

THE TRINITY

We believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

John 1:1-2, in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. These verses clearly show two distinct identities: God and the Word who was also God. This word of God is not a mere word as one may think. The word of God has a real personality. Revelation 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood and his name is the Word of God. It is through this word of God that all things were created. John 1:3, through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. And in Colossians 1:15-20, The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ for in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And 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, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

The first creation of God in the beginning before anything was the “Word of God” who is God’s first born Son. The Son then created all things as elaborated in verse 16 above. He was the author of life to all things that he created. Like his Father, the Son also gives life. *John 5:21 “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it”.*

Referring to verses **17-20** of Colossians above, it is absolute that if one does not believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as independent Godheads who are in agreement, he/she cannot have eternal life. For Jesus became the head of the body (Church), not by his own making, it was God the Father who was pleased to make him the head of the Church and to be supreme after His death.

Some people say that Jesus Christ (God the son) raised himself from the dead. This is not true because there is no verse in the bible supporting their argument. It is God the father who raised God the Son (Jesus) from the dead. *Hebrews 13:20 “Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep”* and *Acts 13:37 But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.* It is through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we can have the way to God the Father who raised Him. *John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me, and Proverbs 8:35-36, ³⁵ for those who find me find life and receive favor from the LORD.³⁶ But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death,”.* The Word of God as earlier mentioned, He is the very one shown in Proverbs. He was with God in the beginning before the World began as a craftsman at God’s side, *Proverbs 8:22-30,*

²² *“The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, [a]/[b] before his deeds of old;*

²³ *I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began*

*24 When there were no oceans, I was given birth,
when there were no springs abounding with water;
25 before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
26 before he made the earth or its fields
or any of the dust of the world.
27 I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
28 when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
29 when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
30 Then I was the craftsman^l at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,*

Some bible readers say that Proverbs 8 is all about wisdom. It is not mere wisdom but He is Jesus Christ God's Son because the bible clearly shows us what wisdom of God is in *I Corinthians 1:30*, ³⁰ *It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.* This is what God says about his "Wisdom" in *Hebrews 1:6-13*, ⁶ *and again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."*^[a]⁷ *in speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."*^[b]⁸ *but about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice 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."*^[c]¹⁰ *He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
11 They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
12 You will roll them up like a robe;
like a garment they will be changed.
But you remain the same,
and your years will never end."*^[d]¹³ *to which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet" ^[e]?*

However, Jesus himself bears witness of His God. *John 20:17*, ¹⁷ *Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and you're God.'" It is God His Father that gave him to be Lord. Acts 2:36*, ³⁶ *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."* The word "Lord" in this context means God as vividly shown in *Psalms 100:3*, ³ *know that the LORD is God. It is he, who made us, and we are his^[a]; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

In the Old Testament we can see that when God wanted to redeem Israelites from Egypt, he made Moses to be God towards Pharaoh. *Exodus 7:1, so the LORD said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.* Therefore, it is not a surprise when scriptures say that God made Jesus to be God. More still, Jesus is superior than Moses in our heavenly calling. *Hebrew 3:1-3," Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.* One must confess Jesus as Lord and believe that he died and God raised him from death in order to be saved *Romans 10:9, 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.* By this we are justified. In other words, to receive God's righteousness, you have to acknowledge and believe that Jesus Christ died and God raised him. In the Law of Moses, one was convicted of a crime with the witness of 2 or 3 people, *Deuteronomy 17:6, ⁶ on the testimony of two or three witnesses a person is to be put to death, but no one is to be put to death on the testimony of only one witness.* This was pointing to the New testament belief where by one is saved by believing in God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit (the Holy Trinity), not in God alone or Jesus alone or the Holy Spirit alone. *1 john 5:6-9 (NKJV) "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸ and there are three that bear witness on earth: ^{1a} the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one", and John 17:3, ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.* Anyone who broke the Old Covenant law would be stoned to death by witness of two or three, but anyone today who rejects the Holy Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) he/she is doomed for eternal destruction/death, *Hebrews 10:28²⁸ Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? and in addition to that Mark 3:28-29, ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."*

Besides the emphasis put on the Father and the Son, let us now focus more on the Holy Spirit. Towards the end of the salvation mission that God assigned Jesus, the Holy Spirit was introduced to the followers of our Lord. *John 14:15-17, ¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be ^{1a} in you.* The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit neither see him nor know him because he is granted to only those who have believed the true message of salvation. One has to believe that Jesus Christ died and that God raised him from the dead so that he can receive the third witness who is the Holy Spirit in order to escape judgment. *Ephesians 1:13-14, ¹³ and you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who a deposit is*

guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession— to the praise of his glory. Hebrews 10:14-15¹⁴ "with one sacrifice, then, he has made perfect forever those who are purified from sin."¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also gives us his witness".

Jesus ordered his disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they receive the Holy Spirit as a third witness Acts 1:4-5, And when they came together,^[a] he gave them this order: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit's work is to teach and link the church to God the Father and God the Son, John 16:13-15, ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

In addition, the Holy Spirit makes perfect fellowship in all believers, 2 Corinthians 13:14¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. The fellowship of all believers is entirely made by the Holy Spirit, with the Father and the Son, I John 1:3, ³ we proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Having promised the Holy Spirit to his disciples, Jesus ascended to heaven and God his Father fulfilled the promise to the disciples. Acts 2:32-33. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

NOTE: This verse exhibits the **three** witnesses at once. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the inhabitants in heaven and is in charge of leading us into worshipping God the Father and the Son because Jesus said that the Father wants spiritual worship, John 4:24, "God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is," but this only applies to those who have received the Holy Spirit, I Corinthians 2:10, ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. And Hebrews 12:22-24, ²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Holy Spirit goes further to reveal Jesus standing at the right hand of God in heaven, Acts 7:55-56, ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw God's glory and Jesus standing at the right side of God. ⁵⁶ "Look!" he said. "I see heaven opened and the Son of Man standing at the right side of God!"

It was through the Holy Spirit that John was able to see the throne of God and that of Jesus, Revelation 1:10, ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, Revelation 22:1-3, Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down

the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

Since we are seeing Jesus standing at the right hand of God, that is to say the throne of God and the Lamb, one may ask, where is the Holy Spirit? The bible tells us that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit who came from God, *I Corinthians 6:19, ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; therefore, the Holy Spirit reveals to us God and Jesus Christ who are in heaven.*

In conclusion, the Bible says in *John 1:1, in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* So now we are asking, which God was there in the beginning? Jesus tells us that no one has ever seen God. *John 1:18, ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and ¹⁹ is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. Matthew 11:26-27, ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ all things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.* In fact, when our Lord Jesus Christ died, the immortal God his Father raised him from the dead, *I Timothy 6:13-16, ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.*

Therefore, since no one has ever seen or known the immortal God, it is only through Jesus Christ who was with Him in the beginning that we can be able to see GOD THE FATHER. *John 14:6, ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Once we believe Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we receive the Holy Spirit who comes from God, Ephesians 1:13(GNV) "and you also became God's people when you heard the true message, the Good News that brought you salvation. You believed in Christ, and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised. It is the Holy Spirit, who teaches us more about the invisible God, I John 3:24, ²⁴ the one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. Human wisdom can not understand anything about God, I Corinthians 2:10-14, ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.¹⁴ ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.*

According to the great commission, one can not escape God's Judgment unless he/she is baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (THE HOLY TRINITY), *Matthew 28:18-19*,¹⁸ *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and Mark 16:15-16*,¹⁵ *He said to them, "Go into the entire world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

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