

## THE TRINITY

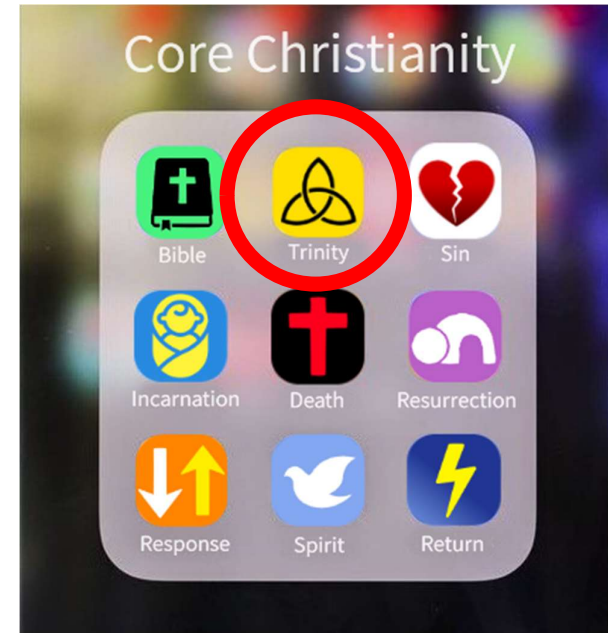
### Introduction

#### 1. God has revealed himself as Trinity

#### 2. What difference does any of this make?

- a) The Trinity grows us in humility.
- b) The Trinity explains why relationships are the most important thing in life.
- c) The Trinity models what our relationships should look like.
- d) The Trinity models what society should look like.
- e) The Trinity makes salvation possible.

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- 2. We believe in the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.

圣父、圣子和圣灵互为一体，同是一位神。



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This semester we are examining 9 beliefs that are at the centre of Christian faith. They are a summary of “Core Christianity”. In this second study we are thinking about God as Trinity.

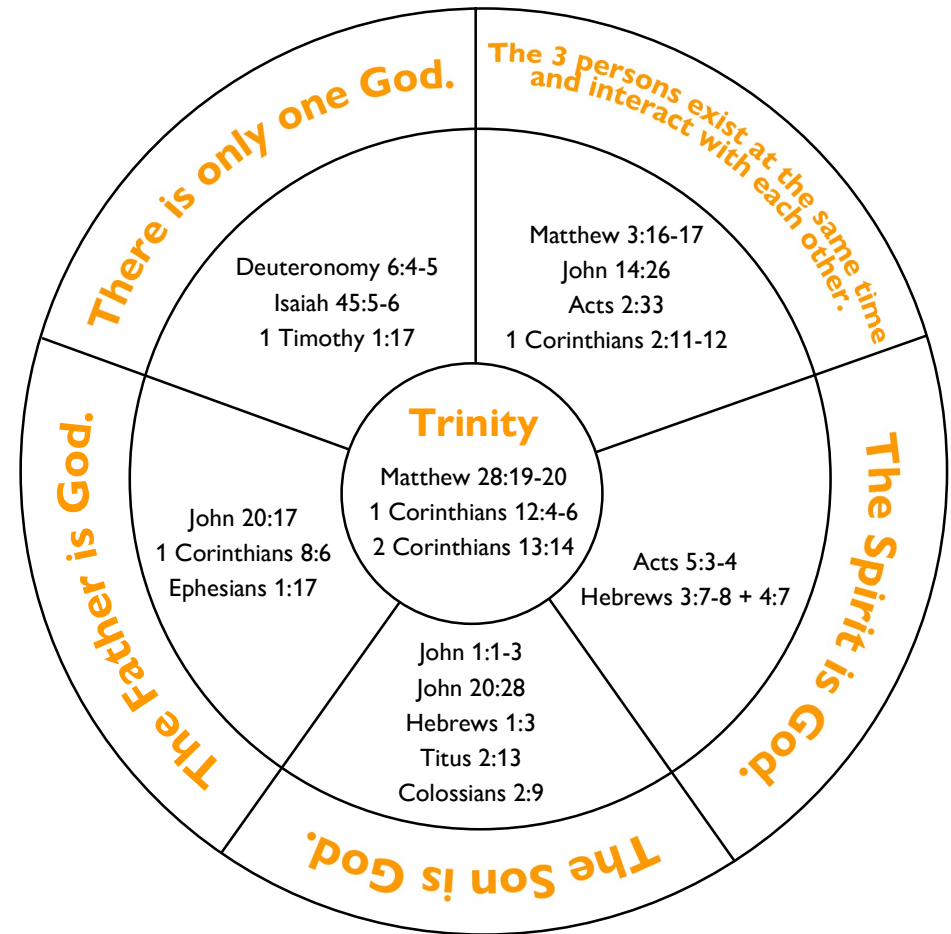
The word ‘Trinity’ does not appear in the Bible but it is a term that Christians use to describe the unique being of God. It is a shorthand way of saying “Three persons eternally existing as one God” (or a ‘Tri-unity’). God is not a simple being but a complex relational being.

Where did the idea of the Trinity come from? Well, it came from Jesus. We know that Jesus is God from his claims and actions. Yet he often spoke about his heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit. He was clearly speaking of divine persons other than himself, yet at the same time agreed that there is only one God.

How can there be three persons and just one God? Doesn’t that make it three gods instead of one? The problem lies in how we think about beings and how beings exist. We think in terms of our own categories as humans. For us, each person has a body. If there are three persons there has to be three bodies housing those three persons and therefore making them three separate people. That makes sense for us, but it fails when we try to apply it to God. The problem is that we are talking about God in these human categories.

The way the Bible speaks about God is that he is a complex God. Not just existing alone in eternity feeling very sorry for himself. No, he is a God who is in relationship within himself. Notice the distinction, He is not in love with himself. He is the Father, Son and Spirit relating in perfect love and unity for all eternity. Love unites the three persons. There are not three gods but one God. The persons are distinct but not separate; they are united but not fused together. This will always be difficult for us to understand. God is unique, and very different to us.

In today’s study we are going to look at the biblical evidence for the Trinity. In the talk we will focus on why the Trinity is important and significant.



All the above statements are clearly true from the Bible. Christians believe that God is a Trinity because that is what He has revealed about himself in the Bible.

What questions do you still have about the Trinity?