Biblical References Regarding the Trinity

God - The Trinity

Most, if not all, biblical scholars, pastors, ministers and Christians in general, openly admit that they do not understand how the concept of the Trinity can exist. One God - in three distinct persons, all eternal, all equally possessing the attributes of God. Through reading the Bible we grasp their roles, and understand the concept, but not how it can be. *This is an area where our faith enters in.*

The Bible teaches that there is but one living and true God ***(Deut. 4:35, 36, 6:4; Cor. 8:4***), an infinite, all knowing Spirit ***(1 Cor. 2:10)***, perfect in all His attributes, one in essence, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son, and The Holy Spirit ***(Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14)***. Each equal in power and glory, each equally deserving of worship and obedience, and together this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all. "*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."* ***(Isaiah 55:8-9)***

"With what in all of heaven and earth do I compare? Whom can you find who equals Me? Will you compare Me with an idol made lavishly with silver and with Gold? They hire a goldsmith to take your wealth and make a god from it! Then they fall down and worship it! They carry it around on their shoulders, and when they set it down it stays there, for it cannot move! And when someone prays to it there is no answer, for it cannot get him out of his trouble.

Don't forget this, O guilty ones. And don't forget the many times I clearly told you what was going to happen in the future. For I am God - I only - and there is no other like Me who can tell you what is going to happen. All I say will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish. I will call that swift bird of prey from the east - that man Cyrus from far away. And he will come and do my bidding. I have said I will do it and I will. Listen to Me, you stubborn, evil men! For I am offering you My deliverance; not in the distant future, but right now! I am ready to save you..." (Isaiah 46:5-13) See ***(Isaiah 44:28; 45:5-7)*** for the prophesy of God speaking through the prophet Isaiah 739-686 B.C. concerning Cyrus, God's instrument. Fulfilled 539 B.C. ***(Ezra. 1:1-2; 6:3)***

Deuteronomy 4:35-36 "To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him. Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire."

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, 0 Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one!"

Isaiah 43:10 "But you are My witnesses, 0 Israel!" says the LORD. "And you are My servant. You have been chosen to know Me, believe in Me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God; there never has been and never will be. I am the LORD, and there is no other Savior."

1 Corinthians 8:4 "So now, what about it? Should we eat meat that has been sacrificed to idols? Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God and no other."

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 But as it is written: " Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God..."

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."

"Yacid" in Hebrew means to state something singular, undivided, a unit. It does not allow for plurality. If God, singular, was meant - He could have - but did not - use Yacid.

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, 0 Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is one!"* The word "one" is "Echad" in Hebrew and the grammar singular but *allows* for plurality. It is used in Scripture for unity with plural elements. It does have to be at least two but can be many.

Numbers 13:23 "When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a *single* cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs."

Ezekiel 37:16-17 "Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, 'Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.' Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, 'Ephraim's stick, belonging to Joseph and all the house of Israel associated with him.' Join them together into one stick so that they will become *one* in your hand."

Genesis 1:5 "God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day." God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." Together these made up *one* day. Morning and evening = one day (two parts)

Genesis 2:24 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become *one* flesh." Husband and wife = one flesh (oneness with two parts)

Ezra 2:64 "The *whole* assembly together *was* forty-two thousand three hundred *and* sixty..." Forty-two thousand three hundred *and* sixty... (as *one* whole)

John 17:20-22 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in *Us,* that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that *they may be one just as We are one:* I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

1 John 5:6-10 *"*This is He who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and *these three are one.* And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and *these three agree as one.* If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son." - Water in the OT represented cleansing by the Holy Spirit.

1 John 5:6-10 *"*And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by His baptism in water and by shedding His blood on the cross - not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit also gives us the testimony that this is true. So we have these three witnesses - the Spirit, the water, and the blood--and all three agree. Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about His Son. All who believe in the Son of God know that this is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about His Son."

The name *Elohim,* translated *God,* is the plural form of *El.* While this is what is called a plural of plenitude (the state of being full or complete) pointing to the power and majesty of God, it certainly allows for the New Testament revelation of the Triunity of God.

There are many instances where God uses the plural pronoun to describe Himself: i.e. (such as)

Genesis 1:26 "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.'"

