

# TRIUNE GOD

## Review of Eternal Generation of the Son

Eternal generation teaches that Father God has eternally given life to His only Son (Jn. 1:14 & 5:26). The life the Father gives to the Son is reciprocated in the love of the Son; their love (in communion with the Spirit) draws them into one will—of the one true God. The Son is God from God; light from light; life from life; & love from love.

In knowing our Triune God, this doctrine holds two important biblical pieces together: (1) How can the Son and the Father be distinct yet one? & (2) How can the Son be one with the Father yet “from” the Father?

Of metaphors to understand this, a flame is helpful. Much as a flame gives forth light, so the Father gives life to His Son. Their essence is the same, yet their relationship is distinct.

## The Sending of the Spirit

*Today we will continue our discussion of the Spirit's relationship with the Father and the Son, as revealed in John 14-16.*

1. Review: Considering John 15:26, how does John describe the relationships among the Father, the Son, and the Spirit?
  
2. Review: Considering John 15:26, what does it mean that the Spirit *proceeds* from the Father?
  
3. Considering John 16:12-15, how does John describe the relationships among the Father, the Son, and the Spirit?