



# ESSENTIAL **CHRISTIAN** DOCTRINES

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# Essential Doctrines

All Scriptures are quoted from the New American Standard Bible.

- Are CLEARLY taught in the Bible.
- Must be BELIEVED in order to be saved.

“...for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation...”  
*Romans 10:8-11*

**Believe – pisteuo**  
 To be CONVINCED of,  
 To have CONFIDENCE in,  
 To ENTRUST oneself to.

- If NOT Believed then a person is NOT saved.

**Not Believed – to REJECT or to DENY.**

“...because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them...”  
*Romans 1:18-20*

*(Psalm 19:1-2, John 3:18, Romans 10:14-18, John 16:8-11, Luke 1:39-44, Jeremiah 1:4-5)*

**GOD has MADE Himself EVIDENT to every person ever conceived or born; whereby, the EXCUSE of not knowing GOD is not possible and can only result to either REJECTING or DENYING or ACCEPTING what GOD has already revealed and continue to reveal.**

# Basis for Essential Doctrines

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...”

*Romans 1:16*

“Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand... For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

*1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

“Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’”

*Mark 12:29-30*

**Gospel – *euaggelion* – good news/good tidings/  
proclamation of the grace of GOD.**

**First importance/foremost – *protos* – first in time/space/  
rank/influence/honor.**

## The Gospel is JESUS CHRIST

### The Reason for the Gospel... GOD'S LOVE.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

*John 3:16*

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us...”

*1 John 3:16*

## **Eternal Life is JESUS CHRIST**

### **The Reason for the Gospel... CHRIST'S HUMILITY.**

“No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

*John 10:18*

“Being found in the appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

*Philippians 2:8*

## **Salvation is JESUS CHRIST**

### **The Reason for the Gospel... OUR NEED.**

“There is none righteous... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

*Romans 3:10-23*

“For the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

*Romans 6:23*

## **The Gospel is JESUS CHRIST**

### **The Sole Saviour... JESUS CHRIST.**

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”

*John 14:6*

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

*Acts 4:12*

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”

*Matthew 11:28*

# I. Hypostatic Union of JESUS CHRIST



Uniqueness of JESUS CHRIST

CHRIST the GOD-man.

Son of GOD & Son of man.

*(Romans 1:1-4)*

**JESUS CHRIST is FULLY God  
and PERFECT man  
at the same time.**

## A. Significance... Son of GOD

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

*John 3:16*

**Begotten – *monogenes* – one of a kind.**

“Begotten” does not mean created.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things came into being through Him... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth... For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father He has explained Him.”

*John 1:1-18*

*(Genesis 1:1, Colossians 2:9, Titus 2:11-13, 2 Peter 1:1)*

**JESUS CHRIST is GOD.**

## A. Significance... Son of GOD

“We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.”

*John 6:69*

“The angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the Holy Child shall be called the Son of God.” *Luke 1:35*

“For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.”

*John 5:18*

*(Matthew 8:29, 14:33, 16:16, 26:63-64, John 17:1)*

**JESUS CHRIST as the Son of GOD pertains  
to His HOLINESS as GOD.**

## B. Significance... Son of Man

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” *Mark 10:45*

**Man – *anthropos* – human being.**

In His humanity, JESUS CHRIST...

Hungered – *Matthew 4:2*

Thirsted – *John 19:28*

Became Tired – *John 4:6*

Was Tempted – *Mark 1:13, James 1:13, Hebrews 4:15*

Bled – *John 19:34*

Died – *Luke 23:46*

*(Hebrews 2:17-18)*

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” *Philippians 2:5-8*

**Grasped – *harpagmos* – asserted or utilized.**

**Emptied – *kenoo* – lay aside one’s privileges.**

**Bond-servant – *doulos* – willing servant.**

**The HUMANITY of CHRIST had a beginning  
but He Himself is ETERNAL.**

### **C. Significance... Son of GOD and Son of Man**

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.”

