

## What We Believe About The Trinity – There is One God in Three Persons

*‘The Trinity is not easily explained but it is necessary to confess because God has revealed it.’*

- There is one God.
- The Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God.
- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not the same Person.

### The Biblical Foundation of the Trinity

The word ‘Trinity’ does not appear in Scripture, but the concept is declared throughout.

#### There is Only One God

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5

#### The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are Each God

The Father is God – Genesis 1:1; 1 Peter 1:2

The Son is God – John 1:1; Colossians 2:9

The Holy Spirit is God – Acts 5:3-4

#### The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are Distinct Persons

Example 1: The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:16-17)

Example 2: The Creation of the World (Nehemiah 9:6; 1 Corinthians 8:6; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17; Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4)

### What The Trinity Is (God is one in essence, but three in person)

- There is only one God, not three. (Isaiah 45:5)
- God exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- God is one ‘what’ and three ‘whos.’ He is one in essence. He is three in persons.

### What the Trinity Is Not (common errors)

- Not Modalism – One person but three roles (the “God is like water: liquid, solid and gas” illustration)
- Not Partialism – Three parts making up one God (the egg and 3-leaf clover illustrations)
- Not Tri-theism – Three separate Gods (like triplets)

