

The Truth About The Trinity

Truth Or Tradition?

Our aim and hope is that you will prayerfully study this subject for yourself, and if you do then you will see the Bible open up in a new and beautiful light.

The aim of this study is to show where the trinity doctrine originated and to see how it has permeated most modern day churches, and to show the importance it has for your salvation. There is always room to doubt, but we must go by the weight of Bible evidence.

A wise man will stick to revelation from God which includes scripture. A foolish man will conceive all kinds of vain imaginations with his own mind, from his own spirit, and will try to create God in an image that fits his limited understanding.

As you read this study, try to take all preconceived ideas from your mind. The purpose of this study is to examine what the word of God says. We need to read what it actually says, not what we think it should say, or might be saying, not what we have been taught it says, and not what tradition has handed down to us.

The Bible is divinely inspired, it is God's book, His word, so we must be careful not to alter His word in any way. In the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, God gives us a serious warning. His final words in the Bible are:

[Revelation 22:18-19](#) ¹⁸For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

This is a solemn warning, and one not to be taken lightly. You see the human race is fickle, we are sinful, we have faults and weaknesses, no matter who we are. The Bible tells us in Jeremiah 17:9

[Jeremiah 17:9](#) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

God knew that error would come to His people, because this is Satan's plan, it's what he wants. Satan wants us to have a distorted picture of God and of God's love for us, and what better way to do that than to mix truth with error - this is the way Satan always works. The Bible tells us this in John 8...

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John 8:44 ⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

You see there is a Great Controversy being played out. On one side there is Satan, who is determined that each of us will be lost with him. On the other side there is God, who wants us saved and with Him in His kingdom, offering each one of us a crown of gold and eternal life.

And this is why God gave us His book, the Bible, that we may know without a doubt who God is and how He would have us follow and worship Him, so that we may attain eternal life. But so often we think we know better, or we are too lazy to study for ourselves, so we prefer to listen to men and preachers and not delve into the word of God for ourselves. But God would have each of us study His word for ourselves. He wants to be our Teacher. In 2 Timothy 2 it says...

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

In the Beginning

Let's go back to the beginning, the very start of creation. We are told that God spoke our world into being. God spoke, and it was so.

Genesis 1:1-2 ¹In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth. ²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

In the very first verse of the Bible, in Genesis 1:1, we find God creating the earth. In verse two we find the Spirit of God moving upon the face of the waters. Note, it says "the Spirit of God, not "God the Holy Spirit" - we must read what it actually says.

Now creation has been attributed to the Holy Spirit as much as to the Father and the Son, due to the above text. But what the reader sometimes fails to acknowledge is the possessive terminology used in the above verse. In this verse the possessive is used: "The Spirit *of* God". It does not say "God the Spirit". We read in the Psalms...

Psalms 33:6 "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the *breath* of his mouth."

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The Hebrew word for “breath” is “ruach”, which is the same word translated “spirit”. When we look at the original language, the meaning should be clear - the spirit of God is the breath of God. This is confirmed further by Jesus in the New Testament...

John 20:22 “And when he had said this, he *breathed* on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.”

The words “ruach” in the Hebrew and “pneuma” in the Greek both actually mean wind, breath, air in motion - the very breath of God. This is why Jesus breathes the Spirit on the disciples in John 20 - Jesus breathed His own Spirit.

Imagine the breath of the almighty God. If God has the power to create the heavens and earth simply by speaking, the power of the Spirit being breathed into a room would have been overwhelming. It truly would have been like the “rush of a violent wind.”

So we see that this is not someone else. It is this same spirit that is mentioned in Genesis 1:2. It is the “Spirit of God”, which can also be translated “breath of God”.

It also means "life." By resemblance to breath and air in motion, it means "spirit." That's where we get the translation, and the Hebrew word contains all those different meanings. If we just leave it with our English word "spirit," we are not getting the full meaning of what the Bible is trying to describe. It's trying to describe that there's a breath involved.

So in Genesis 1:1-2, if we now use the Hebrew word for Spirit it would read...

Genesis 1:1-2 ¹In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth. ²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And **the Breath of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

Now if the Spirit of God, the breath of God, was hovering over the face of the deep, and then God said, "Let there be light", when you speak it's through your breath that the words take form. Just imagine that: God speaking, His breath comes out, and there was light.

Let's transfer this concept into the New Testament, because we have almost the same thing where Jesus is talking about the Holy Spirit. In John He says...

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John 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit"

Here Jesus is talking about the Holy Spirit, and He's saying that it's like the wind. Again it's the word "pneuma", which means "a current of air", "breath", or a "breeze", and again by analogy, "a spirit". So the Hebrew "ruach" and the Greek "pneuma" both refer to breath, or wind.

