

How Firm is Your Foundation?



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Lesson Eight

So far, we've covered these attributes of God:

- God is solitary
- God is infinite
- God is omniscient
- God is supreme
- God is immutable
- God is sovereign
- God is Holy
- God is a God of Grace
- God is Just
- God is Omnipotent

These are the attributes of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The doctrine of the Trinity is that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each is fully God and there is only one God, and that is a mystery to our finite minds.

The Father is God:

Philippians 1:2: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Son is God:

Titus 2:13: While we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

John 1:1 – 2: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

The Holy Spirit is God:

Acts 5:3 – 4: Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴ Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

And they each three have distinct personalities and distinct ministry in the lives of believers.

(*Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves is highly recommended.)

Two passages most clearly bring all of this together:

Matthew 28:19: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

They have different roles in our lives:

- The Father designed and organized how mankind would be redeemed, and set into motion the events, actions and prophecies about the life and death of a Savior. He is our Father, our refuge, our fortress.
- The Son carried out the plan of the Father for redemption by coming to earth and paying the price for our sins. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Friend, our Brother.



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- The Holy Spirit resides in every true believer and transforms the lives and hearts of those who receive salvation through Jesus Christ. He is our Comforter, our Guide, our Teacher.

I am going to focus on the attributes of Jesus Christ. He is God and all of the attributes we have covered apply to him.

Luke 10:22: “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Why do you think Satan has tried throughout the ages to demean the deity of Jesus, to cause people to refuse to believe that he is the Son of God?

Philippians 2:9 - 11: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Let’s consider some of the attributes of God as we see them in our Savior.

1. Jesus Christ is life.

John 1:4: In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 14:6: Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 5:26: For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

2. Jesus alone was both God and Man.

Jesus is referred to as “the Son” throughout the Bible, even in the Old Testament:

Psalms 2:7 – 9: I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father.”⁸ Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Matthew 14:33: Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

John 20:31: But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Matthew 9:6: But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.”

John 6:27: Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

3. Jesus alone took on the nature and flesh of mankind.

Philippians 2:5 – 8: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

4. Jesus Christ is omnipresent.

Matthew 28:18-20: Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

5. Jesus Christ is omniscient.

Matthew 9:4: Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?”

John 16:30: “Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

6. Jesus Christ has all power and authority.

Matthew 28:18 – 19: Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Colossians 2:9 – 10: For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Hebrews 1:1 – 4: In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

7. Jesus Christ is immutable.

John 8:58: “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

8. Jesus Christ is the only qualified Savior.

Acts 4:12: Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Hebrews 12:2: Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Galatians 3:13: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

1 Peter 1:18 – 19: For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

You can’t brag on Jesus too much. You can’t glorify him too often. God the Father is pleased when we make Jesus great.

Psalms 34:3: (ESV) Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Psalms 105:1: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

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