

We Believe... One God, Three Persons

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Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1

3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

1. GOD, THE FATHER: THE CREATOR WHO LOVES YOU

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

1 John 4:10

This is love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

2. GOD, THE SON: THE SAVIOR WHO REDEEMS YOU

Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

John 19:30

... Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

3. GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE HELPER WHO EMPOWERS YOU

John 14:16-17

16 "... I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

Acts 1:8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

John 16:13

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."

CONCLUSION:

Matthew 28:19

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

One God in three Persons, working in perfect unity—

- The Father loves you,
- The Son saves you,
- The Spirit lives in you.