Genesis 3:22 "Then the LORD God said, 'Behold, the man has become like one of ***Us,*** to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever...'"

Genesis 11: 7 "Come, let ***Us*** go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." - Speaking of the Tower of Babel.

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!"

The Trinity - Doctrine Drawn from Scripture:

Psalm 45:6-7 "Your throne, 0 God, *is* forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

Isaiah 9:6-7 "For a Child is born to us, a Son is given to us. And the government will rest on His shoulders. These will be His royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David. The passionate commitment of the LORD Almighty will guarantee this!" (Only humanity is born - Mighty God and Everlasting Father are absolute Deity - wrapped up in one person)

Matthew 3:16-17 "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom 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 14:28,29 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.'"

Romans 8:9 "You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:3-6 "So I want you to know how to discern what is truly from God: No one speaking by the Spirit of God can curse Jesus, and no one is able to say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us."

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."

Ephesians 4:4-6 "We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all."

1 Peter 1:2 "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect... God the Father chose you long ago, and the Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed Jesus Christ and are cleansed by His blood. May you have more and more of God's special favor and wonderful peace."

Jude 1:20 "But you, dear friends, must continue to build your lives on the foundation of your holy faith. And continue to pray as you are directed by the Holy Spirit."

Revelation 1:4-5 "This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace and peace from the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the commander of all the rulers of the world. All praise to Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding His blood for us."

The Father is Called God:

Exodus 20:2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

John 6:27 "But you shouldn't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that I, the Son of Man, can give you. For God the Father has sent Me for that very purpose."

John 20:17 "Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and *to* My God and your God.'"

1 Corinthians 8:5-6 "For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live."*

Galatians 1:1 "Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead)..."

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."

Philippians 2:9-11 "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

1 Peter 1:2 "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying (setting apart) work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance."

Jesus Christ, the Son is declared to be God:

Isaiah7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Matthew 1:22-23 "So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, "God with us."

Isaiah 9:6-7 "For a Child is ***born*** to us, a Son is given to us. And the government will rest on His shoulders. These will be His royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, ***Mighty God***, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne *of His ancestor David.* The passionate commitment of the LORD Almighty will guarantee this!"

Matthew 16:13-17 "When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?' So they said, 'Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

John 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

John 20:28 "And Thomas (speaking to Jesus) answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!'"

Colossians 1:15-18 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." (first place)

Colossians 2:9-10 "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory."

The Holy Spirit is recognized as God:

1 Corinthians 6:10-11 "...nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

Acts 5:3,4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

Work of God the Father in creation:

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Psalm 148:3-5 "Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created."

Isaiah 42:5 "This is what God the LORD says - He who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it…"

1 Corinthians 8:5-6 "According to some people, there are many so-called gods and many lords, both in heaven and on earth. But we know that ***there is only one God, the Father, who created everything,*** and we exist for Him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life."

Hebrews 1:1-3 "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high..."

Work of God the Son in creation:

John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." (Jesus is called The Word)

1 Corinthians 8:5-6 "According to some people, there are many so-called gods and many lords, both in heaven and on earth. But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we exist for Him. And *there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything* and through whom we have been given life."

Colossians 1:15-17 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

Work of God the Holy Spirit 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."

Job 26:13 "His Spirit made the heavens beautiful, and His power pierced the gliding serpent."

Job 33:4 "The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

Work of God the Father in the incarnation:

Hebrews 10:5-6 "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. With burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased."

Work of God the Son in the incarnation:

Philippians 2:5-7 "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Work of God the Holy Spirit in the incarnation:

Matthew 1:18-20 *"*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

Luke 1:35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and He will be called the Son of God."

Work of God the Father in Salvation:

Isaiah 53:6-10 *"*All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. But it was the LORD's good plan to crush Him and fill Him with grief. Yet when His life is made an offering for sin, He will have a multitude of children, many heirs. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's plan will prosper in His hands."

Work of God the Son in Salvation:

Ephesians 5:2 "Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave Himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And God was pleased, because that sacrifice was like sweet perfume to Him."

