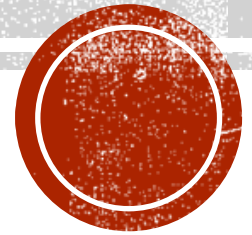


# THE COMMON FAITH

To Titus, genuine child according to the common faith – Titus 1:4

Item 2    The Triune God being  
a mystery.



**ISAIAH 45:5**

**MATTHEW 28:19**

- I am Jehovah and there is no one else; / Besides Me there is no God...
- Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Isaiah 45:5 I am Jehovah and there is no one else; /  
Besides Me there is no God...**

First, we must be clear that in the universe there is only one God. God is one. There is no other God. Our God is the only God.

**1 Corinthians 8:4 ...there is no God but one.**

In the whole universe there is only **One** true God. The God who has a good pleasure, will, eternal purpose, and economy is **One**. The God who chose us and predestinated us is **One**. The God who created the heavens, the earth, and man for His purpose is **One**. The God who loves man is **One**. The God who became incarnated to die for us so that we might be redeemed, forgiven, washed, justified, and reconciled is **One**. The God who resurrected to be our life to regenerate, sanctify, transform, conform, and glorify us is **One**.

**GOD BEING ONLY  
ONE**

We have only  
**ONE** God: not  
two, three, or  
many,  
but one!



## **Matthew 28:19**

Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### **Triune**

Although our God is one, there is something mysterious about Him. He is three-one, or “triune” (in Latin, “tri” means three and “une” means one). That is why we call Him the “Triune God.”

### **There is something about His name**

In Matthew 28:19 the Lord Jesus says, “Baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Here the Lord speaks clearly of the three—the Father, Son, and Spirit. But **notice that the word “name” is singular**. You may even say that the name of our God is “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

## **GOD BEING TRIUNE—FATHER, SON, AND SPIRIT**

Because of Bible verses like these, we can see that our God is one-yet-three and three-yet-one.





**John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

By the clause “the Word was **with** God,” we understand that the Word and God are two, for the Word was with God. But “the Word **was** God” indicates that the Word and God are one, for the Word was God. Are They one or two? They are both. This is a mystery.

**2 Corinthians 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**

Here the Lord and the Spirit are one, for the Lord **is** the Spirit. Then the same verse speaks of the Spirit **of** the Lord.” This indicates that They are two. Are the Lord and the Spirit one or two? It is a mystery.

**Hebrews 1:8-9 But of the Son, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy above Your partners.”**

Notice that in Hebrews 1:8-9 the Son is addressed **as** God; then God is referred to as “**His**” God. How can you explain this? Can you also say, “O God, Your God”? This is also a mystery.

## A MYSTERY OF MYSTERIES

There are many other unexplainable things in the universe. Electricity is one example.

If we cannot fully understand something like electricity, how much less can we understand the Triune God!

What other things in the universe are a mystery?



**1 Peter 1:2 ...God the Father...**

**Ephesians 1:17 God...the Father of glory.**

These verses tell us that the Father is God.

**Hebrews 1:8-9 But of the Son, “Your throne, O God...”**

**John 1:1 The Word was God.**

These verses tell us clearly that the Son is God.

**Acts 5:3-4 ...Why has Satan filled your heart to deceive the Holy Spirit...You have not lied to men but to God.**

This verse definitely tells us that the Spirit is also God.

**Not that they are three Gods**

Therefore, the Scriptures clearly reveal to us that all three—the Father, Son, and Spirit—are God. This does not mean, however, that They are three Gods. We have already seen that the Scriptures tell us clearly and definitely that God is only one. Although there are three—the Father, Son, and Spirit—the three are not three Gods, but one God. This is really a mystery!

**ALL THREE—  
FATHER, SON, AND  
SPIRIT—BEING  
GOD**

Although we cannot understand this mystery of the Trinity of the Godhead, we can receive and enjoy this mysterious God.

**We cannot  
understand, but  
we can enjoy!**

