

THE TRINITY

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The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are eternal.

1. I am the first, and I am the last (Isaiah 44:6). The everlasting God (Romans 16:26).
2. I am the first and the last (Revelations 1:17). Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting (Micah 5:2).
3. The eternal Spirit (Hebrew 9:14).

The One Eternal is our trust. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms (Deuteronomy 33:27).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost created all things.

1. One God, the Father, of whom are all things (I Corinthians 8:6). The Lord. . . . it is he that hath made us (Psalm 100:3).
2. All things were made by him (the Word, etc.—John 1:3). By him were all things created, (etc.—Colossians 1:16).
3. Who hath measured, etc. – who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord? (Isaiah 40:13). The Spirit of God hath made me (Job 33:4).

The one Almighty is our trust. Commit the keeping of their souls to him, —as unto a faithful Creator (I Peter 4:19).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are omnipresent.

1. Do not I fill the heaven and earth? Saith the Lord (Jeremiah 23:24).
2. Lo, I am with you always (Matthew 28:20).
3. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? (Psalm 139:7).

The One omnipresent God is our trust. He is not far from every one of us; for in him we live, and move and have our being (Acts 17:27, 28).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are incomprehensible and omniscient.

1. No one knoweth the Father, save the Son (Matthew 11:27). Known unto God are all his works, etc. (Acts 15:18).
2. No one knoweth the Son, save the Father (Matthew 11:27). Lord, thou knowest all things (John 21:17).
3. Who being his counsellor hath taught him? (Isaiah 40:13). The Spirit searcheth all things (I Corinthians 2:10).

We worship the One all-seeing God. All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do (Hebrew 4:13).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are true, holy, and good.

1. He that sent me is true (John 7:28). Holy Father. Righteous Father (John 17:11, 25). The Lord is good (Psalm 34:8).
2. I am the truth (John 14:6). The Holy One and the just (Acts 3:14). The good Shepherd (John 10:11).
3. The Spirit of truth (I John 5:6). The Spirit, the Holy One. (John 14:26). Thy Spirit is good (Psalm 143:10)

We adore the One Lord of infinite goodness. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy (Revelation 15:4).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost have each a self-regulating will.

1. Him that worketh all things after the counsel of his own will (Ephesians 1:11).
2. The Son wills to reveal him (Matthew 11:27). Father, I will (John 17:24).
3. Dividing to everyone severally as he wills (I Corinthians 12:11).

We rest on the will of him who alone is Jehovah. The will of the Lord be done (Acts 21:14).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are the fountain of life.

1. With thee is the fountain of life (Psalm 36:9). God hath quickened us (Ephesians 2:4, 5).
2. In him (the Word) was life (John 1:4). The Son quickeneth whom he will (John 5:21).
3. The Spirit is life (Romans 8:10). Born of the Spirit (John 3:8).

We depend on one life-giving God. Love the Lord thy God,...cleave unto him, ...for he is thy life (Deuteronomy 30:20).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost strengthen, comfort, and sanctify us.

1. Thou strengthenedst me with strength in my soul (Psalm 138:3). I will comfort you (Isaiah 66:13). Sanctified by God the Father (Jude 1)
2. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Philippians 4:13). Sanctified in Christ Jesus (I Corinthians 1:2).
3. Strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man (Ephesians 3:16). The Comforter, the Holy Ghost (John 14:26). Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost (Romans 15:16).

We trust in One God for spiritual power. My God, my strength, in whom I will trust (Psalm 18:2).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost fill the soul with Divine love.

1. Every one that loveth him that begat (1 John 5:1). If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15).
2. The love of Christ constraineth us (2 Corinthians 5:14). If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 16:22).
3. I beseech you for the love of the Spirit (Romans 15:30). Your love in the Spirit (Colossians 1:8). The love of the One living and true God characterizes the saint. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart (Deuteronomy 6:5).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost gave the Divine law.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect (Psalm 19:7). The word of our God (Isaiah 40:8). Thus saith the Lord God (Ezekiel 2:4).
2. The law of Christ (Galatians 6:2). The word of Christ (Colossians 3:16). These things saith the Son of God (Revelation 2:18).
3. The law of the Spirit of life (Romans 8:2). Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:21). The Holy Ghost said (Acts 13:2).

The word of One Legislator is the believer's rule. There is one Lawgiver who is able to save (James 4:12).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost dwell in the hearts of believers.

1. I will dwell in them (2 Corinthians 6:16). God is in you of a truth (1 Corinthians 14:25). Our fellowship is with the Father (1 John 1:3).
2. Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith (Ephesians 3:17). Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). Our fellowship..... with his Son Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3).
3. The Spirit dwelleth with you, and shall be in you (John 14:17). The communion of the Holy Ghost (2 Corinthians 13:14).

The contrite heart receives One Divine guest. Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, I dwell with him that is of a contrite and humble heart (Isaiah 57:15).

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are, each by himself, the supreme Jehovah and God.

1. I am Jehovah thy God (Exodus 20:2). Thou, Lord, art most High for evermore (Psalm 92:8).
2. Jehovah our God (Isaiah 40:3 with Matthew 3:3). The Highest (Luke 1:76 with Matthew 11:10).
3. Jehovah God (Ezekiel 8:1, 3). The Highest (Luke 1:35).

The One supreme Lord God is our God for ever and ever. Jehovah, our Elohim, One Jehovah (Deut. 6:4).

From this brief comparison, which might be elaborated at far greater length, Scripture assures us that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, have the same Divine attributes, concur with a mind and will and heart, personally independent but unitedly harmonious, in the same Divine acts, and are addressed by the same Divine names. And further, we learn that our trust is not dispersed or confused by this co-equal Godhood of the Sacred Three: but that (a way of access being opened in the gospel through the revelation of the Father in Christ by the Spirit) we rest on, we worship, and we love One God. Thus, these Three are One.

