



Anti-trinitarian SDAs:

- The Trinity is a Roman Catholic doctrine.
- The SDA pioneers rejected the Trinity.
- Ellen White never believed in the Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit is merely the presence of Christ.
- Jesus is a derived deity from the Father.



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1. Holy Scriptures

The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration.

The inspired authors spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In this Word, God has committed to humanity the knowledge necessary for salvation.

The Holy Scriptures are the supreme, authoritative, and the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the definitive revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history.

(Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.)

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3. God the Father

God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to

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God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed, the




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Ellen G. White

"There are three living persons of the **heavenly trio**."
(*Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, p. 63*)

"In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, **underived**."
(*The Desire of Ages, p. 530*)

"The Holy Spirit is **as much a person** as God is a person."
(*Evangelism, p. 616*)



¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in *the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*:

²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Mat. 28



“...*the name*...” (singular; one) One Divine **WHAT**. The divine Being (nature; essence) is singular. There is only one Jehovah.

“of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit...” (three) Three Distinct **WHOS**. The persons: three.

Because the Persons share the one divine nature / essence, Christians confess **one Being: God**.
Because they relate to one another and us as Father, Son, and Spirit, Christians confess **three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit**.

QUESTION: What are you?

ANSWER: I am human (being; nature).

QUESTION: Who are you?

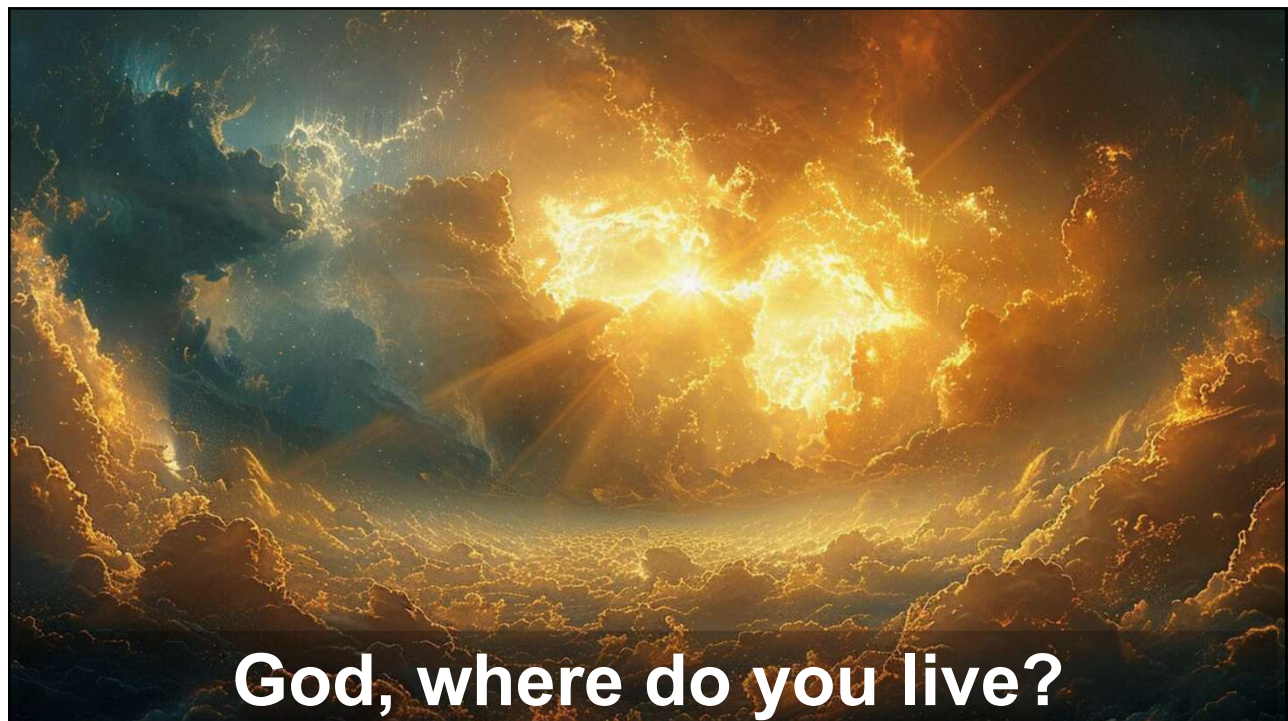
ANSWER: I am Harold (person).

QUESTION: Who are they?

ANSWER: Ingrid & XelHa

Ingrid, XelHa & Harold are equally human,
came from someone and live on earth.

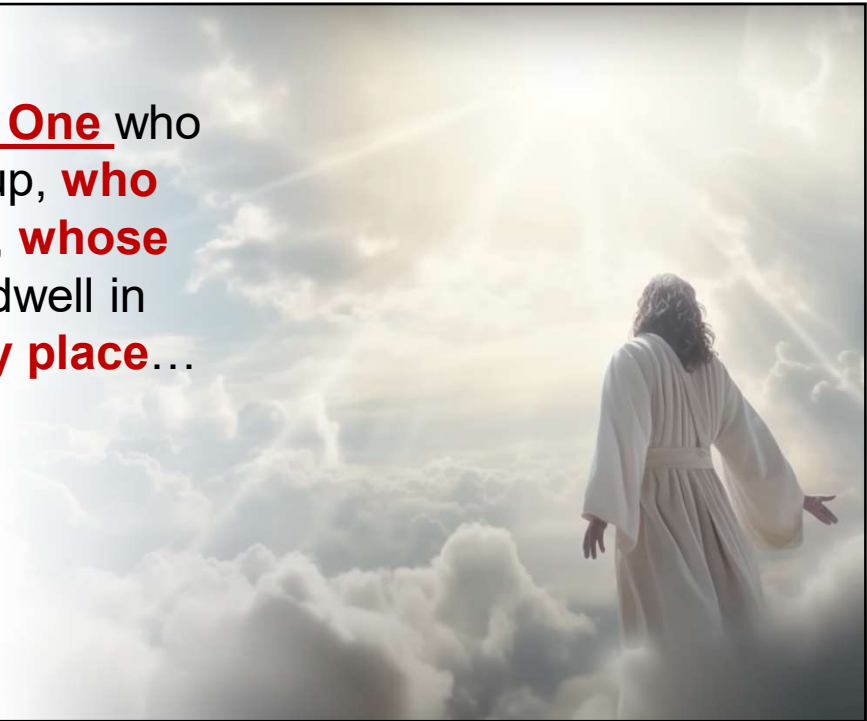
Three beings: $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$



God, where do you live?

