

Why You Should Believe In the Trinity

(Overview)

Trinity defined: The Holy Spirit is Jehovah as the Lord Jesus Christ is Jehovah and as the Father is Jehovah, yet there is only one Jehovah.

There is only one Jehovah: Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6,8; John 17:3

Note: Attributes that are **attributed to Jehovah** are **also attributed to Jesus and the Holy Spirit**.

We see this when we compare scripture with scripture.

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| Jehovah raised Jesus from the dead | Acts 3:15; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30; 1 Corinthians 15:15; Galatians 1:1 |
| Jesus raised Jesus from the dead | John 2:18-22 |
| Jehovah alone knows the hearts and minds of men | 1 Kings 8:39 |
| Jesus knows the hearts and minds of men | Matthew 9:4; Luke 5:22; Revelation 2:23 |
| Jehovah alone is to be worshipped | Exodus 34:14; Matthew 4:10; Acts 14:15; Revelation 19:10 |
| Jesus is worshipped | Matthew 14:33; Luke 24:52; Hebrews 1:6 (compare 1961 edition of the New World Translation to the 1984 edition at Hebrews 1:6) |
| Isaiah saw Jehovah's glory | Isaiah 6:3,10 |
| Isaiah saw Jesus' glory | John 12:36-37,39-41 |
| God's people are to be "Jehovah's Witnesses" | Isaiah 43:10,12 |
| In the New Testament 100% of the time God's people were "Jesus' Witnesses" | Acts 1:8; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 13:31 |
| Jehovah "alone" is Creator | Isaiah 44:24 |
| Jesus is Creator | John 1:3, Colossians 1:16 (note: NWT adds [other] 4 times in Colossians 1:16-17 despite absence in the Greek manuscripts - check <i>Diaglott</i> for proof of this.) |
| Jehovah alone is Savior | Isaiah 43:11; Titus 1:3 |
| Jesus is Savior | John 4:42; Titus 1:4; 1 John 4:14 |
| They will look upon Jehovah who they pierced | Zechariah 12:10 |
| They will look upon Jesus who they pierced | John 19:37; Revelation 1:7 |
| "Prepare the way for Jehovah" | Isaiah 40:3 |
| "Prepare the way for Jesus" | Matthew 3:1-3 (note: NWT uses the word "Jehovah" in Matt 3:3 despite absence in the Greek manuscripts - check <i>Diaglott</i> for proof of this.) |
| Jehovah is shepherd | Psalms 23:1; 95:6-7; 100:3 |
| Jesus is shepherd | John 10:11,14 |
| We must trust in Jehovah and not a created being | Jeremiah 17:5-7 |
| We must trust in Jesus | 2 Timothy 1:12 |
| The Holy Spirit lives inside Christians | 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14 |
| Jesus lives inside Christians | Colossians 1:27 |
| God lives inside Christians | 1 John 4:12 |

It is not honest to only present the verses that show Jesus' incarnation humanity while ignoring the many scriptures that teach his deity.

There is only one true God
(all others are false)

Isaiah 43:10; 44:6,8; 45:5; 46:9

John 1:1 in the NWT defines Jesus as a "lesser god." This is unbiblical according to the Isaiah verses above.

Jesus is the "firstborn of creation"

Colossians 1:15

Compare Genesis 41:51-52 with Jeremiah 31:9 and you'll see that "firstborn" in the Bible means "preeminent." Colossians 1:18

Greek grammar:

"The owner and manager" = 1 person

"The owner and the manager" = 2 people

NWT adds [the] in brackets to 2 Peter 1:1 & Titus 2:13 despite absence in the Greek

([the] is not in the 1961 edition of the NWT at Titus 2:13.)

Jesus is all-knowing
(omniscient)

John chapter 11 records the story of Lazarus. In verse 14 we learn that Jesus knew when Lazarus died, even though no one told him. This shows omniscience.

Jesus knew all about the woman at the well in John chapter 4.

Jesus is everywhere
(omnipresence)

"And, look! I am with YOU all the days until the conclusion of the system of things." (Matthew 28:20).

[The Holy Spirit] is deity. He is not, however, merely a person. He is a divine person. This can be shown in several ways: (1) Attributes of deity are affirmed of him. He is eternal (Heb. 9:14), omniscient (1 Cor. 2:10f. ; John 14:26 ; 16:12f.), omnipotent (Luke 1:35), and omnipresent (Ps. 139:7-10). (2) Works of deity are ascribed to him, such as creation (Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4; Ps. 104:30), regeneration (John 3:5), inspiration of the Scriptures (2 Pet. 1:21; cf. Acts 1:16; 28:25), and raising of the dead (Rom. 8:11). (3) The way in which he is associated with the Father and the Son proves not only his personality, but also his deity, as the baptismal formula (Matt. 28:19), the apostolic benediction (2 Cor. 13:14), and the administration of the church (1 Cor. 12:4-6).

(4) The words and works of the Holy Spirit are considered as the words and works of God (cf. Isa. 6:9f. with John 12:39-41 and Acts 28:25-27; Exod. 16:7 with Ps. 95:8-11 ; Isa. 63:9f. with Heb. 3:7-9 ; Gen. 1:27 with Job 33:4. (5) Finally, he is expressly called God (Acts 5:3f. ; 2 Cor. 3:17f.). Other divine names are also given to him (cf. Exod. 17:7 with Heb. 3:7-9; and 2 Tim. 3:16 with 2 Pet. 1:21). All these references prove that the Holy Spirit, equally with the Father and the Son, is God¹.

This sheet is meant only to be an overview defense of the Biblical doctrine of the "Trinity."

For a more exhaustive defense, please read the essay, *Jesus Christ, God, and the Bible*, which you can download for free at <http://www.sohmer.net/media/JCGB.pdf>

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¹ Thiessen, Henry Clarence, *Lectures in Systematic Theology*, Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, pp. 96-97