*Colossians 2:9*

**Deity – *theotes* – the state of being GOD.**

**Bodily form – *somatikos* – corporal/material.**

*(John 4:24, Romans 9:5, Matthew 1:23)*

**JESUS CHRIST is GOD in the FLESH.**

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

*John 1:29*

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.”

*Revelation 5:12*

“Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.”

*Hebrews 9:22-28*

### **C. Significance... JESUS CHRIST the GOD-man**

**Son of GOD PERTAINS to the  
holiness of His DEITY.**

**Son of Man PERTAINED to  
the humility of His HUMANITY.**

**JESUS CHRIST ALONE  
FULFILLED the HOLY SACRIFICE  
required by the Law for the forgiveness of sins.**

*(Hebrews 10:1-18 & John 14:6)*



## II. Death of CHRIST



### A. Significance... Substitution

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

*Romans 5:8*

for – *huper/hoo-per* – in behalf of.

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

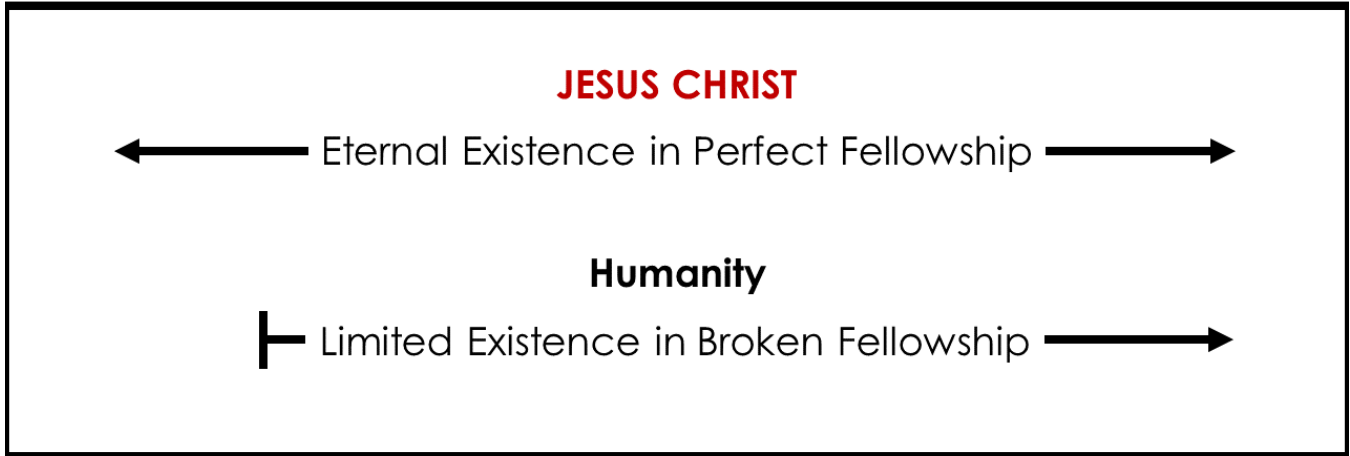
*Matthew 20:28*

for – *anti/an-tee* – in place of.

**CHRIST did NOT suffer the EXACT punishment that WE deserve for OUR sins, which is eternity in HELL, but He did suffer the SEVERITY of punishment that OUR sins DESERVE.**

*(Acts 2:22-24 & Philippians 2:5-11)*

**A. Significance... Substitution**



**JESUS' eternal DIVINITY and transcendent HOLINESS surpasses mankind's TEMPORAL humanity and TOTAL depravity.**

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” *2 Corinthians 5:21*

In place of + In behalf of

**The death of CHRIST was completely in PLACE of us and on our BEHALF.**

## B. Significance... Propitiation

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”  
*1 John 4:10*

“and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”  
*1 John 2:2*

**Propitiation – *hilasterion* – Satisfactory Sacrifice.**

**Atonement – *kaphar/kippur* – to cover.**

*(Exodus 30:10, John 1:29)*

“Whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed”  
*Romans 3:25*

“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”  
*Hebrews 10:4*

“...He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.”  
*1 John 3:5*

“According to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”  
*Hebrews 9:22*

“For this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”  
*Matthew 26:28*

*(John 1:29, Romans 6:23, 8:1-4)*

**The death of CHRIST completely  
SATISFIED the LAW of GOD for our sake.**

## B. Significance... Propitiation

“He was led as a sheep to slaughter; and as a Lamb before its Shearer is silent, so He does not open His mouth.”

