

Trifold statement about God:

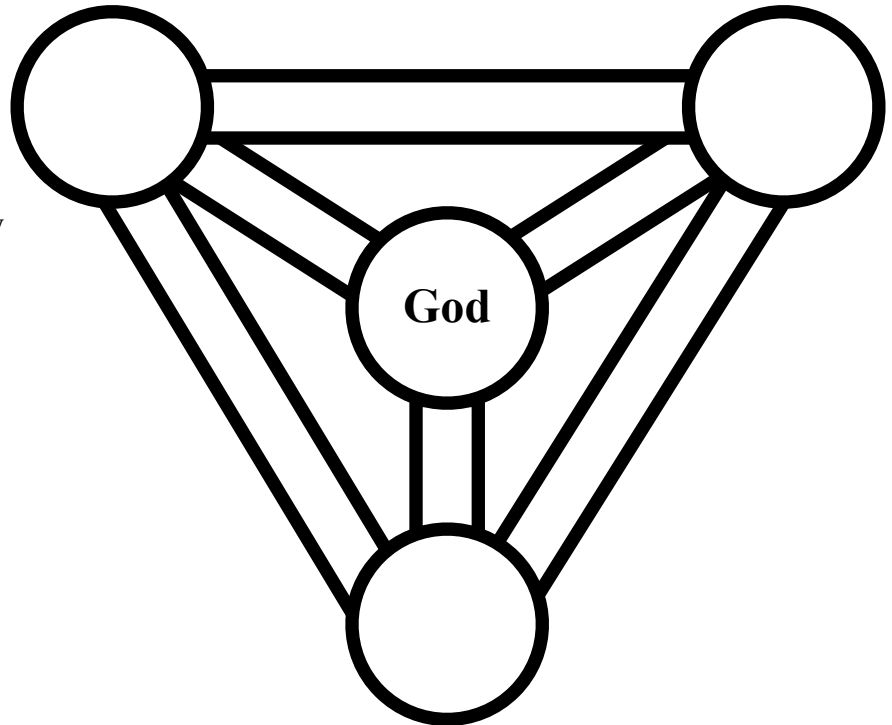
God is _____: Deut 6:4; Mark 12:29

God is also _____: Matt 28:19

Each person is _____ God

Incorrect Understandings of the Trinity

- _____
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- All _____ have _____

Athanasian Creed (from where the diagram comes)

Trinity in the Old Testament:

- Gen 1:1-2 & John 1:2-3
- Gen 1:26; (cf. Gen 3:22; 11:7; Isa 6:8)
- Psa 45:6-7 (cf. Heb 1:8); Psa 110:1, 4 (cf. Heb 1:13); Mal 3:1-2

The Athanasian Creed (by 6th cent AD)

Whoever desires to be saved should above all
hold to the catholic faith.

Anyone who does not keep it whole and
unbroken will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith:

That we worship one God in trinity and the
trinity in unity,

neither blending their persons

nor dividing their essence.

For the person of the Father is a distinct
person,

the person of the Son is another,

and that of the Holy Spirit still another.

But the divinity of the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit is one,

their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.

What quality the Father has, the Son has,
and the Holy Spirit has.

The Father is uncreated,

the Son is uncreated,

the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is immeasurable,

the Son is immeasurable,

the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.

The Father is eternal,

the Son is eternal,

the Holy Spirit is eternal.

And yet there are not three eternal
beings;

there is but one eternal being.

So too there are not three uncreated or
immeasurable beings;

there is but one uncreated and
immeasurable being.

Similarly, the Father is almighty,

the Son is almighty,

the Holy Spirit is almighty.

Yet there are not three almighty
beings;

there is but one almighty being.

Thus the Father is God,
the Son is God,
the Holy Spirit is God.

Yet there are not three gods;

there is but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord,
the Son is Lord,

the Holy Spirit is Lord.

Yet there are not three lords;

there is but one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us
to confess each person individually
as both God and Lord,

so catholic religion forbids us

to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created
nor begotten from anyone.

The Son was neither made nor created;

he was begotten from the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit was neither made nor
created nor begotten;

he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly there is one Father, not three
fathers;

there is one Son, not three sons;

there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy
spirits.

Nothing in this trinity is before or after,
nothing is greater or smaller;

in their entirety the three persons

are coeternal and coequal with each other.

So in everything, as was said earlier,

we must worship their trinity in their unity
and their unity in their trinity.

Anyone then who desires to be saved
should think thus about the trinity.

(The creed continues with defining the
incarnation of the Son)