

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Within the triune nature of God, each person of the Trinity is distinct from the others. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each have important traits, attributes, and roles. Three persons, united as One. As followers of Jesus Christ, we must accept the Trinity as a mystery. Yet, we can study Scripture to better understand the nature of each person of the Trinity and the awesome phenomena of their unity as One. Together, let's discuss what this reality means for our faith, what we believe, and how it transforms our worship and daily Christian living.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Which person of the Trinity (Father, Son, or Holy Spirit) do you feel you know the most about? Why do you think that is?
- Is discussing or studying the Trinity an academic and theoretical exercise or practical exercise with implications for your daily faith and life? Why?



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READ [Deuteronomy 1:31](#), [Psalm 103](#), [Matthew 6:9-14, 25-34](#), [John 1:1-3](#), [Hebrews 4:15-16](#), [Philippians 2:5-8](#), [2 Corinthians 13:14](#), [Genesis 1:2](#), [John 14:16-17](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- We call God “Father” because it is his nature to love, care, provide, discipline, and guide. Where do you see evidence of God’s fatherly nature in your daily life? What does it mean to you that God intimately cares for you and desires a relationship with you?
- In segment 2, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney discuss the attributes of God the Son with guest Sue Rozeboom. Jesus is fully divine and fully human. He humbled himself and identified with us to reconcile us with God through his act of salvation. How are you growing in your relationship with God the Father that Jesus, God the Son, made possible as our Messiah?
- In segment 3, Scott says that the Western church often uses the shape of a triangle to represent the Trinity while the Eastern Orthodox Church represents the Trinity with a circle. Think about those shapes. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of each representation?
- Darrell, Scott, and Sue detailed some of the work of the Spirit within the Trinity: he inspired the writing of Scripture, manifests God’s love to us, gives us the gift of faith, empowers the fruits of the Spirit in our transformed lives, gives believers spiritual gifts, and binds believers together. Where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in your life and the life of your community right now?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Psalm 68:5](#), [Hebrews 12:5-11](#), [Psalm 32:8](#), [Romans 8:14-17](#), [Romans 5:8](#), [2 Corinthians 13:14](#)

CONCLUSION

In segment 3, Scott mentions the “economy of salvation,” the idea that there is one God who is the creator and redeemer, but each person within the Triune God makes specific contributions to our salvation. Reflect on the character and roles of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit discussed in this episode. How does our understanding inform our prayers and worship? Close your time in prayer, praising God, and thanking each person of the Godhead for your salvation and their role in it.

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