In Our Image

Back in Creation, in Genesis 2, we see how God made us.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Some translations say "living being". It's from the breath of God that we actually get our life. And so now you can see the connection to how we were created by the very breath of God.

The meaning is clear; the spirit of God is the breath of God. This is confirmed further by Jesus in John 20:

John 20:22 "And when he had said this, he *breathed* on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

Jesus breathed His own Spirit, He did not breathe someone else. It is this same spirit that is mentioned in Genesis 1 verse 2, "the Spirit of God", which is the "breath of God". Psalm 33 confirms this...

Psalms 33:6 "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the *breath* of his mouth."

And in Job 33 we read...

Job 33:4 "The *Spirit of God* hath made me, and the *breath of the Almighty* hath given me life."

The Spirit of God is equated with His breath. That is what the word means. We have seen this in both the Old and New Testaments.

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So a more accurate reading of Genesis would be the “Breath of God” moved upon the face of the waters. This ties in with what we read in Job, Psalms, Matthew and John.

God spoke and it was so. And once you understand the meaning of the original wording, it opens up a whole new dimension, it shows us the Sprit of God **not** “God the Holy Spirit”, which is never mentioned in the Bible. Now let’s move on to the book of John.

In John 1 we find:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

And here is where some confusion might start to come in. Why? Because some people say this verse shows that God and Jesus are the same person. But what does the Bible say? We have to let the Bible interpret itself; no preconceived ideas, no listening to man, just listening to God as He speaks and guides us through His word, because Isaiah tells us...

Isaiah 28:13 ¹³But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;

And this is what we have been doing, comparing scripture with scripture, to let the Bible explain itself. So let’s now look in Genesis 1. In verse 26 it says...

Genesis 1:26 ²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

Now we know that “our” means more than one, so “our” means two or more - let’s not jump to any more conclusions than that. We know that the Bible shows us the plan of salvation, God’s love for us, and God tells us of His soon coming to take His faithful people home. So it makes sense that God would paint a clear picture for us of who He is and who is in Heaven with Him. So when God said let us make man in our image – and remember that “our” means two or more - what did He do?

Genesis 2:7 ⁷And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

So we know that our form is in God’s image because that is what He said; “**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness**”. So here was Adam, one person, but we know God said in “our” image ... and in Genesis 2 we find...

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Genesis 2:18 ¹⁸ And the Lord God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

Genesis 2:21-22 ²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:23-24²³And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Mark 10:6-9 ⁶ But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

So now we have two - Adam and Eve - formed in God’s image (us). Also note that God is telling us here, both in Genesis and in Mark – so we are comparing scripture with scripture - that these two will be one. That is why marriage is so important, it’s what God ordained for us, and these two shall become one. Now we know that there are still two people, but they are to become one in support of each other, in caring for each other, wanting the same things, love, harmony, togetherness, they are joined together with the same goals and purposes, they are of one mind. This will come out more later, so it’s important to remember this.

So far we have seen that God had a companion when He created the world because God said “let Us”. Now we have Adam and Eve, two individuals, but of one purpose, sharing all things.

God And The Word

So in the beginning, when the world was created, we have seen that there was God and the Word - we know the Word to be Jesus, but let’s just clarify this. In Genesis 1 it says:

Genesis 1:26 ²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

In John 1 it says:
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John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God**, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³**All things were made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

And in Colossians 1 it tells us:

Colossians 1:12-16 ¹²Giving thanks unto the **Father**, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of **his dear Son**: ¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: ¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶**For by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.

Colossians 1:19 ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in him (Jesus) should all fulness dwell;

And in Colossians 2 it says:

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

This is talking about Jesus.

So here we see the Father and His Son. God has begun to show us what He is like, what the Godhead is like, two beings, but one in purpose, sharing the same goals, the same love, of one mind. Jesus has the same nature as God because God has bestowed on Him all the fullness of Himself. It was given to Jesus as His by inheritance as God's Son.

So let's just clarify what we have discovered so far. In creation we learned that...

1. In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth
2. The Word – Jesus was with God.
3. That all things were made through Jesus.
4. That man was made in their image.
5. We saw that the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

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6. Then God made Eve so Adam would not be alone, and said that they should become as one flesh. Two individual persons, but working together as one.

Two individuals, but as one. What did Jesus tell us in John 10?

[John 10:3 I and my Father are one.](#)

Right from creation God is showing the relationship between Himself and His Son, the closeness and love they share - but it's just the two of them, there is no third person.

This is what made Satan jealous - he thought he should be involved in all God's plans and decisions. Satan will take worship wherever, and in whatever way he can, which is why he would have us believe there is a third person in the Godhead, when in fact he himself is the one masquerading as the third person, he is the one that is masquerading as God the Holy Spirit. We will look at this a more later, but Timothy also confirms the Godhead and the family in Heaven...

