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## Beliefs - The Trinity

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At Gods Purpose Ministries, our beliefs are pretty simple. But instead of just listing them for you, we decided to let you discover them for yourselves as you enjoy some short, very inspiring, and informative messages about the Nature of God, the Trinity, the love of Jesus, man, sin, salvation, prayer, and God's greatest purpose for your life. Listen, read, and enjoy.

# The Trinity

**Deuteronomy 6:4-** "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God He is One." This scripture has been quoted to me many times years ago by Jehovah's Witnesses and others who do not believe in the trinity (or tri-unity of God). This scripture was supposed to support their beliefs 1) in a solitary God (mono-theism), 2) that Jesus is not God, and 3) that the Holy Spirit is just a force and not a person in the Godhead. It is very interesting that many years later, I would do a word study of the word ONE in this particular scripture, just to find out that this scripture actually supports the triune nature of God.



The Crucifixion Experience

There are 2 Hebrew words for "ONE" that could have been used here in Deut. 6:4 to describe God. The first is the more common word for "one" which is *yachid* (yaw-kheed'). It means one, only, solitary one, one singular, and only one. Here is a list of some of the literal translations of this word found in the NASB... lonely, only, only son, one and child, one, and only one.

The other word is ***echad*** (ekh-awd'). It means one, but it can be translated as one made of several, union, unit, or a group making up one, one made up of several parts. Here is a list of some of the literal translations of this word found in the NASB...

alike, all at once, alone, altogether, another, another into one, any, any one, any\*, anyone\*, apiece, certain, certain man, each, each one, each other, each\*, eleven\*, eleventh\*, every, everyone, few, first, forty-first\*, forty-one\*, numbered, once, once\*, one, one and on another, one and the other, one at the other, one can him who, one the other, one to another, one will to another, one another, one thing, one thing to another, one-tenth, one-tenth for each, only, other, other was one, outermost\*, same, same one, single, some, thirty-first\*, thirty-one\*, together, twenty-first, twenty-one, uniformly\*, unique, unison, unit, united, whom.

Which one of these 2 words do you think is used in the foundational Hebrew scripture in Deuteronomy 6:4? **Echad.**

If God wanted to his people to know Him as a singular solitary God, why did He not inspire and preserve His word to say so? **Why did He use the word echad instead of yachid?**

There is no doubt that there is only one God. He is the true and the living God and besides Him, there is no other. **BUT He has chosen to reveal Himself to man in 3 separate, equal, and distinct persons.** This is probably so we can more easily understand Him. It is not surprising that God, in all His vastness, would need to try to simplify Himself for us. Even though I know some of us think we are so smart.

Listen to what God says in **Isaiah 55:8-9:**

**"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.**

**"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."**

It should not surprise us that the concept and fullness of God is at least a little complex for our finite and fleshly minds to comprehend.

**God the Father** (Yahweh) is the Head of the Godhead, He is the initiator. He is that great "I Am".

**God the Son** (Jesus) is the Creator and the Word (John 1:1-3 & 5), and the Redeemer of fallen creation (John 3:16).

**God the Holy Spirit** is the Comforter (John 14:15-17 and 14:26) and Revealer of all truth. He was left here with mankind after Jesus left in bodily form. (John 16:13). Notice that Jesus always refers to the Holy Spirit as "**He**".

God always has been and He always will be. He is eternal. He does not change, He does not grow, He does not need to improve, evolve, or adapt. He is perfect in all His ways. He is all powerful, all knowing, and ever present (Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent). **All 3 persons in the Godhead have always existed, exist now and will always exist. All 3 persons of the Godhead have been manifested throughout human history in both New and Old Testaments.**

Creation for example... God (the Father) spoke. His Word (Jesus) created everything, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**For those who doubt that Jesus is God**, please check out the series "**Who is Jesus?**" Part 1, 2, & 3.

**For those who doubt that the Holy Spirit is God**, please read John 14 and notice that every time Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "He".

Next read the Story of Ananias and Saphira in Acts Chapter 5. Especially verse 3 "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.**" Peter just said that the Holy Spirit is God.

LAST SCRIPTURE: 1 John 5:7 (KJV): "There are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

I know this is a long message, but one could write a book about this topic and still not cover it completely. I hope this helps someone, God bless you as you seek not just to know more about Him but to know Him more.

**God bless you, Pastor George Williams**

## Cited Scriptures

- **Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
- **Isaiah 55:8-9** For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- **John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- **John 1:5** And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- **John 14:15-17** If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that **He** may abide with you for ever; [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth **Him** not, neither knoweth **Him**: but ye know **Him**; for **He** dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- **John 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **He** shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- **John 16:13** Howbeit when **He**, the Spirit of truth, is come, **He** will guide you into all truth: for **He** shall not speak of **Himself**; but whatsoever **He** shall hear, that shall **He** speak: and **He** will shew you things to come.