

Who is God?

Father, Son, and Spirit

Thinking about the nature of God and ultimately who He is can raise many questions in the mind. As a whole, there are a number of varied beliefs when it comes to the concept of God or deity. Around this world that God created, societies over the ages have debated different theories of “what”, “who”, or “how many” when it comes to understanding “God”. But, that amazing God has not left us to simply wonder. For as much as our created minds are able to comprehend, He has revealed His true nature to us (*John 4:24*). We see it through the very creation around us and by way of His long-preserved word (*2 Tim.3:16*).

A. What is the Godhead?

1. There is plurality of persons.

⇒ *Gen. 1:26* – “Let _____ make man in _____ image...”

⇒ *Eph. 4:4-6* – “There is one body and one _____ - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one _____, one faith, one baptism, one _____ and _____ of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

⇒ *Matt.3:16-17* – “And when _____ was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the _____ of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a _____ from heaven said, “This is my _____, with whom I am well pleased.”

2. If God is The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit - how can three be one? (*1 Cor. 12:12-20*)

B. God – The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit

1. The Father is not the Son and the Son is not the Father (*John 20:17; 1 Pet.1:3; 2 John 3; 1 John 1:3*)

2. The Father is not the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is not the Father (*John 14:16-17; John 14:26; Rom. 8:26*)

3. The Son (Jesus) is not the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is not Jesus (*John 15:26; Acts 10:38*)

4. All are God:

⇒ Father – *John 3:16; John 8:42; Matt.6:9*

⇒ Son (Jesus) – *John 1:1; John 1:14; Heb.1:8; Titus 2:13-14; John 20:28*

⇒ Holy Spirit – *Acts 5:3-4*

C. The mindset of the world vs. biblical teaching

1. Worldly concept of “many gods” (*Acts 17:22-23; Gal.4:8; 1 Cor.8:4-7; Acts 19:26; 14:11; Ex.20:3*)

2. Biblical truth of the one, true God (*Isa.43:10; 45:6; 45:18*)

3. One God – three persons – total agreement (*Eph.3:8-10; Col.1:15-20*)