

# Focus Bible Study



Father, Son and Spirit  
eternally existing as one  
God in loving relationship.

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## Who is God?

In the previous weeks, we have answered the questions of God's existence and the reliability of the Bible so we are now in a fantastic position to answer the question of Who is God? It may be good to know that God exists but it is far more important to know what God is like.

### **Discussion.**

If someone asked you the question "Who is God and what is He like?" How will you answer it?

### **New Testament. (~20 – 25 min)**

The Trinity is one of the harder aspects of Christianity. But it is also one of the most important things to understand about God. The term "Trinity" doesn't occur in the Bible but it captures the concept that God is one God and at the same time three persons. We have to think of God as trinity because Jesus himself speaks of God as Father, Son and Spirit. At the same time Jesus affirms that there is only one God. Jesus is not contradicting himself but showing us the complex relationship that exists within God.

### **Read John 1:1-3,14**

How does the author introduce God?

Who is present in the beginning?

How many Gods are there? What is the difficulty with this passage?

Who came into the world? Who did not come into the world?

**Read John 14:6-11.**

What is the relationship between Jesus and the Father?

In what ways are Jesus and the Father equal?

In what ways are Jesus and Father not the same?

According to Jesus, how can we know the Father?

**Read John 14:15-17, 25-26**

What is the relationship between the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

In what ways are they equal?

In what ways are they not the same?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit ?

*Implications of the Trinity for our relationship with God.*

**Read John 14:18-24**

How is our relationship with God expressed? V15.

How is love and obedience connected together? V24

How does Jesus' love for His Father become the model for our relationship with God?

## **What is the Trinity ?**

Here is a simple summary statement of a profound God.  
*God is three persons eternally existing as one God in a loving relationship.*

There is nothing in this world that we can compare this to but a helpful way to understand God is to think in terms of relationship. Three perfect persons united in love as one being.

## **Why is the Trinity important ?**

There are many significant implications for us. Discuss the following.

### *1. God is Love.*

Before anything existed, the Father, Son and Spirit was united as one God by love. How does this answer the charge that God created human beings because he felt lonely and needed some companionship? How does the Trinity make sense that life is about relationships and loving the other person rather than just consuming ?

### *2. God loves us because he is love.*

God loves us not because we are attractive or lovable but because he is essentially other person centered. He loves us because his very nature is love. How does this answer the charge that we have to earn God's love?

### *3. The Father sends the Son to die for our sins. The Spirit renews our hearts to accept Jesus.*

How does the Trinity work together to save humanity? What are the different roles?

## **Application.**

What does it mean for us to have a God who is love? How does it affect our lives and our relationships?