*Acts 8:32*

“My God, My God, Why have You forsaken Me?”

*Matthew 27:46*

“As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied”

*Isaiah 53*

“It is finished”

*John 19:30*

**The death of CHRIST completely  
SATISFIED the WRATH of GOD for our sake.**

“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”

*Romans 5:9*

“It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

*Hebrews 10:29-31*

“...but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

*John 3:16-36*

*(1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, 5:9-10)*

**In the crucifixion of CHRIST, the Scripture reveals  
the absolute SUBMISSION, SEVERITY, and SUFFICIENCY  
of His death on the cross for our sake.**

*(Matthew 26:38-39, Mark 15:33-34, Luke 23:46, Hebrews 5:7-9)*

## C. Significance... Reconciliation

“For while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” *Romans 5:10*

**Reconciled – *katallasso* – return to favour.**

“Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” *2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

**Only because of the DEATH of CHRIST on the cross, which served as SUBSTITUTION and PROPITIATION for our sake, is RECONCILIATION with GOD possible only through faith in JESUS CHRIST ALONE.**

**People need to be reconciled TO GOD.**

**Only Christians are reconciled TO GOD.**

**All Christians have been given the MINISTRY of RECONCILIATION.**

*Romans 1:18-20*

## D. Significance... Redemption

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace” *Ephesians 1:7*

**Redemption – *apolutrosis* – A release effected by payment**

“For the wages of sin is death...”

*Romans 6:23*

*(Romans 8:1-2)*

“When you were dead in your transgressions... He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having anceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

*Colossians 2:13-14*

*(Galatians 4:4-5)*

**Payment was made by CHRIST for our DEBT to GOD.**

“For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.”

*Romans 14:9*

*(2 Peter 2:1, Philippians 2:8-11, John 5:22-23)*

**Payment was made by CHRIST  
for His LORDSHIP over all creation.**

“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”

*Acts 20:28*

**Purchased – *peripoieomai* – payment for personal ownership**

*(1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Titus 2:13-14, Romans 8)*

**Payment was made by CHRIST  
for His OWNERSHIP of the Church/Christians.**

**D. Significance... Redemption**

Payment was made for our DEBT.

Payment was made for His LORDSHIP.

Payment was made for His OWNERSHIP.

## **Death of CHRIST**

Significance... SUBSTITUTION.

Significance... PROPITIATION.

Significance... RECONCILIATION.

Significance... REDEMPTION.

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

### III. Resurrection of CHRIST



“And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus...” *Acts 4:33*

**Testimony – *marturion* – eyewitness.**

**Resurrection – *anastasis* – rising from the dead.**

“While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst...But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself, touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’” *Luke 24:36-39*

*(Genesis 2:17, Ephesians 2:1-7, Hebrews 7:23-28, 1 Corinthians 15:12-22)*

**Scripture refers to a BODILY RESURRECTION.**

**The Bodily Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST testifies to His All-Sufficiency to save mankind from the SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL judgement for our sins which is death or hell.**



## Evidence of the Resurrection...

### CRUCIFIXION *John 19:31-35*

### EMPTY TOMB *Matthew 28:11-15*

### EYE WITNESSES *1 Corinthians 15:5-8*

“and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.”