[1Timothy 5:21 ²¹ I charge *you* before **God** and **the Lord Jesus Christ** and the elect **angels** that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.](#)

And in Matthew it says:

[Matthew 11:27 ²⁷ All things have been delivered to **Me** by My **Father**, and **no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.**](#)

How many beings do we see described here? We see God the Father, Jesus His beloved Son, and the angels. Nowhere is the Holy Spirit mentioned. If God the Holy Spirit exists as a third separate Person then why is He not mentioned here? Nowhere in the Bible will you find the Holy Spirit described as "God the Holy Spirit", you will only ever find it described as "The Spirit of God", or "the Spirit of Christ", but not as a third being.

What Is A Soul?

Now we need to clarify the definition of a "soul". The Biblical definition of a soul is simply a breathing body.

[Genesis 2:7 ⁷And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, **and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;** and **man became a living soul.**](#)

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Notice that the text does not say that man was given a soul, but rather that he **became** a soul, when God breathed His breath of life into the clay model formed in His image it became a living soul. And when we have this breath of life we become souls, or people - we have life. We see that Souls have blood...

[Jeremiah 2:34](#) ³⁴Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

Not only are people souls, but so are fish and animals:

[Revelation 16:3](#) ³ And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

So the soul is the life of the body - without the soul, the life, we return to dust, we die, we no longer have a character, we are no longer a person. There are lots of Bible texts that confirm this. Our soul is who we are, our character. And our Spirit is the breath of God that gives us life.

Here in Job it explains it clearly...

[Job 33:4](#) The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

So here Job parallels the very words of God that we have already read in Genesis 1:

[Genesis 1:2](#) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

Now we have identified that that soul, the spirit, is not a separate person, it is our character, the breath of life from God. We are but a lump of clay, God breaths into us His Spirit and we become a person, a living soul. So putting all these things together we can see that at creation we have...God and His Son creating the world and the creatures in it.

It's just the two of them, it's not a third person moving over the waters, but the Spirit of God, the breath of God, the person of God Himself working through His Son to create.

The stories of the Bible are there for us to learn from, they are examples, God showing us how to live by His word and showing us the great plan of salvation, the great sacrifice that God and His Son made on our behalf. God wants us to know Him and to know His dear Son.

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Lessons From The Old Testament

We will now look at an example from the Old Testament, and for this we are going to look at Abraham and Isaac.

Abraham started his life in Ur of the Chaldeans. His father Terah worshiped idols, many different gods, but for some reason Terah moved himself and his family from the land of the Chaldeans to a place called Haran, and it is from there that God called Abraham and told him;

[Genesis 12:2](#) And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

We see here that although his father worshiped idols and had many gods, Abraham knew and worshiped the one true God, and when God called him he did not ask questions or hesitate, but packed up and left. What great faith!

This is what God calls us to do, to leave the so called riches of the world behind and follow Him. If we still cling to and long for the pleasures of this world then we are not fully focused on God, not truly following his plan for us. Abraham was a very wealthy man, it was probably very hard for him to leave his big house and luxury for the life of a nomad, but he left believing God's promise of something better.

The story of Abraham is a fascinating one. Eventually the son of promise is born to Abraham. This is a son that he and his wife thought they would never have, since by this time Abraham was 100 years old and his wife Sarah was 80, but they had this little boy, this promise of God, who must have been very precious to them. God had provided this miracle for them and He also told Abraham what name to give to this little boy.

[Genesis 17:19](#) And God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed; and you shall call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

As this little boy grows he must have been the delight of their lives. But one day God calls Abraham and says...

[Genesis 22:2-3](#) ²“Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

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What a journey this must have been for Abraham. The closer they came to their destination the more his heart must have been breaking and his faith tried.

For three days, Abraham considered his son as dead - but believing God would have to raise Isaac up to fulfill all His promises - and in that too we see a type of Christ, the coming Messiah and Saviour of the world.

Hebrews 11:19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Genesis 22:7-8 ⁷And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? ⁸And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went **both of them** together.

Notice the faith of Abraham - he looked forward to the cross, where the Messiah, the Lamb of God, would die in our place.

The theme of Christ's sacrifice is pictured all through the Bible. In the Old Testament, in the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, we see Jesus referred to as "*a Lamb as it had been slain*," bearing the scars of His crucifixion for eternity.

When Abraham and Isaac reach the desired spot and set up the altar, Abraham alone with His son would have to tell him who the sacrifice was to be.

Genesis 22:7-10 ⁷And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son and he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? ⁸And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went **both of them** together. ⁹Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Abraham got everything in order, prepared the altar - and **his son willingly laid down his life!** We must remember that Isaac is a strong young man - somewhere between the age of 25-35; no one forced him to give up his life - Isaac willingly let his father bind him upon the altar, he willingly laid down his life.