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says **the One** who is high and lifted up, **who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy**: “I dwell in the **high and holy place**...



Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also **the LORD** sitting upon a throne, **high and lifted up**, and his train filled the temple. ² Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.



Isaiah 6:1-8

³ And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, Holy, Holy** (the ONE'S name 3 times) is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of



Isaiah 6:1-8

unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶ Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷ And he laid it upon my mouth, and said,



Isaiah 6:1-8

Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, **Whom shall I send**, and **who will go for us**? Then said I, Here am I; send me.



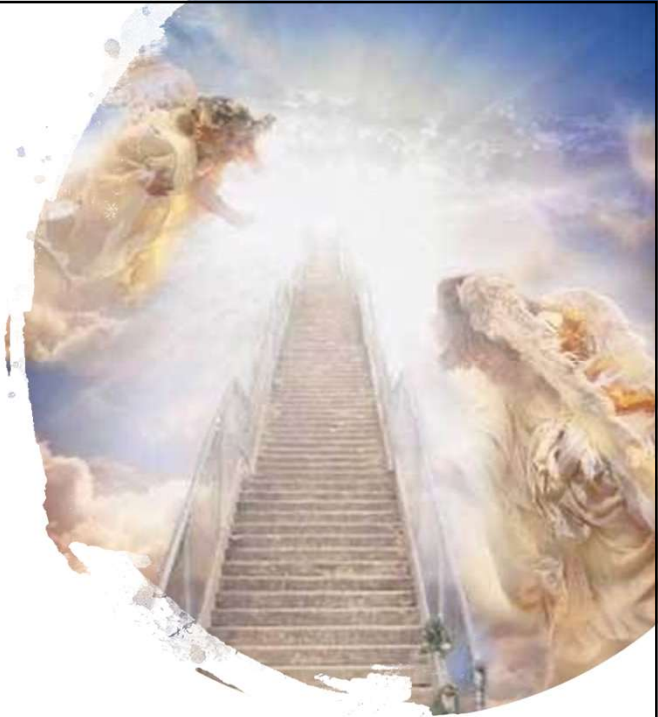
ONE GOD
THREE PERSONS
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Psalm 100:3

Realize that **Yahweh alone is Elohim.**

He made us, and not we ourselves.

We are his people and the sheep in his care.



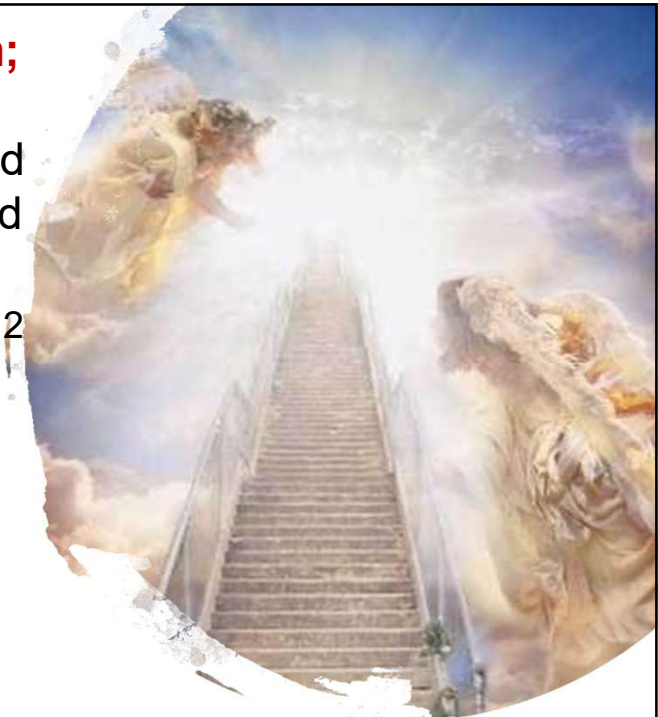
In the beginning **God (Elohim; more than 2)** created (**bara: singular verb**) the heaven and the earth. And the Spirit of God (**Ruach Elohim**) moved upon the face of the waters. Gen.1:1,2

El / Eloah (Almighty)

Elohim (Almighties)

Not Elohayim (exactly 2)

Saraph Seraphaym Seraphim



QUESTION: What are you?

ANSWER: Eternal God.

QUESTION: What is your Name?

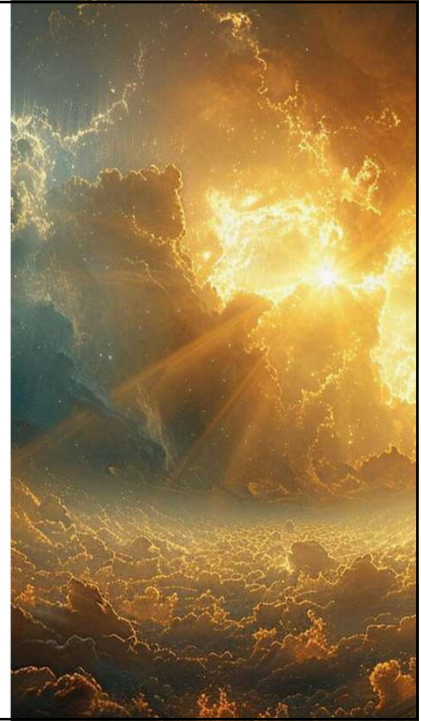
ANSWER: Yahweh Kadosh

QUESTION: Who are you?

ANSWER: Your Elohim: Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.

Father, Son & Holy Spirit are equally God.