*1 Corinthians 15:5-8*

## CHANGED LIVES

**Before** – *Matthew 26:55-56*  
“Then all the disciples left Him and fled.”

**Before** – *Matthew 26:69-75*  
“I do not know the man!”

**Before** – *Acts 8:3 & 9:1-2*  
“Saul began ravaging the church”

**After** – *Acts 8:1*  
“all were scattered...except the apostles”

**After** – *Acts 5:27-42*  
“they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ”

**After** – *Acts 26:1-25*  
“I utter words of sober truths.”

## A. Significance... Justification

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” *Romans 4:25*

### **Justification – *dikaiosis* – to declare righteous**

“More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord... not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.” *Philippians 3:8-11*

“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.” *Acts 17:30-31*

“And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.” *Hebrews 9:27-28*

“For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son” *John 5:22*

**Death of CHRIST:  
Our sins IMPUTED or COUNTED on CHRIST.**

**Resurrection of CHRIST:  
CHRIST’S righteousness IMPUTED or COUNTED  
on Christians.**

**All who believe in JESUS CHRIST  
according to Scripture will be DECLARED righteous on  
the day of Judgement by JESUS CHRIST.**

*(Hebrews 2:17, 7:23-25, 9:23-25, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:21)*

## B. Significance... Adoption

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of will of man, but of God.” *John 1:12-13*

### Right – exousia – Authority, Ability and Liberty

“But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoptions as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba! Father! Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son, then an heir through God.” *Galatians 4:4-7*

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” *Galatians 3:26-28*

## Adoption through FAITH in JESUS CHRIST.

**Believers are given the LIBERTY, AUTHORITY, and ABILITY  
to become children of GOD,  
ONLY through faith in JESUS CHRIST.**

*(Ephesians 1:3-6, Romans 8)*

## C. Significance... Sanctified & Sanctification

“Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth... For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.” *John 17:17-19*

*(1 Corinthians 1:2 & 1 Corinthians 6:11)*

### Significance... Sanctified

“...I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.” *Acts 26:17-18*

**Sanctified – *hagiazō* – to set apart.**

*(Colossians 1:13-14, 1 John 5:19, John 12:31, Matthew 25:41)*

### Significance... Sanctification

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality... For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.” *1 Thessalonians 4:1-8*

**Sanctification – *hagiasmos* – Purification.**

*(2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Peter 1:14-16, Hebrews 12:4-11, 1 John 1:9, Revelation 3:19)*

**C. Significance... Sanctified & Sanctification**

**Christians have been  
SET APART by GOD in JESUS CHRIST.**

**Christians are in the PROCESS  
of PURIFICATION by GOD from sin.**

It can also be said that...

**Christians are SAVED from the PENALTY of sin.**

**Christians are BEING saved from the POWER of sin.**

**Christians WILL BE saved from the PRESENCE of sin.**

## D. Significance... Future Glorification

“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.” *Romans 8:16-17*

**Glorified – *sundoxazo* – to approve together.**

“He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” *Revelation 3:20-21*

And there will no longer be any night; and they will not need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.” *Revelation 22:1-5*

**Christians, in the future,  
will REIGN forever with JESUS CHRIST.**

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory...” *Philippians 3:20-21*

**Christians, in the future, will be given  
a RESURRECTED or GLORIFIED body.**

*(Romans 8:20-23, 1 John 3:2, Acts 1:11)*

“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”

*1 Corinthians 15:42-44*

**Christians, in the future, will experience both PHYSICAL  
and POSITIONAL glorification and will experience the  
SURPASSING riches of GOD’S GRACE in JESUS CHRIST.**

*(1 Corinthians 2:9, Ephesians 2:4-7)*

## **Resurrection of Christ**

**Significance... JUSTIFICATION.**

**Significance... ADOPTION.**

**Significance... SANCTIFIED & SANCTIFICATION.**

**Significance... FUTURE GLORIFICATION.**

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” *John 11:25-26*

## IV. **Mystery of the Trinity**



The FATHER is GOD.

The SON is GOD.

The HOLY SPIRIT  
is GOD.

There is only ONE GOD.

There is NOTHING in creation that can  
fully COMPREHEND nor EXPLAIN our Triune GOD.

