



# **One God – Three Persons**

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

# God is One

- Deut 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one!
- Exodus 20:3 “I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.. You shall have no other gods before Me.
- Isaiah 45:21-22 And *there is* no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; *There is* none besides Me. <sup>22</sup> “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.
- James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

# The Godhead

- Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
- Rom 1:20-23 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God..
- Colossians 2:9-10 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup> and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

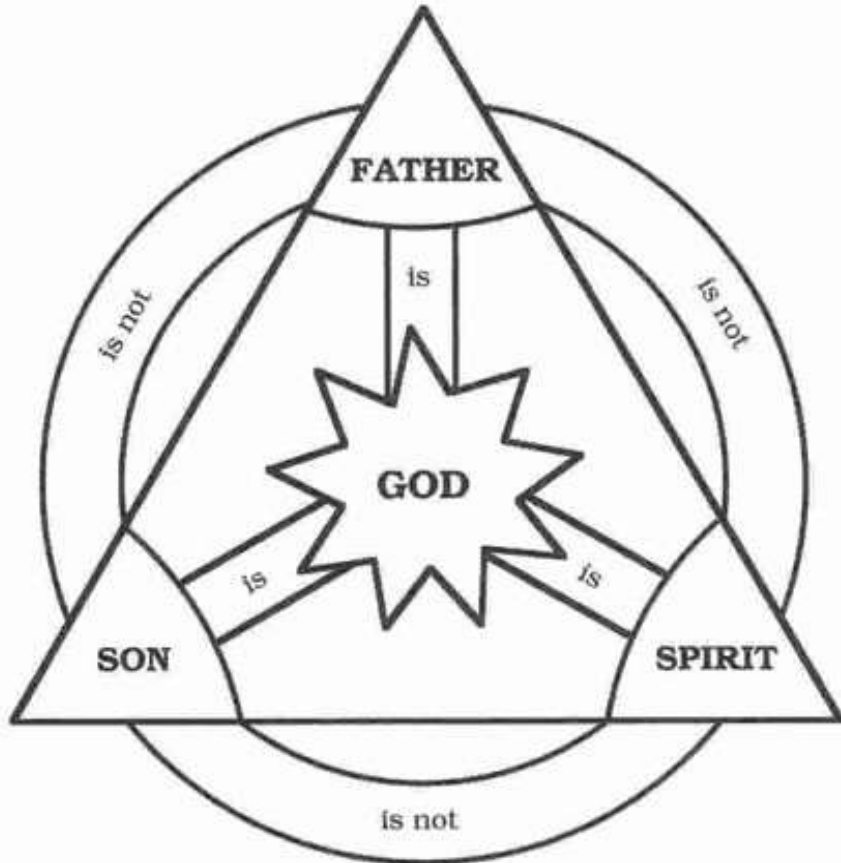
# Use of “One” (echad)

- Deut 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!”
- Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- Exodus 24:3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has said we will do.”

# Plurality with God

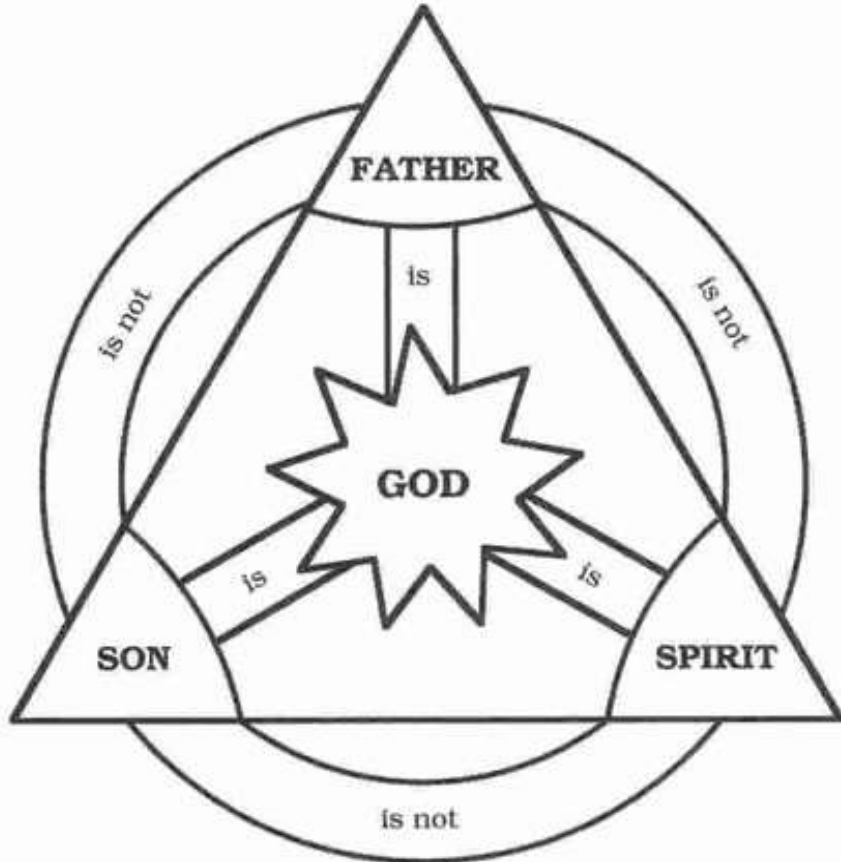
- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Genesis 3:22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil.
- Genesis 11:6-8 And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.  
7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”
- Isaiah 6:8 I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.”

# One God in Three Persons



- The Father is God (deity)
  - Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,
- Jesus, the Son is God (deity)
  - John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- The Holy Spirit is God (deity)
  - Acts 5:3-4 why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit.. You have not lied to men but to God.”

# All Three are Distinct Persons



- The Father is not the Son
  - Mark 13:32 But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
- The Son is not the Spirit
  - John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever
- The Spirit is not the Father
  - Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

# Examples of the Trinity

## — The birth of Jesus

- Luke 1:35 “*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.

## — Baptism of Jesus

- 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. <sup>17</sup> And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

## — Great Commission

- baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



# The Three Act in Perfect Unity

- John 17:20-22 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one..
- John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.
- John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
- John 16:13 when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.



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