

**SHARPENING YOUR SWORD**  
**THE DOCTRINE OF GOD’S TRIUNITY**

**Session 11 — March 29, 2023**

**REVIEW**

**THE BIG PICTURE**

“The [Triunity] of God is incomprehensible.... When someday we see God, we shall see Him as He is, and understand Him better than we do now. Yet even then we will not totally comprehend Him” (Millard Erickson, *Introducing Christian Doctrine*, pgs 114).

**OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION**

- 1) To be able to understand and describe the biblical teaching on God’s Triunity in three statements: There is one God, God is three persons, and each person is fully God.
- 2) To be able to articulate the distinctions between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 3) To be able to explain why the doctrine of God’s Triunity is so vital to the Christian faith.

**KEY VERSE TO MEMORIZE**

*“And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,  
and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”*

*2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV*

**THE DOCTRINE OF GOD’S TRIUNITY (Three-in-Oneness)**

Definition ~ The term by which is expressed the unity of the three Persons of God.

For clarity, we will summarize the biblical teaching on God’s Triunity in 3 statements:

- 1) There is one God.
- 2) God is three persons.
- 3) Each person is fully God.

**1. The different Persons of God are seen throughout Scripture. What Persons do you find in the following verses?**

- Genesis 1:1-2 ~
- Matthew 17:1-8 ~
- Mark 1:9-11 ~
- 2 Corinthians 13:14 ~
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**THERE IS ONE GOD** By the unity of God we mean that God is only one being in essence. There are not three Gods. There is possibly no clearer indication of the unity of God than the Hebrew Shema:

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!” Deuteronomy 6:4*

**2. Using the Blue Letter Bible, look up Deuteronomy 6:4.**

- What is the original word in Hebrew for the word LORD and what does it mean?
- What is the original word in Hebrew for the word GOD and what does it mean?

**3. Going back to Genesis 1:1-2, let’s dig deeper. Using the Blue Letter Bible, what is the original word in Hebrew for the word God?**

**4. Elohim is a plural form for the name of God, so who is God referring to when He calls Himself “Elohim”?**

**GOD IS THREE PERSONS** The doctrine of the Trinity means that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Stated differently, God is one in essence and three in person.

**5. Read Isaiah 61:1-2. How many Persons do you see represented in this passage?**

**6. \*Read 1 Corinthians 8:6. What do you learn about God the Father and God the Son?**

**\*Read Ephesians 4:1-6. What do you learn about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?**

**EACH PERSON IS FULLY GOD**

**7. Read John 6:35-40.**

- \* What role belongs to God the Father in salvation?

**\* What role belongs to God the Son, Jesus, in salvation?**

**8. Read Ephesians 1:20-23.**

**\*How is Jesus described as God in these verses?**

**9. Read 1 Samuel 16:14 and Ephesians 1:13-14. How does the work of the Holy Spirit look different from the Old Testament to the New Testament?**

**10. Read the following verses. What confidence or doubts do you have regarding the Trinity?**

**Deuteronomy 4:35 ~**

**Deuteronomy 32:39 ~**

**Nehemiah 9:6 ~**

**Psalms 86:10 ~**

**Isaiah 46:9 ~**

**John 17:3 ~**

**Galatians 3:20 ~**

**Ephesians 4:6 ~**

**1 Timothy 1:17 ~**