One Being: $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$



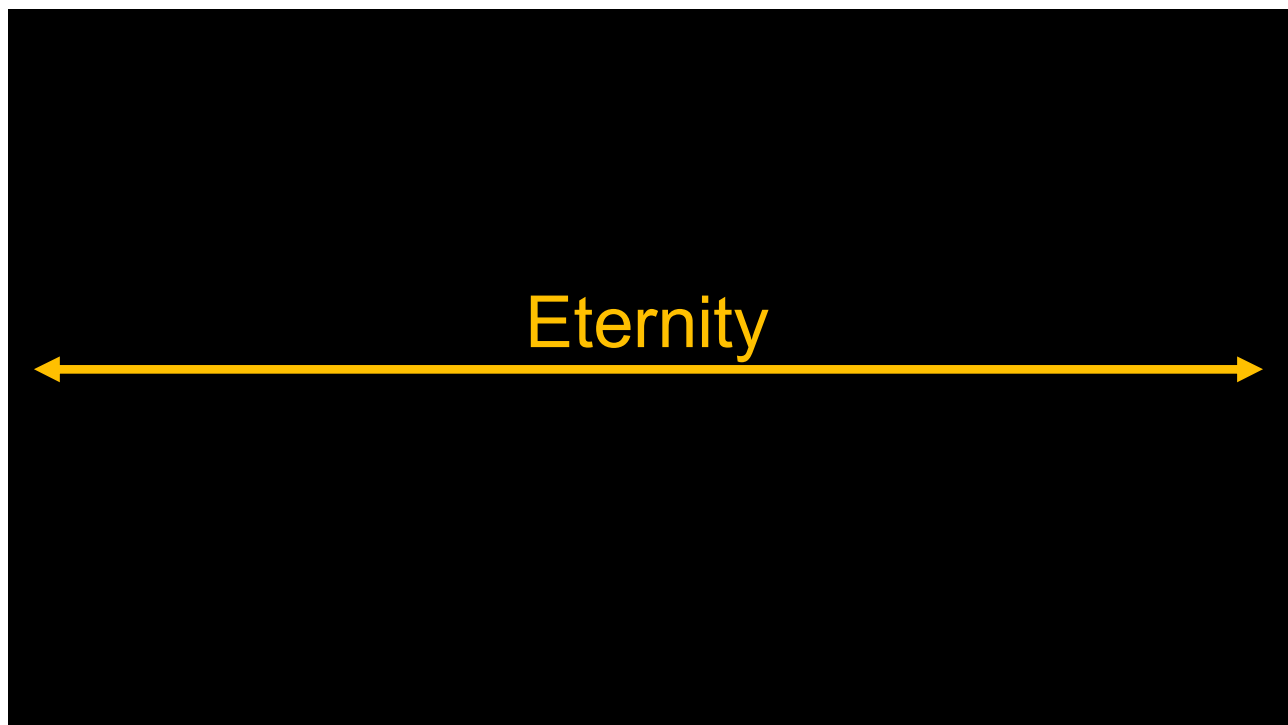
Substance **Existence**

It's not

$1 + 1 + 1 = 3$

BUT

$1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$



Yahweh alone (one) is Elohim (three)
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.

Eternity



Adventist & Christian Trinity

The Biblical Evidence for "One Being"

The Father, Son, and Spirit share things that belong only to God:

Attribute	Father	Son	Spirit
Eternal	John 17:5	John 1:1	Hebrews 9:14
Creator	Genesis 1:1	John 1:3	Job 33:4
Omnipresent	Jeremiah 23:24	Matthew 18:20	Psalms 139:7
Divine Name (Jehovah)	Isaiah 64:8	Romans 10:13 with Joel 2:32	Hebrews 3:7-11 with Psalm 95

The Father is Eternal / Everlasting

Psalms 90:2 — "From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

The Son is Eternal / Everlasting

Micah 5:2 — "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah...yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

The Holy Spirit is Eternal / Everlasting

Hebrews 9:14 — "The eternal Spirit."

Father as Creator

1 Corinthians 8:6 – “One God, the Father, of whom are all things...”

Isaiah 64:8 – “We are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.”

Revelation 4:11 – “You created all things, and by Your will they exist.”

Son as Creator (Jesus Christ)

John 1:3 – “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

Colossians 1:16–17 – “By Him all things were created... visible and invisible... all things were created through Him and for

Him.”

Hebrews 1:10 (applies Psalm 102 to Christ) – “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning.”

Holy Spirit as Creator

Genesis 1:2 – “The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

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

Psalm 104:30 – “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.”

Father is Omnipresent

Jeremiah 23:24 – “Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.”

1 Kings 8:27 – “Heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You.”

Son (Jesus Christ) is Omnipresent

Matthew 28:20 – “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Ephesians 1:23 – “He fills all in all.”

John 3:13 – “The Son of Man... is in heaven” (while speaking on earth, indicating divine presence).

Holy Spirit is Omnipresent

Psalms 139:7–10 – “Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?”

John 14:17 – “He dwells with you and will be in you.”

1 Corinthians 3:16 – “God’s Spirit dwells in you.”

Father identified as YHWH

Isaiah 42:8 – “I am the LORD (YHWH); that is My name.”

Deuteronomy 6:4 – “The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Son (Jesus) identified with YHWH**Jesus is called LORD (YHWH in OT citations)**

Romans 10:13 (from Joel 2:32) – “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD (YHWH) shall be saved,” applied to Christ in context (Rom 10:9–13).

Philippians 2:10–11 (echo of Isaiah 45:23 about YHWH) – “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow...”

Jesus identified as YHWH in OT quotations

Hebrews 1:10–12 – Applies **Psalms 102:25–27** (addressed to YHWH) directly to the Son.

