

Trinity

1. How many Gods are there? (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19)
2. How many persons are God? (Genesis 1:26; 3:22; Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
3. Is God the Father the one true God? (John 6:27; Romans 15:6; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 1:3)
4. Is God the Son the one true God? (Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-2; 8:58; Hebrews 1:6, 8; Philippians 2:5-8; 1 Timothy 2:5)
5. Is God the Holy Spirit the one true God? (Luke 1:35; Acts 5:3-4)
6. Does God manifest Himself as three persons or is He three distinct persons? (Matthew 3:16-17)
7. Do the members of the Godhead ever act independently of each other? (John 5:19, 30; 8:28, 42; 12:49; 14:9-10; 16:13-15)
8. Who planned our salvation? (Ephesians 1:3-6)
9. Who carried out the plan of salvation? (Ephesians 1:7-12)
10. Who reveals the plan of salvation? (John 16:7-11)
11. Is Jesus Christ less in essence than The Father? (John 10:30; Philippians 2:7)
12. Did Jesus Christ have a beginning? (Luke 1:35; 2:7-11; John 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15)
13. Jesus Christ was subject to the Father. Does that make Him inferior to the Father? (John 17:5; 1 Corinthians 11:3; 15:28)
14. Does the fact that Jesus was a man somehow diminish His deity? (John 1:1-2, 14; 10:33)

15. What is wrong with the following analogies of the trinity?
- a. The trinity is like an egg. There are three parts to the egg – the shell, the yoke, and the white. But, there is only one egg.
 - b. The trinity is like water. Water can exist as steam, liquid, or ice and yet it is all water. There is a triple point for water under which the three forms of water can coexist in equilibrium.
 - c. The trinity is like the sun. No one has actually seen the sun, just as no one has actually seen the Father. The sunlight reveals the sun just as the Son reveals the Father. The sun causes growth of plants and trees just as the Holy Spirit is the power that causes the growth in individuals.
16. How can there be one God who eternally exists as three persons? (Deuteronomy 29:29; Job 11:7)
17. Who cares? What difference does all this make in the way you live your life?