### A. Significance... the Father is GOD

“To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae; Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you”

*Colossians 1:2-3*

Scripture explicitly states that the Father is GOD over 70 times.



## B. Significance... the Son is GOD

“In the beginning was the Word... the Word was God... the Word became flesh... Jesus Christ.”

*John 1:1-18*

*(Titus 2:11-13, 2 Peter 1:1, Colossians 2:9)*

### The BIBLE declares the DEITY of JESUS CHRIST.

“I and the Father are one.”

*John 10:24-38*

**One – heis/hice – one essence.**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I Am.”

*John 8:53-59*

*(Exodus 3:14)*

“Your sins are forgiven”

*Mark 2:1-12*

### JESUS CHRIST declared His own DEITY.

“God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets...in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world... For to which of the angels did He ever say, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You... and let all the angels of God worship Him’... But of the Son He says, ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever... You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You...’”

*Hebrews 1:1-9*

**GOD the FATHER declared  
the DEITY of JESUS CHRIST.**

## C. Significance... the Holy Spirit is GOD

“But a man named Ananias, with his wife Saphira, sold a piece of property, and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife’s full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles’ feet. But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled you heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain in your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

*Acts 5:1-4*

*(1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19)*

### The BIBLE declares the DEITY of the Holy Spirit.

“But when *He*, the Spirit of truth, comes, *He* will guide you into all the truth; For *He* will not speak on *His* own initiative, but whatever *He* hears, *He* will speak; and *He* will disclose to you what is to come.”

*John 16:11-14*

### The BIBLE reveals His PERSONHOOD.

“Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.”

*Mark 3:28-29*

*(John 16:8-11)*

### Bible mandates REVERENCE for the HOLY SPIRIT.

## D. Significance... there is only One GOD

“Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.” *1 Corinthians 8:4*

“Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.” *Deuteronomy 4:39*

“I Am the Lord, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God...” *Isaiah 45:5*