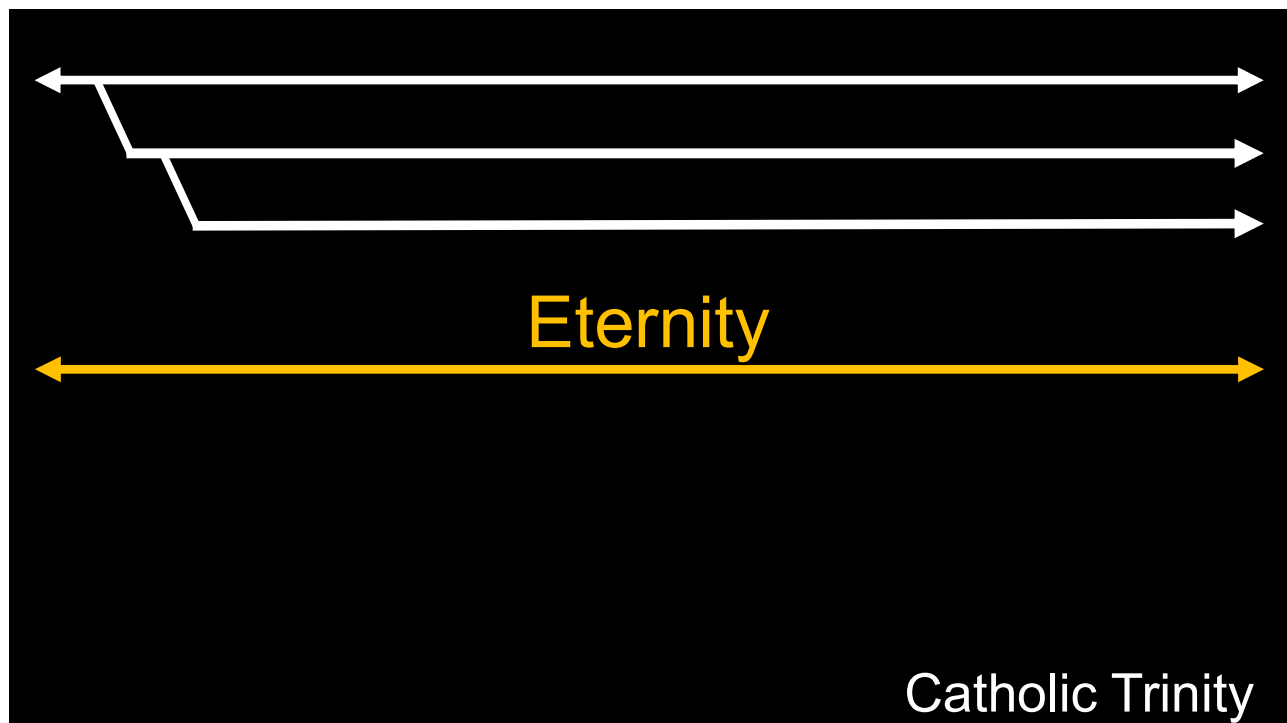
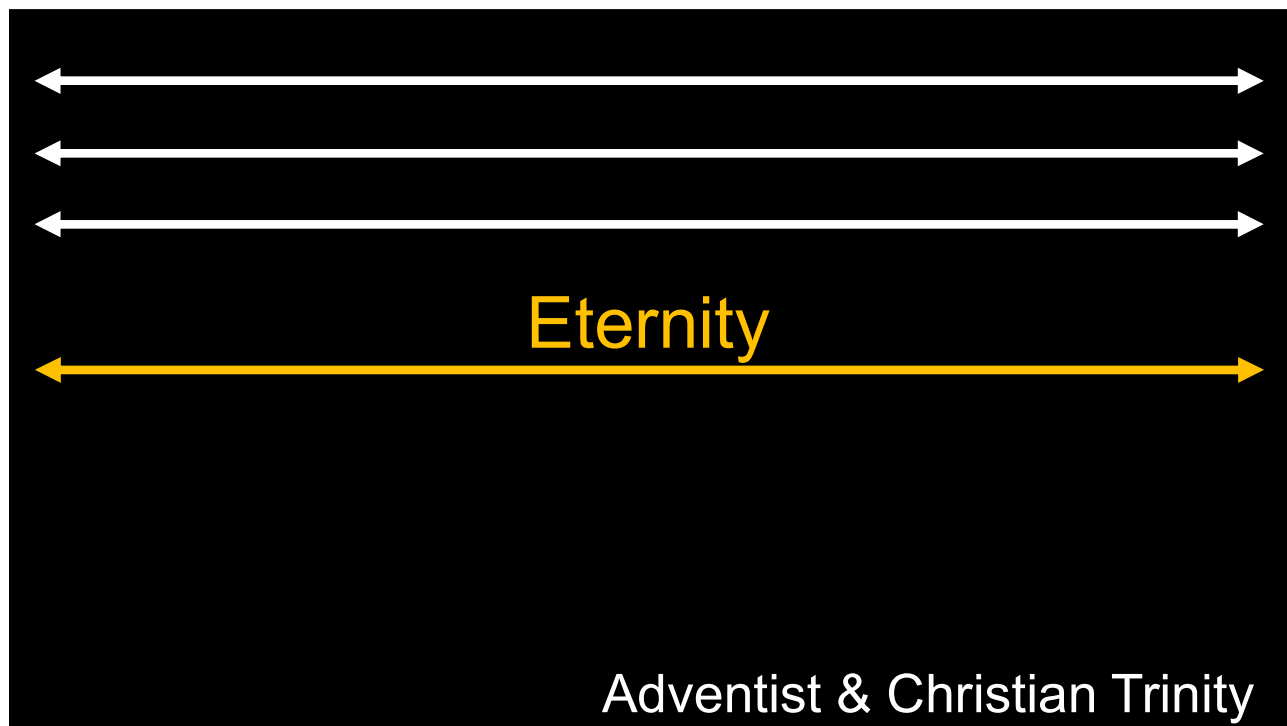
John 8:58 – “Before Abraham was, I AM” (echo of Exodus 3:14, divine name revelation).

Holy Spirit identified with YHWH

Acts 5:3–4 – Lying to the Holy Spirit = lying to God.

2 Corinthians 3:17 – “Now the Lord is the Spirit.”

Isaiah 63:10–14 – Israel “rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit,” yet parallel with “the LORD who led them.”



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What's Your Question?



The Council's definitions concerning the Trinity are really as easy as one, two, three... four. It taught there is one nature in God, and that there are two processions, three persons, and four relations that constitute the Blessed Trinity. The Son "proceeds" from the Father, and the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father and the Son." These are the two processions in God. And these are foundational to the four relations that constitute the three persons in God. These are those four eternal relations in God:

1. The Father actively and eternally generates the Son, constituting the person of God, the Father.
2. The Son is passively generated of the Father, which constitutes the person of the Son.
3. The Father and the Son actively spirate the Holy Spirit in the one relation within the inner life of God that does not constitute a person. It does not do so because the Father and Son are already constituted as persons in relation to each other in the first two relations. This is why CCC 240 teaches, "[The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity] is Son only in relation to his Father."
4. The Holy Spirit is passively spirated of the Father and the Son, constituting the person of the Holy Spirit.

