



Is Jesus Christ God? What is the Trinity?

“Have you ever tried to figure out this Trinity thing? Some say it’s like a circle or a triangle. Seriously, some even try and say it’s kind of like an egg. Three persons. Does that mean they are equal? What’s the deal with the Trinity? If Jesus is a part of the Trinity, would that make Him co-equal with God? This is so hard to understand. I wish someone could explain it to me so that it would make sense.”

Explaining the Trinity is tough, but don’t shy away from learning about it. First of all, we need to approach the Trinity, not from a perspective that wants to solve and separate it, but instead, with a heart that desires to know God and the way He works.

This is what Dr. James White says about the Trinity: “The doctrine of the Trinity is simple – that there is one eternal being of God – indivisible and infinite. This one being of God is shared by three co-equal, co-eternal persons: the Father, the Son and the Spirit.” There is one, and only one God – eternal and unchanging. The Trinity is made up of three eternal Persons described in Scripture. These three persons are never identified as one in the same; meaning that they are clearly differentiated as Persons.

We also need to remember that each Person of the Trinity is identified in Scripture as being full deity. The Bible teaches the Deity of Christ, Deity of the Father and the Deity of the Holy Spirit; all are Holy, all are God. They are separate Persons, with different responsibilities, but all Three are God.

As Christians, we have to be careful to remember that Jesus isn’t just a man, or a helper of God, but that He IS God. This is the difference between Christianity and all other religions. Many religions will say that Jesus was a good man, a prophet, a teacher, but no other religion besides Christianity will say that Jesus Christ is God, in full deity. In John 10:30 Jesus says, *“I and the Father are one.”*

Jesus is God – they are One. This truth is at the very core of our salvation. Jesus is the only mediator between humanity and our Holy God. Without Jesus, we have no means of salvation. If Jesus isn’t God, He has no power over death, and He is just another martyr.

The fact that Jesus, God, came to earth is an amazing gift for us. It tells us that He wants to know us, and is not distant. It shows us the magnitude of His love for us, and attributes about Him that we couldn’t possibly imagine. Our God is not a God above us that wants to be far away. He wants to be next to us, and know us personally, and came down from heaven to prove it. Do you see Jesus as merely a friend, or do you believe that He is God?

John 1:1-4, 14 *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”*