



Lesson 2: God & The Bible
Who He Is & What He Says

**LESSON 2: PART 1 – Video Lesson Notes
and Homework for Lesson 1**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God.

- John 1:1 -

MEMBERSHIP 101 CLASS 1 HOMEWORK

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

1) THE SCRIPTURE BELOW STATES ONE OF THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OR VISION OF GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHURCH ON THE ROCK...

WRITE OUT MATTHEW 28:19, 20

WHAT IS PART OF THE VISION OF GTCOTR ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE SCRIPTURE?

2) WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO FAITHFULLY ATTEND AND SERVE THE LORD IN A BIBLE BELIEVING, GOSPEL PREACHING CHURCH?

3) WHAT DOES BEING BORN AGAIN OR SAVED MEAN TO YOU?

4) ARE YOU 100% SURE THAT IF YOU DIED TODAY THAT YOU WOULD GO TO HEAVEN? WHY OR WHY NOT?

5) WHAT, IN YOUR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING, DOES IT TAKE TO BE SAVED?

6) WRITE OUT ROMANS 10:9, 10

CLASS TWO: GOD: HIS NATURE AND ATTRIBUTES

I. WHAT YOU WILL LEARN IN THIS CLASS

- God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.
- There is only one true God.
- We believe in the Trinity: God is eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person is fully God - have the same nature and are one God.
- Jesus Christ is the “God-Man” – 100% God and 100% Man (yet without sin).
- The Bible tells us what God is like – His attributes.

II. WHAT OR WHO IS GOD?

God is the _____ and _____ of the universe.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Genesis 1:1

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth? Psalms 33:6

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. Hebrews 11:3

God is a _____.

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone— an image made by man’s design and skill. Acts 17:29

III. WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

God is eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person is fully God - have the same nature and are one God.

The first to use the word “trinity” in respect to the nature of God was the early Church father Tertullian - (Circa AD 165-220).

Plurality within the unity of the godhead is, at the very least, hinted at in the Old Testament, and then is more clearly developed and revealed in the New Testament.

Old Testament “hints” of the Trinity:

*One of the Hebrew words translated “God” is a **plural** noun:*

God – (Elohim) – a **plural** noun (plural of ‘El’) that is, significantly, used mainly with **singular** verb forms and with **singular** adjectives and pronouns.

In the creation – note the activity of the “Three in One:”

God creates

The Spirit of God moves or broods or hovers

The WORD of God is SPOKEN...God *said*...

*In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth. 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. And **God** **said**, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis 1:1-3*

When God creates man, He uses the plural “us” to refer to Himself.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Genesis 1:26

God is referred to as a PLURAL “One.”

When speaking of God in Deuteronomy 6:4, the word for “ONE” (written in English characters as “Echad”) is the word for a plural unity or diversity within unity. It is NOT the word that means “absolute” or “singular” oneness, which is written in English characters as “yachid” or “yacheed.”

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is **one** (echad). Deuteronomy 6:4*

IV. THE NEW TESTAMENT GIVES A FURTHER AND MORE COMPLETE REVELATION OF THE TRINITY

At the baptism of Jesus, all three members in the Trinity are displayed in separate activities:

The Father – speaks from heaven

The Son – is being baptized

The Holy Spirit – descends on Jesus as a dove, giving Him ability and power for His earthly ministry

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:16, 17

Scriptures mention the Three in One together:

*Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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**. Matthew 28:18, 19*

*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same **Spirit**. And there are differences of administrations, but the same **Lord**. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same **God** which worketh all in all. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

May the grace of the _____, and the love of

_____ and the fellowship of the _____ be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Each _____ in the _____ is _____ God.

V. THE FATHER IS GOD

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” John 20:17

yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. 1 Corinthians 8:6

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

VI. THE SON, JESUS CHRIST, IS GOD

“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”— which means, “God with us.” Matthew 1:23

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form Colossians 2:9

while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ Titus 2:13

But about the Son he says, Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. Hebrews 1:8

I and the Father are one. John 10:30

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” John 8:58

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:13

VII. JESUS CHRIST HAS ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

“Incommunicable” Attributes

_____ - all knowing - Matthew 16:21; Luke 6:8, 11:17; John 4:29

Omnipotent - all powerful / all ruling - Matthew 28:20; Mark 5:11-15; John 11:38-44

Omnipresent - He is everywhere and sees all – Jeremiah 23:24; Proverbs 15:3

He is Eternal –

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. John 17:5

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:13

He is the Creator of all things –

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. Colossians 1:16

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. Hebrews 1:2

He also says, In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. Hebrews 1:10 (Here the context is speaking about Jesus, the Son.)