We should take note of the distinction between the "generative" procession that constitutes the Son, and the "spirative" procession that constitutes the Holy Spirit. As St. Thomas Aquinas explains, and Scripture reveals, the Son is uniquely "begotten" of the Father (cf. John 3:16; 1:18). He is also said to proceed from the Father as "the Word" in John 1:1. This "generative" procession is one of "begetting," but not in the same way a dog "begets" a dog, or a human being "begets" a human being. This is an intellectual "begetting," and fittingly so, as a "word" proceeds from the knower while, at the same time remaining in the knower. Thus, this procession or begetting of the Son occurs within the

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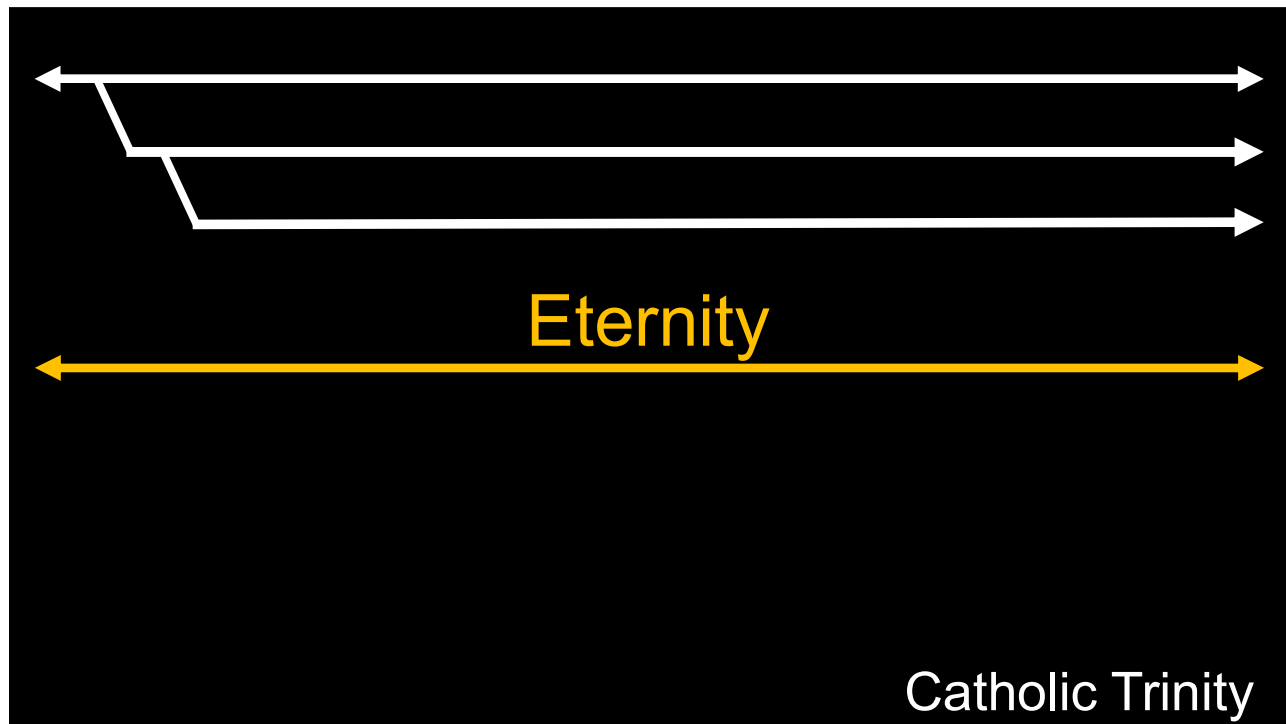


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inner life of God. There are not "two beings" involved; rather, two persons relationally distinct, while ever-remaining one in being.

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, but not in a generative sense; rather, in a spiration. "Spiration" comes from the Latin word for "spirit" or "breath." Jesus "breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit...'" (John 20:22). Scripture reveals the Holy Spirit as pertaining to "God's love [that] has been poured into our hearts" in Romans 5:5, and as flowing out of and identified with the reciprocating love of the Father for the Son and the Son for the Father (John 15:26; Rev. 22:1-2). Thus, the Holy Spirit's procession is not intellectual and generative, but has its origin in God's will and in the ultimate act of the will, which is love.



2. The Trinity

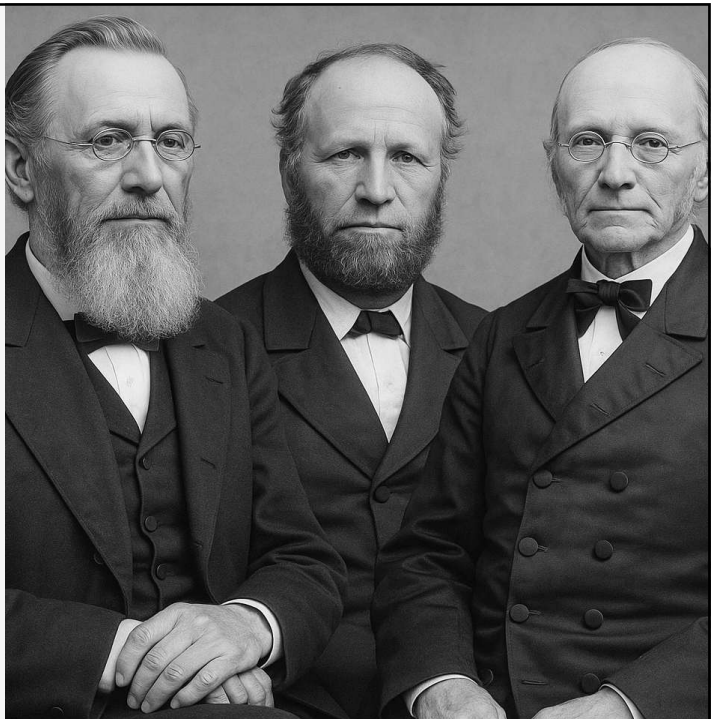
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THREE PERSONS
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1. **Matthew 3:16** “After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him. and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My [the Father’s] beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”
2. **Matthew 12:28** “But if I [Jesus] cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”
3. **Matthew 28:19** “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit . . .”

