

Baptist Beliefs: God

“There is one and only one living and true God.” (Kelley, Land, & Mohler, 2007) *Exodus 20:3*

Reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being. *Isaiah 45:5*;

Humans have an inner sense of God. *Psalms 19:1-2; Romans 1:21; 8:15-16; Ephesians 3:17; Philippians 3:8, 10; Colossians 1:27*;

There are those who will ignore God’s existence. *Psalms 10: 3-4; 14:1; Romans 1:24, 25, 28, 32*

Must exist for us to be convicted of sins (reveals Himself). *1 Corinthians 2:5, 14, 21; 2 Corinthians, 4:3-4; John 1:18*

Must base our thoughts of God on scripture, not our thoughts alone.

The Trinity

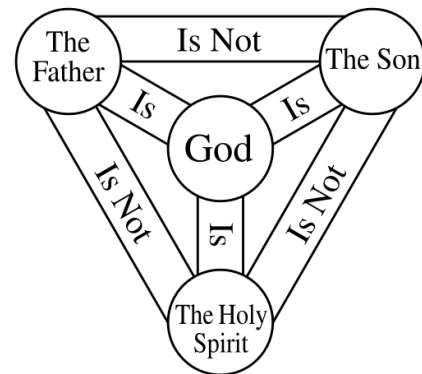
While the word “Trinity” is never mentioned in scripture, but is alluded to throughout scripture.

“Trinity” = “Tri-Unity” or “Three-in-One”. *Genesis 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Isaiah 6:8, 48:16, 63:10*

There is no explanation of the Trinity, yet there can be no true Christianity without the doctrine of the Trinity. God, however, REVEALS himself as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Summed up as:

- 1) God reveals Himself as three persons.
- 2) Each person is fully God.
- 3) There is only one God.



The Father:

Is intelligent, spiritual, and personal.

- Has perfect knowledge. *Job 37:16*
- Not limited by physical body. *John 4:24*
- Relates to His people personally, which makes it possible for us to relate to Him. *Ezekiel 34:24, 30-31; Psalm 86:1-7, 116:1-2*

Is self-existent, self-sufficient, and eternal.

- Depends on nothing, complete by himself. *Exodus 3:14*
- The only uncreated being. *Genesis 1:1*
- There never was a time when he was not. *Isaiah 57:15, Revelation 1:8*

Is glorious and unchanging.

- Chose to glorify Himself through His creatures. *Numbers 16:42; 1 Chronicles 16:28-29, 29:11; Psalm 19:1, 24:7-8, 72:19, 96:3; Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11*
- Not forced to change His will or ways. *1 Samuel 15:29; Malachi 3:6*

Provides for His own. *Matthew 6:26*

Omnipotent - all powerful. *Genesis 17:1; Daniel 4:35; Revelation 19:6*

Omniscient - knows all things – past, present, and future. *Romans 11:33; Psalm 50:11; 1 Kings 8:39*

Omnipresent – present everywhere at the same time. *Psalm 139*

Jesus Christ:

Eternal Son of God – full deity and humanity . *John 1:3, 17:5*

Descended – born literally God in human flesh. *John 1:14*

Lived – Incarnate (in human form). *Philippians 2:7*

Died – As a substitution for our sins. *Matthew 16:16; John 1:29; Ephesians 1:7*

- Atonement – God’s overcoming sin through Christ’s obedience and death to restore believers to a right relationship with God. *Hebrews 9:22*
- Propitiation – Jesus’ work on the cross to satisfy God’s righteous demand against sin. *Romans 3:5*
- Substitutionary – Jesus died in our place, paying the price for our sin. *Romans 5:8*

Resurrected - Christ’s power raised Jesus from the dead. This is the basis for our hope as Christians. *Matthew 16:21; Acts 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:14, 15:17*

Ascended – Completed the work of atonement. *Luke 24:51; Acts 1:11*

Will Return – Referred to more than 380 times in the New Testament. *Romans 8:34-35*

The Holy Spirit:

Ministers to people by convicting men of sin, righteousness, and judgment. *John 3:6, 16:8; Acts 10:44; Revelation 22:17*

Is the Spirit of God, fully divine.

Lives in believers. *Acts 2:38*

Seals believer’s salvation. *Ephesians 4:30; 1 John 4:13*

Illuminates truth. *1 Corinthians 2:12-13*

Teaches believers. *John 16:13-14*

Intercedes for believers. *Romans 8:26*

Brings unity. *1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:3-6*

Gives spiritual gifts. *1 Corinthians 12:4, 12:11; 1 Peter 4:10*