarnate for our salvation; and in the Holy Spirit, who proclaimed through the prophets the dispensations of God, and the advents, and the birth from a virgin, and the passion, and the resurrection from the dead, and the ascension into heaven in the flesh of the beloved Christ Jesus, our Lord, and His manifestation from heaven in the glory of the Father 'to gather all things in one,' and to raise up anew all flesh of the whole human race, in order that to Christ Jesus, our Lord, and God, and Savior, and King, according to the will of the invisible Father, 'every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess; to him, and that He should execute just judgment towards all...'"

185-254AD Origen "Moreover, nothing in the Trinity can be called greater or less, since the fountain of divinity alone contains all things by His word and reason, and by the Spirit of His mouth sanctifies all things which are worthy of sanctification..."

24) **Q:** Is it not ok for me to continue in my religion or church even though they teach incorrect and false doctrine? I do not want to leave my church.

A: I fully understand the difficult decision of choosing to leave a religion and family one has had for years or even their entire life. One may even be alienated from their biological family. The problem is if one is worshiping a false god or false Jesus Christ and serving a false religion your own salvation may even be at risk. At the least God is certainly not pleased and accepting of such practices. Please take this issue with very strict sincerity.

John 8:21

21 Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come." This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?" But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

John 10:28-30

28I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30I and the Father are one."

John 10:33

33"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

John 5:16-23

"So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. 17 Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." 18 For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself EQUAL with God."

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

2 Peter 2:1-3

“But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.”

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

“But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.”

Galatians 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

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