Hebrews 11:17-18 ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up **his only begotten son**, ¹⁸ Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

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This was a picture of how our Saviour would come down from Heaven, and willingly lay down His life to save us.

Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

What tremendous trust and love both Abraham and Isaac had for God.

Genesis 22:11-12 ¹¹ But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." ¹² And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me."

What an amazing test of faith! I doubt any of us have ever been called to endure such a test. If we were would we like Abraham and Isaac be so obedient to God? Here we see a type of the relationship between the Father and Son.

God spared Abraham the pain of losing his beloved son, but showed Abraham that there would be no one to spare His only Son and that He would be the ultimate sacrifice for mankind, the only One who could fully pay the price for man's sins.

Have you trusted in His free gift of salvation? God preached the Gospel to Abraham through prophecies and types, and here we see this type opened up before our eyes.

Let's just recap on the similarities:

The details that make this incident on Mount Moriah such a vivid portrait of the incident nearly two millenia later on Mt. Calvary are staggering. One interesting point is that the region of Mount Moriah is mentioned as the location where Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem:

2 Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David.

And it was outside the city walls that Jesus was crucified. Many Bible scholars agree that "Mount Moriah" was the actual mount upon which two thousand years later Jesus was suspended on the cross as a sacrifice for all people.

Both involve a father and a beloved only-begotten son, whom the father does not withhold. Gen 22:2 – John 3:16

Both were offered on a hill/mountain Gen 22:2 – Luke 23:33

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Two men went with them, Abraham's two servants, and the two thieves on the cross.

Both bore upon their own shoulders the "wood" upon which they would offer up their lives (Gen. 22:6, John 19:17).

God would provide Himself the sacrifice.

The ram in the thicket - Jesus wore a crown of thorns.

Both had promise of the everlasting covenant.

And both went willingly to the place of execution, esteeming their own lives not as precious as fulfilling the will of the Father.

Both sons are delivered unto death, as it were, and returned again to their fathers alive on the third day (Gen. 22:4).

Only two were involved - Father and Son

We have looked at an Old Testament example of the Father and Son relationship and we will now look at a New Testament parable of Jesus. Remember, these examples and parables were put in the Bible to teach us lessons, to show us the love that God has for us and the relationship between Himself and His Son. There are many such examples in the Bible that show this clearly, but now let's look at Mark 12:

Mark 12:1-9 ¹And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. ² And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. ⁴ And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. ⁵ And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some. ⁶ Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son. ⁷ But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.' ⁸ And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.

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Here we see the plan of salvation symbolised. In the end the owner sends His own dear Son.....again there are only two major players in this story, God the Father who sends His own dear Son. Only two.

The Father And Son Principle

Now let's look at some Bible verses that further confirm the Father and Son principle, and the Holy Spirit being their Spirit and not a third person. When we add a third person, this destroys the wonderful sacrifice, the true sacrifice of Father and Son. The three in one, one in three principle is nonsensical, it's confusing - ask five different people to explain the trinity and you will likely get five different answers. So let's see what the Bible says, not what we think it should say according to others or to traditions, but what it actually says, and if you twist it or disagree with these statements then you have serious issues with the Author of the book:

[1 Corinthians 14:33](#) For God is not the author of confusion...

So the truths of the Bible should be easy and straightforward to understand. Not confusing. Let's continue.

[Deuteronomy 13:1-4](#) ¹“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, ²and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ ³you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear **Him**, and keep **His** commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

Now what does the very first commandment say....

[Exodus 20:1-3](#) ¹And God spoke all these words, saying: ²“**I** am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³“You shall have no other gods before **Me**.

It says “I”, “Me” - this is singular, it's talking about one person, not two or three, just one.

[Deuteronomy 8:19](#) ¹⁹Then it shall be, if you by any means forget **the LORD your God**, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, **I** (God) testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

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If we are not worshiping God as the one and only God, God tells us we will perish. This applies to us today, because God does not change, it is we who change, and we will perish if we are not following and worshiping the One true God. We read in Malachi...

Malachi 2:10 ¹⁰Have we not all one Father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

The dictionary says that to profane is to have blasphemous behaviour, it's the act of depriving something of its sacred character.

So how had they profaned the covenant of their fathers? Verse 11 tells us...

Malachi 2:11 ¹¹Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and has married the daughter of a strange god.

You see the Isrealites had started to worship a strange god, not the one God that their Fathers had worshiped, but a strange god. The patriarchs of old knew that there was only one God...

Deuteronomy 6:4 ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

The prophet Isaiah was adamant there was only one God...