4. **John 14:26** “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My [Jesus’] name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”
5. **John 15:26** “When the Helper comes, whom I [Jesus] will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.”
6. **Acts 2:33** “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He [Jesus] has poured forth this which you both see and hear.”

7. **Acts 10:38** “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

8. **2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

9. **Ephesians 2:18** For through Him [Jesus] we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

10. **Titus 3:6** Whom [the Holy Spirit] He [the Father] poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

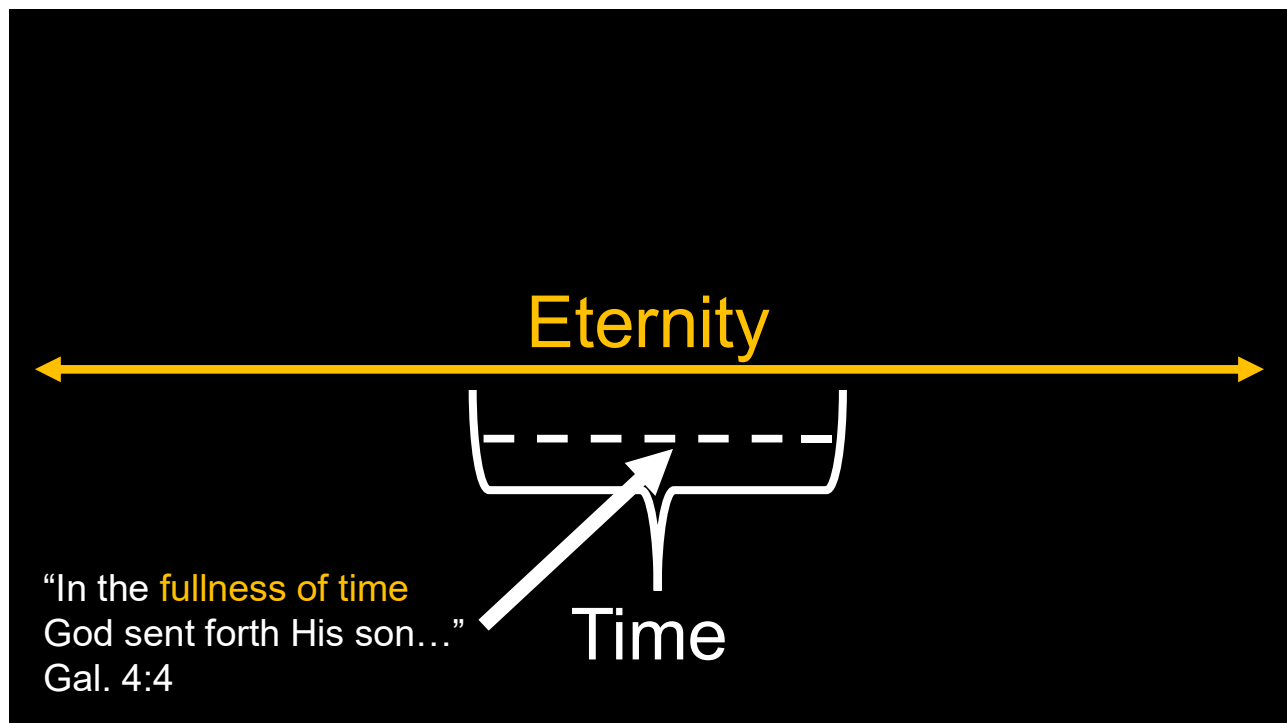
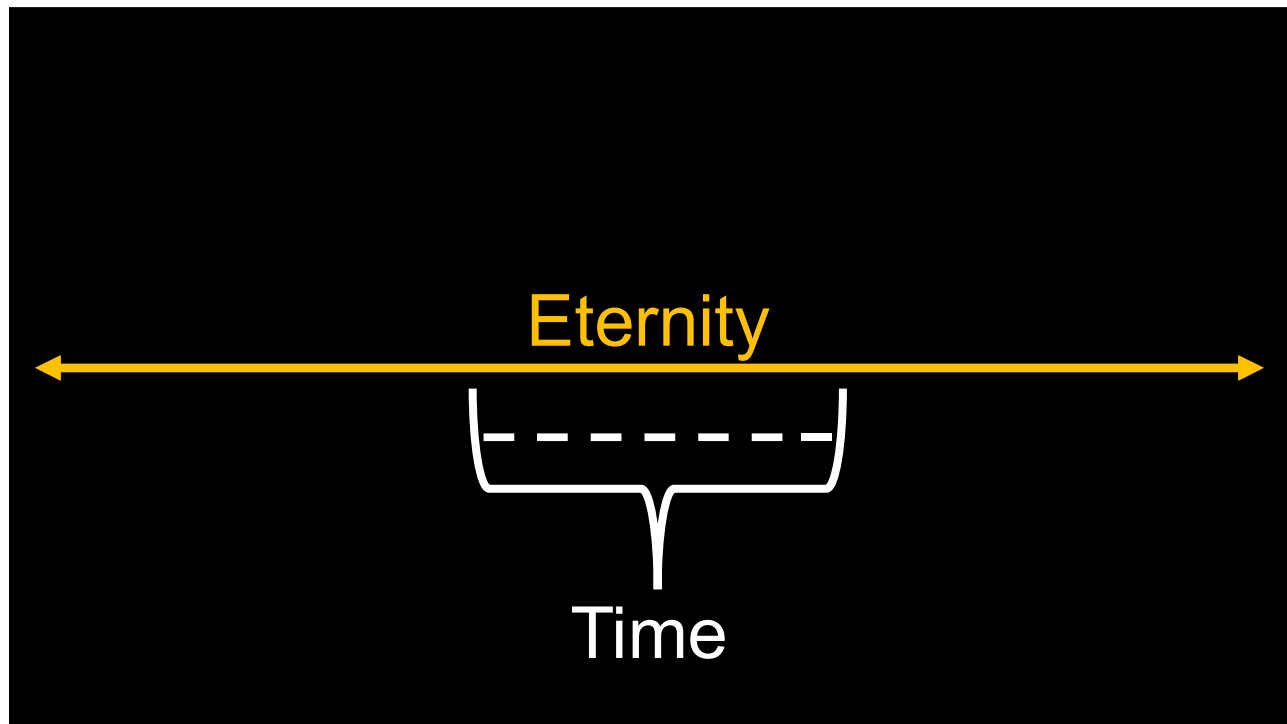
11. **Hebrews 9:14** How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

