

The Trinity

The word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, it is a Biblical concept revealed in the Bible.

The doctrine of the “Trinity” is that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are One God, each fully God, existent in three distinct persons.

- The first hint of the Triune God is in the very first verse of the Bible.

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

- The word translated “God” in this verse is “Elohim” – this is a uni-plural noun, a compound word: “El” which means God generally, add to this the suffix “im” which indicates the plurality of “God”
- While the use of this word does not translate directly to “trinity” it does indicate a plurality.

Genesis 1:2 “... And “the Spirit of God” moved upon the face of the waters.”

- Here we see a distinction between God the Father, and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit, or the “ruach” – the breath of God moving upon the face of the waters.
- Having established the fact that the Father and the Holy Spirit were present at the beginning, what about Jesus?

John 1:1-3 “¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.”

Revelation 19:13 “And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God.”

Colossians 1:15-18 “¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. ¹⁶For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: ¹⁷And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.”

- Our next clue comes from the creation of man in **Genesis 1:26**.

Genesis 1:26 “And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness:...”

1 John 5:7-8 “⁷For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. ⁸And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”

Isaiah 48:16-17 “¹⁶Come ye near unto Me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and His Spirit, hath sent Me. ¹⁷Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel...”

Numbers 6:24-26 “²⁴The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: (The Father is the giver) ²⁵The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: (The Son, the revealer, full of grace and truth) ²⁶The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”
(The Holy Spirit, Comforter)

Matthew 3:16-17 “¹⁶And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: ¹⁷And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”

2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, and justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

1 Peter 1:2 “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:”

2 Peter 1:2-3 “²Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, ³according as His Divine Power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Revelation 1:4-5 “⁴John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from

the seven Spirits which are before His throne; ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead,..."

- The resurrection of Jesus is ascribed to each person of the Trinity:

John 10:17-18 “¹⁷Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father.”

Acts 2:23-24 “²³Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ²⁴Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it.”

Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit that dwelleth in you.”