

full knowledge deep devotion



ESSENTIAL TRUTH #1 - "We believe in O_____ God, C_____ of all things..."

Genesis 1:1 says that God created the H_____ and the E_____. In other words, he made E_____.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 is called the S_____, the Hebrew word for "hear" which also means L_____ or O_____.

What were God's people to hear?

"God is O_____" and "love the LORD, your God with all your H _____, S _____, and S _____.

Who is present at creation?

- GOD (Genesis 1:1)
- The H_____ S_____ (Genesis 1:2)
- J_____ (John 1:1, 14; Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1:1-2)

Jesus' equality with God is seen in:

- OT P_____ (Isaiah 40:1-11, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 7:14)
- The V_____ B_____ (Matthew 1:18-25)
- Jesus own W_____ (examples include: John 10:30, John 8:58, John 14:9-11)
- Jesus' miraculous S_____ (throughout Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John where the miracles are called signs)
- Jesus ability to know the F_____ (predicting his own betrayal, Peter's denial and the rooster crowing, the way he would die, his own resurrection, destruction of the temple, other future events, etc.)
- Jesus F_____ sins (Matthew 9:1-8)
- Jesus' R_____ (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21)
- Other NT Scriptures (John 1, Colossians 1, Hebrews 1, Revelations 1)
- Jesus' A_____ (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, Acts 1)
- Jesus being called Lord and being W_____ by monotheistic Jews (John 20:27-28)

In the Bible, God has revealed himself as One God in Three Persons:

God the F_____, God the S _____, and God the H_____ S _____.

This concept is known as the T_____.

Other examples of the Trinity found in the Bible:

- Jesus' B_____ (Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:22)
- The command given to the disciples in the G_____ C_____ (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Other verses (examples include: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, 13:14; Ephesians 1:3, 13-14, 2:18; Acts 20:28)

Why does this matter?

- We are greatly L_____ by God, demonstrated through the death of Jesus for us (Romans 5:8).
- Those who believe in Jesus are completely F_____ (1 John 1:9).
- We are invited into C_____ with the God of Community (Romans 5:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21).
- We are never A_____. God is always present with his people through the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:20; 1 Corinthians 6:19; John 14:15-16).
- Repentance is not loss, but G_____ (Acts 2:38-39).

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"We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Additional Notes:

Reflection & Application

Take a moment to prayerfully consider the following questions.

What is one thing I learned about God today?

Why does this matter?

How might knowing this affect the way I live?

Going Deeper

Take some time this week to discuss these questions with others.

- 1. What is one thing you believed about God when you were younger that is different than what you believe today?*
- 2. A. W. Tozer said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Do you agree or disagree? Why?*
- 3. Read Isaiah 40:1-31. Of the character qualities of God revealed in Isaiah 40, which one do you find most meaningful right now? Why?*
- 4. Some people got really angry with Jesus when he claimed equality with God. Why? Why does the question about Jesus' identity still matter today?*
- 5. The Bible challenges us to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. What might loving God this way look like in practice this week?*