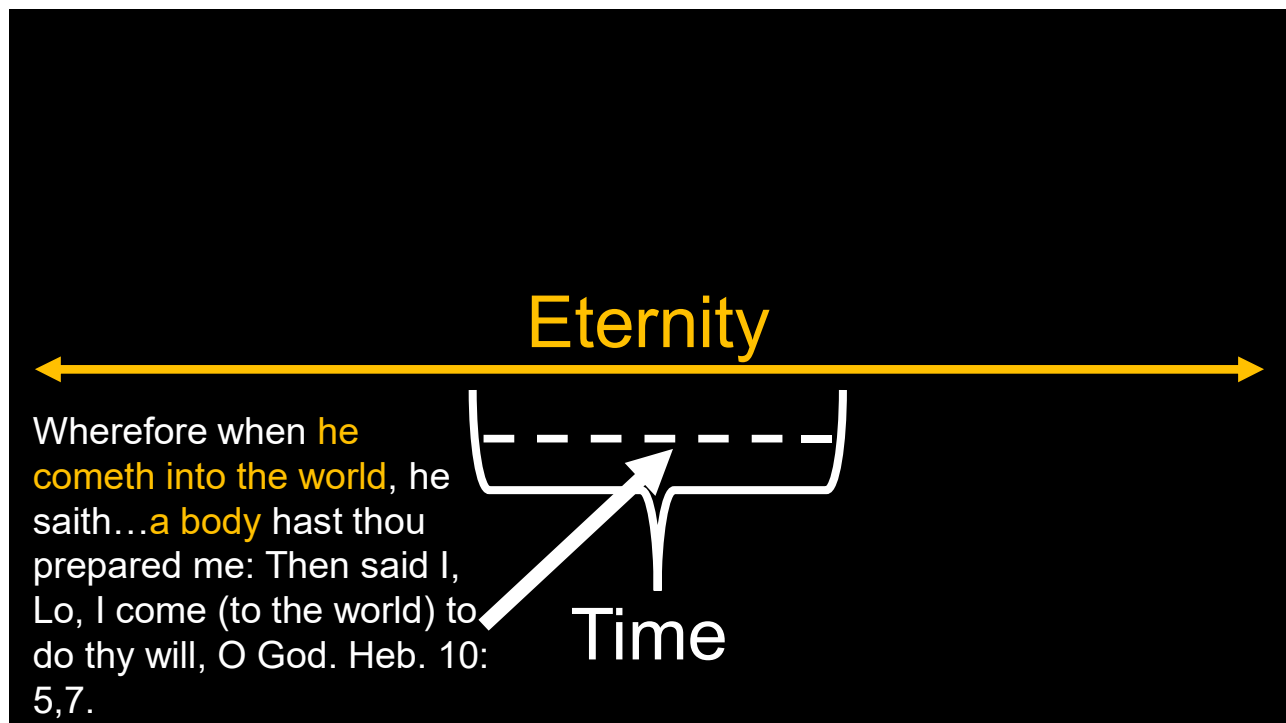
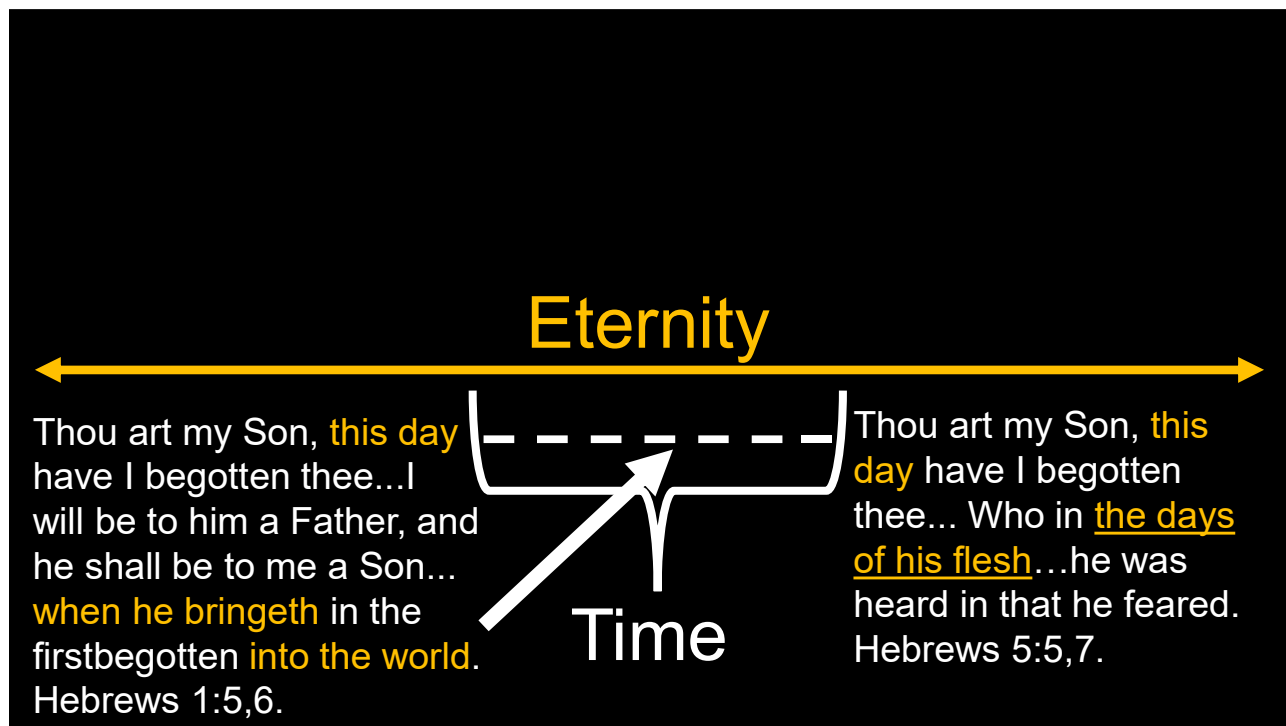
12. **1 Peter 1:2** According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: may grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

13. **1 John 5:7** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

14. **Isaiah 48:16.** Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

BEGOTTEN
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FIRSTBORN ?