He is the “I AM” - the Yahweh of the Old Testament - John 8:58 – Before Abraham existed, I AM.

Even God the Father calls the Son, God –

But about the Son he says, Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. Hebrews 1:8

VIII. JESUS CHRIST AND HIS INCARNATION

The Son of God, became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary in her virginity, and is 100% truly Man and 100% truly God. These two natures are joined in one person. (Matthew 1:23, 16:16; Luke 1:34, 35; John 1:14, 3:16, 17; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:6, 8; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 2:14, 17).

The Son of God, Jesus Christ is one with the Father, but is not the same person as the Father and the Spirit.

I and [my] Father are one. John 10:30

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" John 8:58

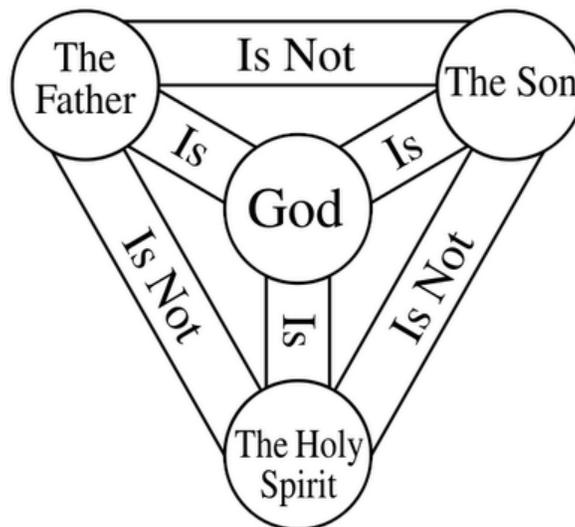
that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:21

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3

Analogies of the Trinity from natural objects all tend to break down at some point.

One analogy/illustration of the Trinity is the egg. It is ONE whole egg, but consisting of three identifiable parts – the shell, the white and the yolk. Each of the parts is essential in order to be a complete egg. Each part is not the same as the other parts, yet each part is certainly "egg." This analogy breaks down though, for in the Trinity, the Father, Son and Spirit share the same substance or essence, and each of the Persons is GOD fully and completely, and this is not the case with the egg parts. Each part does not consist of or make up a complete egg. Also each part of the egg has a different "nature" – not so in the Trinity.

Here is a diagram that illustrates the concept of the Trinity:



IX. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

The LORD (Yahweh) and the Holy Spirit are one, making the Holy Spirit deity:

In the book of Isaiah, the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah) is speaking to Isaiah and through him to the people. Acts 28:25 says that it was the Holy Spirit Who was speaking through Isaiah.

Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a

*people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the **LORD** of hosts. Isaiah 6:5*

*They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: **The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said** through Isaiah the prophet: Acts 28:25*

The Holy Spirit (the Spirit of the LORD) is called “GOD” (the God of Israel)

The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. 2 Samuel 23:2

The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: When one rules over men in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God 2 Samuel 23:3

The Holy Spirit has the Attributes of God

Omnipresence (Psalms 139:7)

Omniscience (1 Corinthians 2:10)

_____ (Genesis 1:2)

Eternicity (Hebrews 9:14)

The Holy Spirit is a Person

It is clear that the Holy Spirit has the same attributes as God and is Deity. Therefore, He is a Person, as God the Father and God the Son are Persons.

“The Spirit HIMSELF...” Romans 8:16

The Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for ME...” Acts 13:2 – note the use of the personal pronoun usage even though it is the Holy Spirit speaking.

Other Actions of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit reveals truth (John 16:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come (John 16:8).

The Holy Spirit witnesses to our spirit that we are God’s children (Romans 8:16).

The Holy Spirit gives power to be a witness - believers can and should be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).

The Holy Spirit teaches (John 14:26).

The Holy Spirit produces fruit of character in believers (Galatians 5:22).

The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts and abilities (1 Corinthians 12:1-12).

The Holy Spirit unifies believers (Ephesians 4:3).