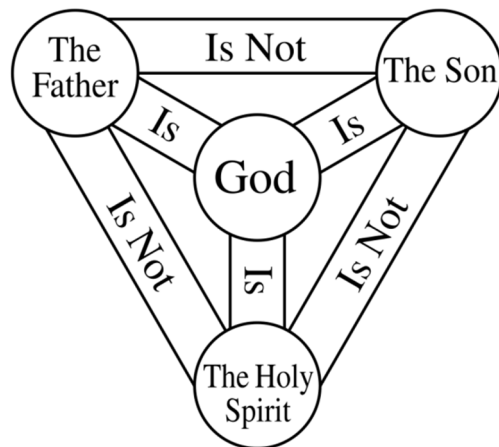


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Session 2: The Trinity

Introduction

- How do you make sense of a God who is One, yet Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit are also God, which sound more like three?
 - Our God is *triune* – He is 3-in-1 – one God in three persons.
 - We call this aspect of God’s nature the Trinity (tri-unity).
- Our most precious Christian doctrines, including salvation, are grounded in this truth.
- We won’t ever fully understand the Trinity!
- Every analogy fails, but here’s a useful diagram



The Trinity in the Bible

- God the Father is One – Deuteronomy 4:35, 6:4
- Jesus is the Son of God – Hebrews 1:1-4
 - Jesus is eternally God – John 1:1, Colossians 2:9, John 5:16-18, John 8:56-59, Matthew 14:22-33
 - Jesus is one with God the Father – John 17:20-26
- The Holy Spirit is God – Acts 5:1-5, Hebrews 9:13-14
 - And one with the Father and the Son – 1 Corinthians 2:11-13
- Trinity Appearances – Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1, Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 17:1-8, Matthew 28:18-20, John 16:7-15, 1 Peter 1:1-2, Ephesians 1:3-14

The Nicene Creed (381 AD)

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.