**The FATHER is GOD.**

**The SON is GOD.**

**The HOLY SPIRIT is GOD.**

**There is ONE GOD.**

## Revelation of our Triune GOD

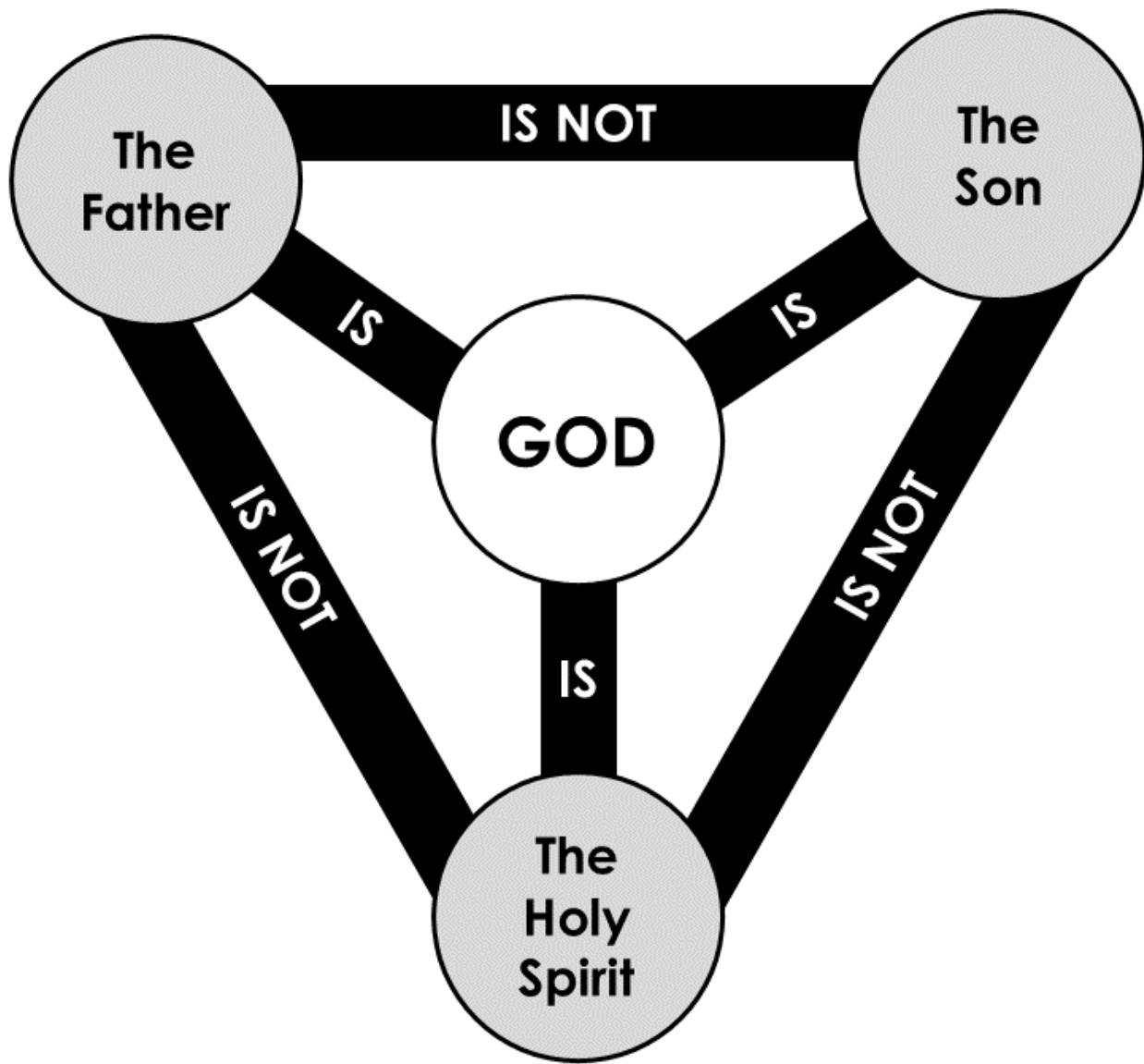
“Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, ‘You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.’” *Luke 3:21-22*

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” *Matthew 28:18-20*

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” *John 14:26*

**The BIBLE reveals our TRIUNE GOD.**

## Description of the Trinity



## Description of the Trinity

Three PERSONS in ONE GOD.

NOT...

Three PERSONALITIES in One GOD.

NOT...

Three GODS acting as One.

Distinct not DIFFERENT.

Distinct not IDENTICAL.

Distinct not DIVIDED.

Co-EQUAL.

Co-ETERNAL.

Co-SUBSTANTIAL.

God

## **SALVATION THROUGH THE TRINITY: Significance... GOD the Father**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” *John 5:24*

**The SON teaches that people must believe in the FATHER.**

“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.” *John 6:40*

**The will of the FATHER is for people to believe in JESUS CHRIST.**

“For God so loved the world...For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.” *John 3:16-18*

“No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.” *John 10:18*

**The FATHER sent His SON because of His LOVE for us.**

## **SALVATION THROUGH THE TRINITY: Significance... GOD the Son**

“...the gospel which I preach to you... by which also you are saved... as of first importance... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”  
*1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

*(Romans 1:16)*

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” *Romans 4:25*

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” *Acts 4:12*

**Only faith in JESUS CHRIST will  
result in SALVATION.**

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us...”

*1 John 3:16*

**The SON went to the CROSS because  
of His LOVE for us.**

## **SALVATION THROUGH THE TRINITY: Significance... GOD the Holy Spirit**

“Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.”

*Mark 3:28-29*

**The SON teaches that people must believe in the HOLY SPIRIT.**

“And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”

*John 16:8-11*

**The HOLY SPIRIT convicts every person in the world of our need to believe in JESUS CHRIST.**

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

*1 Corinthians 6:19*

“...that He may be with you forever... and will be in you.”

