

God is ONE	... and yet a TRINITY	
<p>- God is spirit (John 4:24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no physical restraints, immaterial - invisible, unseen (Acts 17:24; 1 Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:27) <p>- He is to be worshipped</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in spirit - sincerely, wholeheartedly - directed by the Holy Spirit - in truth - truthfully, with integrity - according to what is true <p>- God has the traits of personhood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He is self aware (Exodus 3:14) - He reasons, understands, thinks (Ps. 92:5; 33:11; 139:17) - He wills, plans, purposes and chooses (Isa. 14:27; 46:9-10) - He has emotions and is relational (Rom. 5:8-10; 2 Cor. 5:18-20) <p>- there ever has been, is now and always will be, only one God (Isa. 43:10; Isa. 44:6; 1 Cor. 8:4)</p> <p>- there is no one to whom He may be compared - He has no equal (Isa. 46:5)</p> <p>- God is <u>one</u> = 259 אֶחָד <i>echad</i> (Deut. 6:4-5) = a unity that allows for plurality</p>	<p>1) The Trinity is one God who exists in three Persons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God "Elohim" is a plural noun (Gen. 1:1) - God speaks of/"to Himself" using the plural pronoun (Gen. 1:26, 3:22, 11:7; Isa. 6:8) <p>2) Each member of the Trinity is God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Father is God (Rom. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:2) - the Son is God (Jn. 1:1,14; Rom. 9:5; Heb. 1:8) - the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 3:16) <p>3) All three are linked together equally (Matt. 28:19; 1 Pet. 1:1-2)</p> <p>4) The three are distinct from each other (Isa. 48:16, 61:1)</p> <p>e.g. Jesus does not consider Himself to be the Father or the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17)</p> <p>5) Within the Trinity there is a kind of hierarchy or order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Son is subordinate to the Father (Luke 22:42; John 5:36, 1 John 4:14) - the Holy Spirit subjects Himself to the Father and the Son (John 14:26, 15:26, 16:7,13-14) 	<p>6) The individual members of the Trinity have different roles or functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for example: → in creation (1 Cor. 8:6; John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17; Ps. 104:24, 30) → in the revelation of truth (Rev. 1:1; John 1:1, 16:12-15; Eph. 3:4-5; 2 Per. 1:21) → in salvation (John 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:19; Matt. 1:21; Titus 3:5; 1 Pet. 1:2) <p>7) How a Godhead of three distinct Persons can exist as one God is beyond our ability to understand. So we simply worship and acknowledge that He alone is God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</p> <div data-bbox="1396 990 2026 1510" style="text-align: center;"> </div>