Genesis 41:51: "And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh..."

Jeremiah 31:9: "For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

Psalms 89:27: "Also I will make David my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth."

Exodus 4:22: "Israel is my son, even my firstborn."
"Firstborn" often means the one given preeminence and inheritance rights, not necessarily the one born first chronologically.

WHAT IF JESUS WERE NOT YAHWEH ?

1. Sin Against an Infinite God Would Not Be Fully Dealt With Psalm 51:4

“Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight.”

Sin is ultimately an offense against God Himself, not merely against creatures.

If Christ were not God: The sacrifice would be finite

It would not fully correspond to the infinite holiness offended by sin. The atonement would be insufficient in ultimate scope

But Scripture says:

Hebrews 9:14

“Christ... through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God.” Only an infinite Savior can fully deal with infinite guilt.

2. We Would Not Truly Be Saved by God Himself

Isaiah 43:11 “I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.” Yet the New Testament says:

Titus 2:13 “Our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ”

If Jesus is not God: God remains distant

A created being would be saving us, not God Himself entering human history The heart of the gospel—**God with us (Immanuel)**—would be false

Matthew 1:23 “They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Without Christ’s deity, “God with us” becomes symbolic rather than literal.

3. Worship of Jesus Would Be Idolatry

The Bible commands worship of Christ:

Hebrews 1:6 “Let all the angels of God worship him.”

Philippians 2:10–11 “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow...”

If Jesus is not God:

Angels would be commanded to commit idolatry

The New Testament would contradict the first commandment

But Scripture insists:

Exodus 34:14 “Thou shalt worship no other god.”

Therefore, either: Jesus is God, or

The New Testament leads into idolatry

The Bible only coherently works if Christ is God Eternal.

4. The Cross Would Lose Its Infinite Value

The power of the cross is not only in suffering—but in *who suffered*.

Acts 20:28 “The church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

If Christ is not God: The blood is the blood of a creature, not the “blood of God” in the biblical sense

The value of the atonement would be limited

But Scripture presents His death as uniquely sufficient:

Hebrews 10:14 “By one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”

Only a divine sacrifice can produce eternal results.

5. Christ Could Not Be the Mediator Between God and Man

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

A mediator must bridge both sides.

If Jesus is only man: He represents humanity, but not God fully
God is still “on one side,” untouched by mediation

But Scripture presents Christ as:

Philippians 2:6 ...equal with God...

John 1:1,14 The Word was God... and became flesh

Only one who is both fully God and fully man can truly mediate both parties.

6. The Resurrection Would Not Be Divine Victory Over Death

The resurrection is not just God raising Jesus—it is Christ's own divine victory.

John 2:19 “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

If Jesus is not God: He cannot truly conquer death in Himself
Resurrection becomes something done *to Him*, not *by Him*
But Scripture teaches:

John 10:18 “I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.”

Only God has authority over life and death.

7. The Gospel Would Lose Its Assurance

If Christ is not God:

His promises could fail

His intercession could be limited

His salvation could be conditional or reversible

But Scripture grounds assurance in His deity:

Hebrews 7:25 “He is able also to save them to the uttermost...”

Why?

Because He is eternal, divine, and unchanging.

Summary: Why Christ Must Be God for the Gospel to Work

If Jesus is not God, then:

1. The atonement is finite, not infinite
2. Salvation is not God saving us, but a creature assisting us
3. Worship of Christ becomes idolatry
4. The cross loses divine worth
5. Mediation between God and man becomes incomplete
6. The Resurrection would lose its power
7. The gospel loses its certainty

Deuteronomy 29

²⁹ The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are **revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever**, that we may do all the words of this law.



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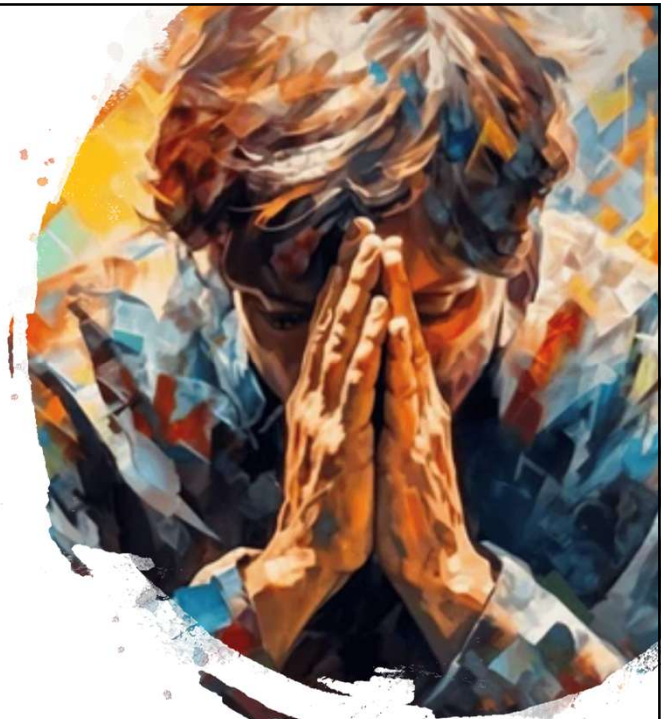
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Psalm 37:3

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and **feed on His faithfulness.**



There are 4 things God does not know:

1. He does not know a SIN
he does not hate;
2. He does not know a SINNER **he does not love;**
3. He does not know a SIN
that he can't forgive;
4. He does not know a
better time THAN NOW.

Holy, Holy, Holy!



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