Isaiah 37:16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Isaiah 43:10-11 '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. I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.'

Isaiah 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; **there is no God besides Me**.

Isaiah 44:6 I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.

Isaiah 45:18 I am the LORD; and there is none else.

How much clearer can God be? How dare we put our own interpretation on this and say; well God doesn't really mean that, this is what He really means. When we do this we make God a liar and we have sealed our fate.

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There are many, many more instances in the Old Testament that clearly show us that God is one God - and that we should worship only Him.

This was one of the reasons that Jesus came to this earth. As we move into the New Testament we see that Jesus has come to show us what the Father is like. Now does Jesus teach us about a different God, a three in one, one in three god? Does He say that we should be giving equal worship to three?

Mark 12:28-29 ²⁸ And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? ²⁹ And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; **The Lord our God is one Lord:**

Here we see Jesus using the exact words from Deuteronomy 6:4. So the teaching of one God continues on from the Old Testament into the New Testament...

Mark 12:32 ³² And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is **one God;** and there is **none other but he:**

So here this scribe agrees with Jesus and says; you have spoken the truth, for there is one God and no other.

Mark 12:34 ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.

Here Jesus commends the scribe and tells him that because he knows that God is one and there is no other, he is not far from the Kingdom of God, because he has a right conception of who God is and how to worship only Him. This would have been an ideal opportunity for Jesus to have explained the three in one, one in three Godhead if it were true, but He does no such thing, He simply commends the scribe for his understanding of God.

Even when Jesus was being tempted, what does he say to Satan?

Matthew 4:10 "Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! For it is written, **You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.**'"

And in James 9 we read...

James 2:19 ¹⁹ Thou believe that there is **one God;** thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Satan and his demons know there is one God and one Son because they were in Heaven praising both the Father and Son before they fell in sin and rebelled. We read in Matthew about the two demon possessed men who met Jesus...

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Matthew 8:29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with you, Jesus, you **Son of God**? have you come here to torment us before the time?

Here are a few other New Testament verses that are very plain...

Matthew 19:17 ¹⁷ So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but **One, that is, God**. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

Romans 3:29-30 ²⁹ Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: ³⁰ Seeing it is **one God**, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

1 Corinthians 8:4 "Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is **no other God but one**."

Galatians 3:20 "Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but **God is one**."

1 Timothy 2:5 ⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

We will look at just a few more examples, but there are many more. Over and over again the word of God shows clearly that there is one God and one Son of God.

The Beloved Son

Matthew 3:16-17 ¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Now many people get hung up on this verse, they disregard all the other verses in the Bible that clearly state that God is one and that Jesus is His Son, and they say here is God the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. But let's read again what it says, not what we think it should say to fit in with the perspective of a trinity.

Matthew 3:16 ¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God...

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So who's Spirit did Jesus see? God's Spirit. If this was the third person of the Godhead then it should read "God the Holy Spirit", but it says "God's Spirit" – there a big difference. And when we look at the translation for this word in the Greek it's "pneuma" again, which literally means breath - we saw this at the beginning of the study that when God's Spirit hovered over the water at creation the original translation was "ruach" in Hebrew, meaning breath or wind. So here was the Spirit of God, His Father:

Matthew 3:16 ...descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

God here says "My" (singular) beloved Son. It's so simple - the Father confirming that this is His beloved Son. There are only the two of them. You will never find "God the Son" in the Bible or "God the Holy Spirit" because there is one God, one Son, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from God, His breath, His being, His character, it's part of God, it's who He is. We will look at this more shortly.

But for now let's continue to look at the Son of God. Here Jesus is talking to the man that he had just healed that had been blind...

John 9:35-37 ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; (of the synagogue.) and when he had found him, he said unto him, Do you believe on the Son of God? ³⁶ He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? ³⁷ And Jesus said unto him, You have both seen him, and it is he that talks with you.

Here Jesus confirms Himself as God's Son. Let's now move to the transfiguration...

Matthew 17:5 ⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Again we have God speaking and again declaring Jesus as His Son.

John 3:16-17 ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 12:28 ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."

Only three times do we find the Father speaking in the New Testament - at His Son's baptism, at the transfiguration and in the garden of Gethsemane - each www.trinity-truth.info

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time to His Son, just the two of them. Notice all of the verses speak of “**I**”, “**Me**”, “**My**”, “**Your**”. There is no plurality here because God is one. **One God, one Son.**

Let’s look at a few more...

1 Corinthians 11:3 ³ But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of **Christ is God**. Two

John 20:17 ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to **My Father**; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to **My Father** and your Father, and *to* **My God** and your God.’”

There are only two. Jesus is going back to heaven to His Father, no one else is in the Godhead, just Himself and His Father. God has given everything to His son...

