

GLAD YOU ASKED!

How Do I Explain The Trinity To An Unbeliever?

The Bible teaches that...

God is one. Deuteronomy 4:32-39; Isaiah 44:6; 1 Timothy 2:5 The SHEMA says:

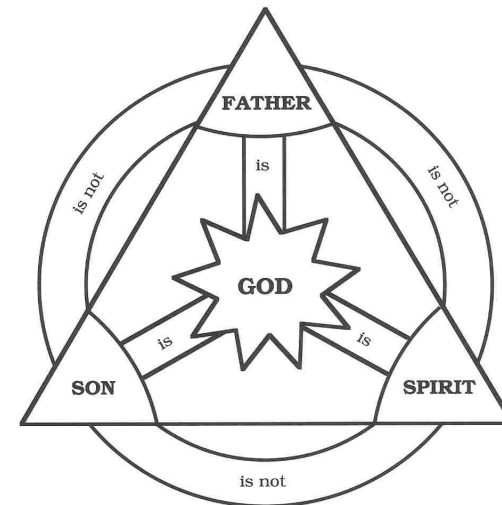
Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deut 6:4

God is three. Genesis 1:1-3; Matthew 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

...make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the **name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... Matthew 28:19

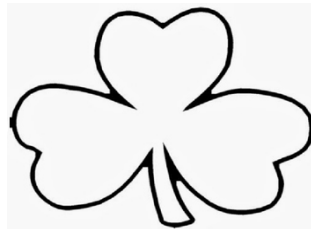
Athanasius (293-373 A.D.) wrote the definitive explanation for the early church.

We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal. What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.



So how can we explain the Tri-unity of God?

God has given us...



Analogies from nature:

The 3 States of Water: Steam, Liquid, Ice

The 3 Parts to an Egg: Shell, Egg White, Yolk

The 3 Leaves on a Shamrock Stem

Attributes of the universe: Matter, Time & Space

The 3 Dimensions of space: Height, depth, & width

The 3 Aspects of time: past, present, & future

The 3 States of matter: solid, liquid, & gas

Answers in His relationships. Giver, Receiver, & Bond between them

Notice it doesn't say "Love is God." Don't impose our thoughts on Bible

¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:15-16 -> John defines love in 4:10-11!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Source of Love, Expression / Sacrifice of Love, Inclusion in that Love

Three Perennial Christian Heresy

Modalism: emphasize God's oneness to the point where He is one person who reveals Himself in three different Modes.

Arianism: the Son, not just Jesus, was begotten by the Father. The Son is a creature not the Creator.

Tritheism: the Father, Son and Spirit are three separate Beings united in purpose.

Next Week: Does the Bible teach we have guardian angels?

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

HEAVENLY FATHER, I EXALT YOU FOR YOU ARE HOLY. MAY THESE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THIS MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT, LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER. (PSALM 19:14)

I AM GRATEFUL FOR MY CHURCH FAMILY AND ASK YOU TO BLESS VERA ANDERSON, DAVE & ANNIE ATKINSON, KATIE BAKER, DEANNA BALANCE, AND JUAN & MIRIAM BAN.

PLEASE BLESS THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: CARLOS CANALES (9/30), ANGELA WOLFORD, KATHERINE ROJAS (10/1), JOANNA KIM, HUNTER SILVA (10/3). PLEASE BLESS RAY & JANICE LUCAS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARY ON 10/3.

I PRAY FOR MARIANNE ODOM AS SHE HAS KIDNEY DISTRESS AND IS ON HOSPICE CARE.

I LIFT UP DEE WILKEY'S DAD, JIM, AS HE RECOVERS FROM SPINAL STENOSIS SURGERY ON 9/20. PLEASE HELP HIM RECOVER QUICKLY AND PREPARE FOR THE NEXT SURGERY HE NEEDS.

THANK YOU THAT LIZ LEARY'S GASTRIC SURGERY LAST WEEK WENT WELL. PLEASE HELP HER HEAL AND RECOVER QUICKLY.

PLEASE BLESS AND PROTECT THE PREGNANCIES OF STEFANIE LAFEVER (DUE IN DEC.), GEORGE & JUDY JOHNSON'S GRANDDAUGHTER, MELINDA (DUE IN DEC.), SYMPHONY REEDY (DUE IN DEC.), AND ANNIE ATKINSON'S DAUGHTER, HANNAH (DUE IN JAN.).

I PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CANCER: MARIANNE MAGAÑA (PASTOR JOSE'S DAUGHTER), GENE COLE (LINDA HAGSTROM'S BROTHER-IN-LAW), GLADYS SCHROER (JEFF SCHROER'S MOM), BOB SOUSA, ROBERT MIZERAK (JOSH MIZERAK'S DAD), THERESA FELIPE (BARBARA BEARDSLEY'S COUSIN), BELLA GONSALVES, AND ESTEBAN ANDRE.

I LIFT UP CALVARY KIDS IN ELEMENTARY GRADES: AIDEN MEJIA, ALIESA MEJIA, GABRIEL NUNEZ, ETHAN PERRY, MICHAEL WILKEY, GAVIN WOLFORD, GRAYCIE WOLFORD, ADDISON WYLIE, JORDAN WYLIE, AND TENLEY WYLIE.

I PRAY FOR TYRA DAVIDSON TO HAVE A GOOD SEMESTER IN COLLEGE AND THAT YOU WOULD PROVIDE HER WITH ALL SHE NEEDS TO GET THROUGH.

THANK YOU FOR CALVARY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES IN OUR AREA, THE US AND AROUND THE WORLD. PLEASE BLESS AND MEET THE NEEDS OF LYNETTE YOUNG AS SHE SERVES AS A MISSIONARY IN URUGUAY.

I LIFT UP THE CAREGIVERS IN OUR CONGREGATION. BLESS THEM BEYOND MEASURE. I PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF CHUCK & INES WALKER AND BETTY WELLS.

PLEASE BLESS AND PROTECT MERCEDEZ DEPONTE AS SHE SERVES IN THE MARINES.

PLEASE SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS ON A COMMUNICATION CARD AND PLACE IN THE OFFERING OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.