



TRINITY

*"We believe that the Godhead exists co-equally and co-eternally in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and that these three are one God, sovereign in creation, providence and redemption."
(Elim Pentecostal Church)*

*"We believe in the unity of the One True and Living God who is the Eternal, Self-Existent "I AM", Who has also revealed Himself as One being co-existing in three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit."
(AoG Pentecostal Church)*

"We believe and trust in one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit." (Anglican Church)

"We believe in the one true God who lives eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Evangelical Alliance)

"I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit..." (Apostles' Creed)

INTRODUCTION:

The Trinity = 1 God with 3 Persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

Each are FULLY God (not a part of Him) so each person has all the attributes of God:

- Eternal – without beginning or end
- All Powerful (omnipotent) – total unlimited power. God of the impossible
- All Knowing (omniscient) – knows all things
- Everywhere (omnipresent) – He occupies every part of creation
- Each Person of the One God are involved in Creation and Salvation

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

In your relationship with God, do you find it easier to relate to One Person more than the other Two? Which Person and why?

Do you find it more difficult to relate to One Person more than the other Two? Which Person and why?

GOD THE FATHER

Do you find the title 'Father' positive or negative?

What are the attributes of a Father?

How does our culture affect the way we relate to God as a Father? How might this be different for other cultures and/or generations?

GOD THE SON

How do you picture Jesus?

Has your image been influenced by paintings or the cinema?

Does the title 'Son' imply that Jesus is inferior to the Father?

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Bible uses different images to describe the Holy Spirit. Make a list of as many as you can think of.

How do each of these images help us to understand Holy Spirit and what He does?