Colossians 1:19 ¹⁹ For it pleased **the Father** that **in Him** all the fullness should dwell

John 14:10 ¹⁰ Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father in Me**? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

How does the Father dwell in Christ? Through his Spirit. And this same Spirit dwells in us...

Romans 8:11 ¹¹ But if the **Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you**, **He** who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you**.

Here we see plainly that it is God’s Spirit that dwells in us. God’s Spirit flows from Him, to His Son, to us - wonderful. There is no third party. The Bible is so clear and it is sad that people twist it and change it to try and line it up with the trinity teaching that is clearly not in the Bible. The word trinity does not appear in the Bible, the words “God the Son” or “God the Holy Spirit” do not appear, the “three of us” does not appear, throughout the Old or New Testament. There are only two, God the Father and His beloved Son Jesus.

Here are a few more verses that are so clear, and there are many more that space will not permit us to look at, but you can do your own study on this.

In 1 Corinthians we read...

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1 Corinthians 3:16 ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the **Spirit of God dwells in you?**

2 Corinthians 6:16 ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As **God** has said: “**I will dwell in them** And walk among them. **I** will be their God, And they shall be My people.

Colossians 1:27 ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

Galatians 2:20 ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 4:6 ⁶ And because you are sons, **God** has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Ephesians 3:16-17 ⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through **His Spirit in the inner man**, ¹⁷ **that Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

1 Peter 1:11 ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, **the Spirit of Christ who was in them** was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

1 John 4:12-15 ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, **God abides in us**, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because **He has given us of His Spirit**. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. ¹⁵ **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.**

Revelation 3:20 ²⁰ Behold, **I** (Jesus) stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I** will come in to him and dine with him, and he with **Me**.

John 17:³**Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**

Just two - the Father and the Son. And to know them is to have eternal life. If there was a third person in the Godhead then surely God would have made that abundantly clear if our eternal salvation depended on it. Do you see how wonderfully clear God's word is when we just read what He says, when we take the weight of evidence in His word.

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Who Is Our Comforter?

The word “trinity” is not found anywhere in the Bible. But is the concept of the trinity taught clearly in it?

The *Encyclopedia of Religion Vol. 15 1987* admits: *'Theologians today are in agreement that the Hebrew Bible does not contain a doctrine of the Trinity.'*

The *New Catholic Encyclopedia*: *'The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not taught in the Old Testament.'*

The *Encyclopedia of Religion* says: *'Theologians agree that the New Testament also does not contain an explicit doctrine of the Trinity.'*

The *Encyclopedia Britannica 1976* observes: *'Neither the word Trinity nor the explicit doctrine appears in the New Testament.'*

Protestant theologian Karl Barth (as quoted in *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology 1976*) similarly states: *'The New Testament does not contain the developed doctrine of the Trinity. The Bible lacks the express declaration the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are of equal essence.'*

It's very clear - there is no trinity revealed to us in God's word. Now some people have problems with John 14 which speaks about another comforter, but let's look at this and see just what it says...

John 14:16 ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

We have just looked at all the verses which show us that it is the Spirit of God that dwells in us through His Son. Now here Jesus is about to die and go back to His Father. He will not be there in the flesh to comfort His disciples, but through His Spirit He would be there, and we know it is God's Spirit flowing through Him, as all things flow from God, to his Son, to us, as we have read. Also remember that many times Jesus refers to Himself in the third person rather than saying I or Me etc. Here are a couple of examples. Here is Jesus talking to Nicodemus, notice what He says...

John 3:13-14 ¹³And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Now why did Jesus not just say when I am lifted up? Here is Jesus speaking of Himself again...

Luke 18: ⁸I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

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Again why did Jesus not just say when I come? And here again...

[John 17:3](#) Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and **Jesus Christ**, whom you have sent..

So it was not unusual for Jesus to speak this way about something concerning Himself. But let's read on.

[John 14:17](#) ¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸ **I** will not leave you comfortless: **I** will come to you.

This verse clears up any misconceptions about verse 16. Here Jesus clearly says that it is the Spirit of truth who the world cannot receive. Why? Because the world, the unbelievers, do not know Jesus, and unless He is invited into your heart He will not force Himself. Remember in Revelation He says:

[Revelation 3:20](#) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

He's knocking, waiting to come in. But Jesus goes on to say, "but you know him" – here He is talking to His disciples, giving them comfort before His death and the sorrow they would feel. He tells them that they would receive the spirit of truth ... now who is this Spirit of Truth that they would receive? Let's just turn back to verse 6:

[John 14:6](#) ⁶Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man comes to the Father, but by me.**

So here we let the Bible explain itself. And when we read this verse Jesus is saying that the Spirit of Truth, talking of Himself, dwells with them so they know Him and He will be in them, He will not leave them comfortless, He will come to them. So here we plainly see that when Jesus says "I will send you another comforter" He is talking of the Holy Spirit, which we saw comes from God through the Son to us, the Holy Spirit, that is the Spirit of God and His Son dwelling in us, and Jesus would send His Spirit when He ascended back to Heaven and was no longer with them in the flesh.