Hebrews 5:8-9 "So even though Jesus was God's Son, He learned obedience from the things He suffered. In this way, God qualified Him as a perfect High Priest, and He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him."

Work of God the Holy Spirit in Salvation:

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!"

Romans 8:1-17 "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death. The Law of Moses (the Ten Commandments) could not save us, because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent His own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful. God destroyed sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the requirement of the law would be fully accomplished for us who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. <u>You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them are not Christians at all.)</u> Since Christ lives within you, even though your body will die because of sin, your spirit is alive because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as He raised Christ from the dead, He will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living within you. So, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you keep on following it you will perish. But if through the power of the Holy Spirit you turn from it and its evil deeds, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into His family--calling Him "Father, dear Father." For His Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we will share His treasures--for everything God gives to His Son, Christ, is ours, too. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering."

Work of God the Father in the Resurrection:

Acts 2:23,24 "This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him."

Romans 6:4 "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 *"*For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come."

Work of God the Son in the Resurrection:

John 2:19-21 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was His body.

John 10:17 *"*The reason my Father loves Me is that I lay down My life-only to take it up again."

Work of God the Holy Spirit in the Resurrection:

Romans 1:4 "And Jesus Christ our Lord was shown to be the Son of God when God powerfully raised Him from the dead by means of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Work of God the Father in the inspiration of Scripture:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Work of God the Son in the inspiration of Scripture:

1 Peter 1:10-11 *"*This salvation was something the prophets wanted to know more about. They prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you, even though they had many questions as to what it all could mean. They wondered what the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when He told them in advance about Christ's suffering and His great glory afterward. They wondered when and to whom all this would happen."

Work of God the Holy Spirit in the inspiration of Scripture:

2 Peter 1:21 "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit."

Work of the Trinity in the creation of man:

Genesis 1:26 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."

The Eternal attribute of God the Father:

Psalm 90:2 *"*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God."

Romans 16:25-26 "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith..."

The Eternal attribute of God the Son:

John 1:1-2 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God."

Revelation 1:7,8,17 "Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." "When I saw Him, 1 fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last."

Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

The Eternal attribute of God the Holy Spirit:

Hebrews 9:14 "Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our hearts from deeds that lead to death so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered Himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins."

The Holy attribute of God the Father:

Revelations 4:8 "The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

Revelations 15:4 "Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* alone *are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."

The Holy attribute of God the Son:

Acts 3:13-15 "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses."

The Holy attribute of God Holy Spirit:

Ephesians 1:13-14 "In Him you also *trusted,* after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."

The Omnipotent (all powerful - Almighty) attribute of God the Father:

Genesis 17:1 "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, *"I am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless."

Jeremiah 32:17 "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

1 Peter 1:3-5 "All honor to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by His boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again. Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead. For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for His children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in His mighty power, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting Him. It will be revealed on the last day for all to see."

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

The Omnipotent (all powerful - Almighty) attribute of God the Son:

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 "To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

Hebrews 1:3 "The Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about Him represents God exactly. He sustains the universe by the mighty power of His command. After He died to cleanse us from the stain of sin, He sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God of heaven."

The Omnipotent (all powerful - Almighty) attribute of God the Holy Spirit

Romans 15:18-19 "I dare not boast of anything else. I have brought the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way 1 lived before them. I have won them over by the miracles done through me as signs from God - all by the power of God's Spirit. In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ all the way from Jerusalem clear over into Illyricum."

Luke 1:34-35 "Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, *"The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

The Omnipresent (everywhere) attribute of God the Father:

Jeremiah 23:24 "Can anyone hide from Me? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" asks the LORD.

The Omnipresent (everywhere) attribute of God the Son:

Matthew 18:19-20 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them."

Ephesians 1:22-23 "...And God has put all things under the authority of Christ, and He gave Him this authority for the benefit of the church. And the church is His body; it is filled by Christ, who fills everything everywhere with His presence."

The Omnipresent (everywhere) attribute of God the Holy Spirit:

Psalm 139:7 "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?"

The Omniscient (all knowing) attribute of God the Father:

Jeremiah 17:10 "But I know! I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."

