

# THE HOLY TRINITY

*Of the 25 Articles of Religion of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the first four deal with the nature of God, and help us to grasp a basic understanding of what we describe as the Holy Trinity.*

## **AMEC Article #1. OF FAITH IN THE HOLY TRINITY**

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; the maker and preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in unity of this God-head, there are three persons of one substance, power and eternity; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

## **AMEC Article #2. OF THE WORD OR SON OF GOD, WHO WAS MADE VERY MAN**

The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the God-head and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and very man, who suffered, was crucified, dead and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

## **AMEC Article #3. OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST**

Christ did truly rise from the dead, and took again his body with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and sitteth until he returns to judge all men at last day.

## **AMEC Article #4. OF THE HOLY GHOST**

The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

## ABOUT THE HOLY TRINITY

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### **1. What is the Trinity?**

The Trinity is three (3) persons in one union; that is, God, the Father, Christ Jesus, His Son, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter are one and the same God acting in three (3) persons. (Example: water is steam, liquid, and ice, but all equal the same H<sub>2</sub>O).

### **2. Why was the doctrine of the Trinity given?**

Many centuries ago, many were attacking the Christian Faith by saying Christians believed in more than one god. They charged Christians professed faith in three gods (Polytheism): God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. To counteract these charges, a group of apologists (defenders of the faith) came together and formed this doctrine of the Trinity to establish the Christian's belief in one God and authenticate the realness and roles of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit as God.

## ***FROM THE "TURNER CATECHISM" CONCERNING "THE PERSONS OF GOD"...***

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| <b>1. Are there more Gods than one?</b><br>There is none other God but one.   | <b>4. Is the Son God?</b><br>Christ is over all, God blessed forever, He is the true God.                                     |
| <b>2. Are there more persons in the Godhead than one?</b><br>There are three persons in the Godhead – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one. | <b>5. Is the Holy Ghost God?</b><br>The Holy Ghost is "the Eternal Spirit."   |
| <b>3. Is the Father God?</b><br>To us there is but one God, the Father.   | <b>6. In what name are Christians baptized?</b><br>In the name of the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. |



# THE TRINITY: A SCRIPTURAL OUTLINE

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## THE INTRODUCTION

“There is but one living and true God. He is the maker and preserver of all things. We experience the one God through three aspects of His personality; namely, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This threefold aspect of God, we call the Holy Trinity.” – The Reverend Andrew White, *Know Your Church Manual*

## A. GOD IN THREE PERSONS.

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### I. There is only ONE God.

#### a. Expressed in the Old Testament:

- **Deuteronomy 4:35,39** You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other... Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.
- **Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
- **Isaiah 45:21** “Declare what is to be, present it-- let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.”

#### b. Expressed in the New Testament:

- **1 Corinthians 8:5,6** For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.
- **Ephesians 4:6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- **1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus
- **James 2:19** You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that-- and shudder.

### II. Hints of a Plurality in God.

#### a. God speaks of himself as “US”:

- **Genesis 1:26,27** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”  
So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- **Genesis 3:22** And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”
- **Genesis 11:7** “Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”
- **Isaiah 6:8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

#### b. Father, Son, and Spirit together:

- **Matthew 3:16,17** As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”
- **Matthew 28:19** “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”
- **John 15:26** “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.”
- **Romans 5:5,6** And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.  
You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.
- **Romans 8:11,16,17** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you... The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

- **1 Corinthians 12:4-6** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.
- **2 Corinthians 13:14** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **Galatians 4:4-6** But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”
- **Ephesians 4:4-6** There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- **1 Thessalonians 1:2-5** We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.  
For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:13** But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.
- **Titus 3:4-6** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior
- **1 Peter 1:2** who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.
- **1 John 4:2** This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God
- **Jude 20,21** But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

### III. Similarities in Persons of God.

#### a. Similar Characteristics of all three:

##### 1. Holiness-

- **Of the Father, John 17:11** “I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name-- the name you gave me-- so that they may be one as we are one.”
- **Of the Son, 1 Corinthians 1:30** It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.
- **Of the Spirit, Romans 1:4** and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

##### 2. Eternity-

- **Of the Father, 1 Timothy 1:17** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- **Of the Son, Hebrews 1:2,3,8** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven... But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.
- **Of the Spirit, Hebrews 9:14** How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

##### 3. All-Knowing-

- **Of the Father, Matthew 6:8,32** “Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.... For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.”
- **Of the Son, John 2:24,25** But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man’s testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.
- **Of the Spirit, 1 Corinthians 2:10,11** but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

##### 4. All-Powerful-

- **Of the Father, Psalm 135:5-7**  
I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.  
The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.  
He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his

storehouses.