And chapter 20 confirms this:

[John 20:22](#) ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive you the Holy Spirit:

This is just like in the very beginning at creation, when Jesus breathed into Adam's nostrils and he became a living soul; we looked at this earlier.

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Also interesting is what happened at Pentecost. On the day of Pentecost after the Messiah's resurrection there was an amazing fulfilment of the promise of the "Comforter", the power of God working among faithful men. We read in Acts 2...

Acts 2:2,4 ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...

Remember earlier in our study we saw that when we went back to the Hebrew and Greek translation we saw the Spirit – "ruach" in the Hebrew and "pneuma" in the Greek - actually mean wind, breath, air in motion. So now here again we see the Holy Spirit represented as wind.

The Holy Spirit is never depicted with human qualities, but only as wind, oil, fire, a dove. The Spirit is never seen with the Father and Son, not even in the throne room of Heaven.

There are at least 66 verses in the Bible that refer to the "Throne of God" - 23 in the Old Testament and 43 in the New Testament – 24 references to the "Throne" are found in the Book of Revelation alone! Only *two persons* are ever named in connection with God's Throne – the Father and the Son. *Never* have we come across a reference in the Bible where *three persons* are associated with the Throne of God, or where the Holy Spirit is specifically identified as a *person* in connection with it. If anyone can find a reference to a *third person* residing on God's throne then we would welcome the opportunity to see it!

So our comforter is God working through His Son, breathing into His disciples. The Holy Spirit, that emanates from God, to His Son, to us - how wonderful. So both the Father and Son through their Holy Spirit comfort us.

John 16:7-8 "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment...."

Christ took human nature. He became flesh just like us. While in this world, Christ lived a life of complete humanity in order that He might stand as a perfect representative of the human family. He was tempted just like we are, and in every way that we are:

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

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Only someone that has gone through the same experience as us can truly understand and empathise with how we are feeling, how we are struggling with the temptations of this life.

When we see little children who are dying of starvation our heart aches for them, we are saddened by this, but we can't truly empathise with them if by God's grace we have never been deprived of food and water. Yet if we see someone grieving for the loss of a family member many of us can truly relate to and empathise with that person because many of us have also experienced this.

Do you see how we make Christ a liar? He says "I" will come to you, He says "I" stand at the door of your heart knocking, He says "I" will never leave you, He says "I" will be your comforter because "I" know what you are going through because "I" have also experienced it. And we say... that's what you say, but I think You send someone else.

But if that is so then Christ has lied and we do not really have a comforter because no one else but Christ has experienced all the sufferings in your life and mine. Not even God the Father knows what it is to be tempted to sin - He knows of sin, He knows the effects of sin, but only Christ has actually experienced these things.

You see while Jesus was on earth he was constrained by his humanity. He could only be in one place at a time. But when He ascended back to heaven, then He could take up His divinity again and send His Spirit, as He promised he would, to be with us always, even to the end of the world.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ³Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the **God of all comfort**; ⁴Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are **comforted of God**.

How did the disciples understand "another Comforter"? Did they understand that Christ was talking about someone else? Let them answer:

John 14:22 "Judas said unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, **how** is it that **you** wilt manifest **yourself** unto us, and not unto the world?"

It's very plain. Judas clearly understood that it was Christ who would come to them, not someone else. Notice his question is not "Who?" but only "How?" Judas was not wondering *who* would come to them as another Comforter, but he did wonder how Christ was coming back to them. Notice he also says "you" and "yourself" regarding Christ, not someone else.

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This is clear enough. It is not a strange thing for our Lord to come in another form. He demonstrated that on the way to Emmaus:

Mark 16:12 After that he appeared **in another form** unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country

When Jesus appeared in “another form” it was still Him. When Jesus talks about “another Comforter” then why should it be strange that it also could be Him?

John 14:18 “**I** will not leave you comfortless: **I** will come to you.” “And, lo, **I** am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Praise the Lord! It is so clear and simple. Jesus is withdrawn from the eye of sense but His personal presence (His own Spirit) is with us still.

The Great Controversy

Earlier in our study we learned about Satan becoming jealous of the relationship between God and His Son, he felt that he should have been involved in all the plans and decisions. Lucifer was next in authority to Jesus, he was a covering cherub in the very presence of God, and we saw earlier that in heaven we have God, His Son, and then the angels, and Lucifer was the highest of these angels.