Acts 15:17-18 "...So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things. Known to God from eternity are all His works."

The Omniscient (all knowing) attribute of God the Son:

John 21:17 "The third time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Revelation 2:23 "I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve."

The Omniscient (all knowing) attribute of God the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 "However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him"- 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."

God the Father - The person of God we are not allowed to see or we will die.

Exodus 33:18-23 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the LORD said, "I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim My name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," He said, "you cannot see My face, for no one may see Me and live." Then the LORD said, "There is a place near Me where you may stand on a rock. When My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove My hand and you will see My back; but My face must not be seen."

God the Son - The person of God man was allowed to see. The person of God who walked the earth and repeatedly shows up throughout the Old Testament to communicate face to face with the people of God. Sometimes referred to as a Theophany or Christophany. (A pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ).

Genesis 32:27-30 The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But He replied, "Why do you ask My name?" Then He blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

Genesis 17:1-5 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham…

Genesis 18:1-3,9-14 "Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant... "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son." - If Abraham ran to the men and identified one of them as Lord, they must have seen each other before and had an introduction at some time in the past...

God the Holy Spirit - The person of God we cannot see.

John 14:16-17 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

"Presenting Jesus as the Son is God's analogy to help us understand the relationship between the First and Second Persons of the Trinity. Just as the sun was never without and can never be separated from its brightness, so God was never without and cannot be separated from the glory of Christ. God was never without Him nor He without God, and He can never in any way be separated from God. Yet the brightness of the sun is not the sun, and neither is Jesus exactly the same as God in that sense. He is fully and absolutely God, yet as a distinct Person within the triune Godhead." John MacArthur

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made: without Him nothing was made that has been made." *(John 1:1-3)* "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." *(John 1:14)*

We know by experience, by seeing our acquaintances, friends or family taken from us *in an instant, by accident or whatever means,* that none of us are guaranteed another hour. day. year or years. Natural disasters happen often and accidents and disease take lives every day. After 9/11, 4 years later, hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused some of the worst damage in the southern gulf states of our country that we have seen. And again in 2017, floods and massive fires. Many died while others found themselves stranded in the flooded streets or on their housetops hoping to be "saved" from their situation.

That scene of stranded people can be used as an example of the hopeless plight of man on earth without Jesus Christ as Savior. The only difference is these people knew they were headed for death and destruction unless they were rescued. Their past lives, good or bad, their money (or lack of), their good works, nothing made them worth saving over another person in the same situation. It was by the sheer desire of the one saving to do so and when he dropped a lifeline down to the one stranded, it would have been of no help if the one stranded did not grab the rope. ***God the Father sent Jesus, God the Son as your lifeline. If you will not let God the Spirit bring the truth to your heart and show you your need to grab your lifeline to Eternal life in heaven with God as opposed to eternal life in hell, separated from God, He will not override your decision.*** Many in this world are stranded in a Godless lifestyle, headed for destruction of which they have absolutely no control over *except to hear and believe the Gospel message.*

The Bible teaches that to obtain salvation, you must believe by faith that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and God as the 2nd Person of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), who came to this world in human flesh, the only sinless man, who died for our sins and was resurrected from the dead to affirm who He was and to give us hope. It Is our responsibility to acknowledge and confess our sins and to repent, turning away from our sins and to ask for forgiveness. Salvation is wholly of God by grace, (unmerited, undeserved favor), on the basis of our trust in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood on the cross, and not on the basis of human merit or works. (John 1:12; Eph. 1:4-7, 2:8-10; 1 Pet. 1:18-21) Salvation, just as a gift, is offered but *must be accepted* in order for it to become yours. Believing Jesus is the Savior is of no value unless you believe and accept Him as ***your*** Savior. ***The Gospel accepted is Salvation assured.*** *If you have not, do you really want to disregard the assurance that God's free offer of forgiveness and salvation provides for you* ***today*** *or chance that you will have the opportunity to put it off until another day?*

Note: I have taken the liberty to capitalize deity references in the NIV & NLT as is done in the NKJV and also to emphasize words or thoughts in Scripture by bold and italic highlights.