- **Of the Son, 1 Corinthians 15:24-27** Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.
- **Of the Spirit, Romans 15:13,19** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.... by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

#### 5. Everywhere present-

- **Of the Father, Jeremiah 23:24** Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.
- **Of the Son, Matthew 28:20** “and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- **Of the Spirit, Psalm 139:7-10**  
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

#### b. Similar Divine Activities of all three:

##### 1. Creating-

- **Of the Father, Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- **Of the Son, John 1:3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- **Of the Spirit, Psalm 104:30** When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

##### 2. Giving of spiritual life-

- **Of the Father, Ephesians 2:4,5** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved.
- **Of the Son, John 10:10** “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
- **Of the Spirit, Ezekiel 37:14** “I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

##### 3. Performing Miracles-

- **Of the Father, 1 Kings 18:38** Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.
- **Of the Son, Matthew 4:23,24** Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them.
- **Of the Spirit, Romans 15:19** by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

##### 4. Teaching-

- **Of the Father, Psalm 71:17** Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. **Isaiah 48:17** This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.”
- **Of the Son, John 13:13** “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.”
- **Of the Spirit, John 14:26** “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

##### 5. Experiencing Grief Because of Sin-

- **Of the Father, Genesis 6:6** The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.
- **Of the Son, Luke 19:41-44** As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-- but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”
- **Of the Spirit, Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**NOTE: There is little debate concerning GOD as Father.  
The questions and controversies come with the GOD as Son and GOD as Spirit.**

## B. JESUS CHRIST AS GOD.

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### I. Christ's Pre-existence with God.

#### a. Asserted in the Old Testament:

- **Isaiah 9:6,7** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.
- **Micah 5:2** "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

#### b. Asserted in the New Testament:

- **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- **Philippians 2:6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped
- **Colossians 1:15-17** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

### II. His relationship with the Father.

#### a. Equal with the Father:

- **John 5:18** For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
- **John 10:33** "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."
- **John 14:9** Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

#### b. One with the Father:

- **John 10:30** "I and the Father are one."
- **John 17:22** "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one"

### III. Divine Nature

#### a. Divine qualities ascribed to him:

- **Has Fullness of God, Colossians 2:9** For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form
- **Was involved in creation, John 1:3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **Colossians 1:16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **Hebrews 1:2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.
- **Has the glory of God, John 1:14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **Hebrews 1:3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
- **Preserves creation, Colossians 1:17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **Hebrews 1:3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
- **Is present everywhere, Matthew 28:20** "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- **Is all-powerful, Matthew 28:18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." **Philippians 3:21** who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.
- **Knows everything, John 2:24,25** But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man. **John 6:61,64** Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?... Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.

- **Is unchanging, Hebrews 1:12** “You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”  
**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- **Has the power to forgive sins, Mark 2:5-11** When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”  
Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”  
Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” He said to the paralytic, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”  
**Luke 7:48** Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”
- **Receives worship from people, Matthew 2:11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.  
**Revelation 5:11-14** Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”  
The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.
- **Receives worship from angels, Hebrews 1:6** And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”
- **We must believe in him as we do in God, John 14:1** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.”  
**Acts 16:31-34** They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-- you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God-- he and his whole family.

b. Divine names ascribed to him:

- **God, John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
**Hebrews 1:8** But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.”  
**1 John 5:20** We know also 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-- even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.
- **God the One and Only, John 1:18** No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.
- **God over all, Romans 9:5** Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.
- **God with us, Isaiah 7:14** “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”  
**Matthew 1:23** “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”-- which means, “God with us.”
- **Our God and Savior, Titus 2:13** while we wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ  
**2 Peter 1:1** Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:
- **Lord, Acts 2:36** “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”  
**Romans 10:9** That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  
**Philippians 2:11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Colossians 2:6** So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him
- **Lord of all, Acts 10:36** You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.
- **Lord and God, John 20:28** Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”
- **Lord and Savior, 2 Peter 1:11** and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
**2 Peter 2:20** If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

**2 Peter 3:18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

- **Lord of glory, 1 Corinthians 2:8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- **Lord of lords, Revelation 17:14** “They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings-- and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”  
**Revelation 19:16** On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
- **Alpha and Omega, Revelation 1:8** “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”  
**Revelation 21:5,6** He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”  
He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.”
- **The Living One, Revelation 1:18** “I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”
- **The Holy One of God, Mark 1:24** “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are-- the Holy One of God!”
- **The Holy and Righteous One, Acts 3:14** “You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.”
- **The “I am”, John 8:58** “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

## C. SPIRIT AS GOD.

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### I. Called God:

- **Luke 1:32,35** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,... The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”
- **Acts 5:3,4** Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”

### II. United with the Father and Son:

- **Matthew 28:19** “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”
- **2 Corinthians 13:14** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### III. Has characteristics of God:

- **Eternal, Hebrews 9:14** How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!
- **Everywhere present, Psalm 139:7-10**  
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- **All-Knowing, 1 Corinthians 2:10,11** but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.  
The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
- **Has great power, Acts 1:8** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”  
**Romans 15:19** by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.
- **Raised Christ from dead, 1 Peter 3:18** For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit
- **Performs Miracles, Matthew 12:28** “But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come

upon you.”

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- **Involved in creation, Genesis 1:2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
- **Gives spiritual life to us, John 3:3-8** In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

“How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

#### IV. The Spirit as a person:

- **He teaches, John 14:26** “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”
- **He hears and speaks, John 16:13** “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”
- **He testifies about Christ, John 15:26** “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.”
- **He encourages, Acts 9:31** Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.
- **He counsels, John 14:16** “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever”
- **He convicts people of sin, John 16:8** “When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment”
- **He prays for us, Romans 8:27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.
- **He sends people out, Acts 13:4** The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.
- **He experiences grief, Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- **He can be resisted, Acts 7:51** “You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!”
- **He can be tested, Acts 5:9** Peter said to her, “How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

#### THE CONCLUSION

The WORD is clear. One God. Three Persons. We describe this as the HOLY TRINITY.

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