*John 14:16-17*

**The Holy Spirit INDWELLS Christians ETERNALLY.**

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you... For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God... The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God”

*Romans 8:11*

**The Holy Spirit ASSURES every BELIEVER that we are CHILDREN of GOD.**



**SALVATION THROUGH THE TRINITY: Significance... GOD the Holy Spirit**

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption”

*Ephesians 4:30*

**Grieve – *lupeo/loo-peh-o* – to cause deep sorrow.**

**Sealed – *sphragizo/sfrag-id-zo* – to authenticate.**

“Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.”

*1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (Romans 5:5)*

**The Holy Spirit INDWELLS every BELIEVER  
because of His LOVE for us.**

## Salvation through the Trinity

The Father SENT the SON because  
of His LOVE for us.

*(John 3:16)*

The Son WENT to the CROSS because  
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The Holy Spirit INDWELLS every BELIEVER  
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*(1 Corinthians 3:16)*

## Work of Salvation of our Triune GOD

“This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement... for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son... and the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”

*1 John 5:6-12*

The Bible reveals the Work of Salvation  
of our TRIUNE GOD.

“who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure... obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”

*1 Peter 1:1-9*

“He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

*Titus 3:5-7*

Christians are saved by GOD alone.

# V. Saved by Grace through Faith



## Significance... By Grace through Faith

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Grace – *charis* – unmerited favour.**

**Faith – *pistis* – conviction of the truth.**

“not of yourselves”

**We had NOTHING to do with our Salvation.**

“by grace”

**GOD ALONE is responsible for our Salvation.**

“through faith”

**Faith in GOD ALONE will result in Salvation.**

## A. Significance...

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”  
*2 Corinthians 4:3-4*

*(John 16:11, Romans 1:18-20)*

**We could not SEE our CONDEMNATION.**

“I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.”  
*John 12:46*

**CHRIST REVEALED to us our CONDEMNATION.**

## B. Significance...

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”  
*Romans 3:23*

“For the wages of sin is death but the free Gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
*Romans 6:23*

**We could not ESCAPE our CONDEMNATION.**

“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God...”  
*1 Peter 3:18*

*(John 3:16 & Titus 2:11-14)*

**CHRIST made SALVATION from our  
 condemnation POSSIBLE.**

## C. Significance...

“There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one seeks God.”

*Romans 3:10-20*

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”

*John 3:19*

**We did not SEEK GOD nor did we DESIRE CHRIST.**

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him and I will raise him up at the last day.”

*John 6:44, 6:65*

**Draws – *helko* – to drag or to impel.**

“I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

*2 Corinthians 7:9-10*

*(John 15:16)*

**GOD MADE Christians COME to CHRIST  
and REPENT from their SINS.**

## D. Significance...

“But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.” *1 Corinthians 2:14*

*(1 Corinthians 1:18-21 & Romans 3:11)*

**We did not have the MIND to understand GOD.**

“And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”

*1 John 5:20*

*(1 Corinthians 1:18, 23-24, Luke 24:45)*

**GOD GAVE Christians the UNDERSTANDING/COMPREHENSION to understand CHRIST.**

## E. Significance...

“Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus is accursed’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.” *1 Corinthians 12:3*

*(Hebrew 11:1, James 1:6)*

**We did not have the FAITH to BELIEVE in JESUS CHRIST.**

“For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake” *Philippians 1:29*

**GOD GAVE Christians the FAITH to believe in JESUS CHRIST.**

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The ASSURANCE of our SALVATION comes from the TRUTH that it is the GIFT of GOD and that we had NOTHING to do with it.

Since there is NOTHING we can do to EARN it or DESERVE it, then there is NOTHING we can do to LOSE it.

*(John 3:16, John 10:27-30, Romans 8)*



# Essential CHRISTian Doctrines

**I. HYPOSTATIC UNION of CHRIST**

**II. DEATH of CHRIST**

**III. RESURRECTION of CHRIST**

**IV. Mystery of the TRINITY.**

**V. By GRACE through FAITH.**

**To GOD be the glory forever and ever. Amen!**