1Timothy 5:21 ²¹ I charge *you* before **God** and **the Lord Jesus Christ** and the elect **angels** that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

But Lucifer decided that he should also have the worship due only to the Father and His Son, He was jealous of their relationship, and he will take worship any way he can...

Isaiah 14:12-14 ²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, **I** will ascend into heaven, **I** will exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I** will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴**I** will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I** will be like the most High.

Notice that five times Satan says “I will” - He wanted God’s place, He wanted all of heaven and earth, he wanted ultimate power and control, and he will do whatever it takes to give people a wrong impression of God. John tells us:

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because

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there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

So right from the beginning Satan has set out to destroy God's name and His character. He wants the worship due to God alone, and by having people think there is a third deity in heaven he can then claim their worship, thorough deception.

To understand just how Satan bought this about, we recommend you watch our video presentation "the gods of Babylon", which will explain the origin of the trinity doctrine, and how today Satan, through tradition, has caused most churches to ignorantly worship him through some form of trinity. However when we look at what the Bible has to say, we see that there is no trinity in heaven.

Why would Satan challenge the Son of God if "Son" only meant his humanity or being a child of God in the general sense like you or I? Satan's challenge was an assault on His true person, who He was before he came to earth. Because for one to claim specifically to be God's Son was to claim a unique relationship with God that no one else has.

In John.5:18, the Jews wanted to kill Jesus because He said **God was his Father, making himself equal with God** (in nature.) This meant a special relationship, Father and Son, that no one is able to have except the true Son.

In John.10:30 Jesus claimed "**I and my Father are one.**" In verse 33 the Jews pick up stones because they understood this as blasphemy. In verse.36 Jesus explains what He meant by saying, "because I have said, **I am the Son of God.**"

We need to be careful who we give our worship to, because God gives a very solemn warning in the very last chapter of the Bible:

Revelation 22:18-19 18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone **adds to them,** God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone **takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Over and over again we see only the Father and His Son. Nowhere in God's word do we find the trinity mentioned. Nowhere in His word do we find "God the Holy Spirit". Nowhere in God's word do we find "God the Son".

What we do find is God the Father His beloved Son, to whom He gave His full power and authority, and we find Their Spirit dwelling in man.

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You can search the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. In fact in the very last book of the Bible, the Revelation of Jesus, where it takes us into heaven, into the very throne room of God, into His Heavenly Sanctuary, there again you will find only two, Jesus and the Father, surrounded by the angels, and the 24 elders.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the **head of every man is Christ**; and the head of the woman is the man; **and the head of Christ is God.**

Just two - the Father and His Son.

Jesus constantly refers to His Father; they have this inseparable bond, this amazing love for you and me. We see two in this divine relationship, not three. When the Bible speaks of the Holy Spirit it is always spoken of as the Spirit of God or as the Spirit of Christ, nowhere does it speak of "God the Holy Spirit". People read this into it when they have their trinitarian spectacles on.

We saw at the beginning that we were made in Their image, in the image of the Father and Son, and that the Holy Spirit was the breath of life that they breathed into us, this life giving force.

Only two - the Father and His beloved Son.

Search The Scriptures

We need to make sure we are worshiping God as depicted in His word. We have to be true to God and not to man. You see man cannot save you. Jesus tells us in Matthew...

Matthew 4:4 ... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the **mouth of God.**

And we have seen in this study what comes out of the mouth of God. We have also seen what comes out of the mouth of Satan - Babylon, confusion, deception, and so much of the tradition that we now cling to as if it were from the pages of scripture itself. But we have seen very definitely that it is not - this is man changing the word of God.

Peter one of Christ's apostles tells us plainly in Acts...

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

This is why it is so important that each of us studies God's word for ourselves.

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We will have no excuse on the day of judgement. What will you say? “Well Lord if only I’d known, Pastor so and so didn’t tell me, brother or sister so and so didn’t tell me.”

If only men and women today would search the scriptures to see if the preaching of pastors and televangelists is true! They are mortal, fallible, like you and I, they make mistakes, they have their own view, like you and I.

We must not only read the Bible daily, we must be like the Bereans:

[Acts 17:11](#) These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily,

The Bereans did not blindly accept religious teaching. The Bereans were praised because they *searched* the Scriptures daily to see if what they were told was Biblical truth.

Matthew Henry, in his Bible commentary, wrote...

It is the duty of all Christians diligently to search the Scriptures...

When a person is blinded to the truth, as plain as it may be, they cannot perceive it.

So if you want to follow God, and have Himself and His Son abide in your heart, then take the time to get to know them, through their word, and if you are truly searching then they will guide you into all truth.

Jesus said...

[John 14:6](#) "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**

And Paul confirms...

[Romans 8:9](#) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his.

Two - the Father and His Son - who dwell with us by Their eternal Holy Spirit.