



# The One Eternal God

## Lesson 2 The One Eternal God

**Introduction:** *The gods, the fates, the Force be with you, the supernatural...what is true and what isn't? (1Kings 18)*

### *How do you know that there is a god?*

An **ATHEIST** believes that there is no god.  
An **AGNOSTIC** believes that no one can know for sure if there is a god.  
Millions of others believe in a god, yet they call him (or it) by different names.

Written...that  
you may  
have life.

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### Written...

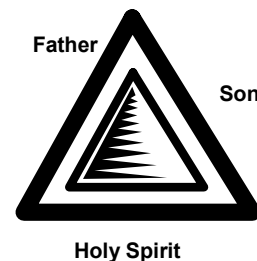
**Psalm 19:1-4**

**Psalm 14:1**

**Romans 2:14-15** Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.

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

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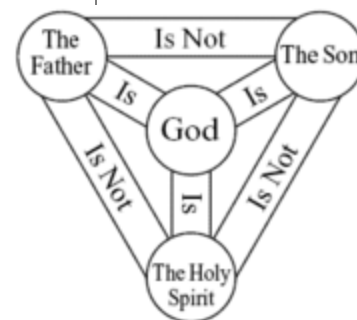
**Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**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.

**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."

**Matthew 3:13-17**

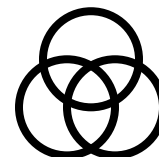
> Three \_\_\_\_\_ in One \_\_\_\_\_



**THE ONE TRUE GOD IS TRIUNE.**

**TRI=** \_\_\_\_\_  
**UNE=** \_\_\_\_\_

We know each person of the Trinity is God because the Bible ascribes divine names, attributes, works and glory to each person.





*If we can't understand something about God, does that mean it can't be true?*

Written...

**Isaiah 55:8-9** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

**1 Corinthians 2:14** "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."

### The Bible tells us some amazing things about the Triune God...

**Psalm 139:1-6** \_\_\_\_\_ **Psalm 90:1-2** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Psalm 139:7-12** \_\_\_\_\_ **Malachi 3:6** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Psalm 139:13-18** \_\_\_\_\_ **2 Timothy 2:13** \_\_\_\_\_

*Our first lesson explored God's loving plan to save sinners like us through Jesus. In light of that love and the glory of God, what assurance do we have as we face life's challenges?*

#### A. If God is so gloriously different than we humans, how could he come to be our substitute?

Written... **[John 1]** To save us, Jesus, the second person of the Triune God, true God from all eternity, became a \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Does this mean that Jesus, a man, was no longer God?

Written... **1 John 5:20** We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

**Colossians 2:9** For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form

#### C. In order to win eternal life for us, Jesus *had to be a man and God for TWO basic reasons:*

1) Written... **Galatians 4:4-5** But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.



2) *Written...* **Hebrews 2:14** Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil—

**Hebrews 10:9-10** (*Jesus*) said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." ... And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

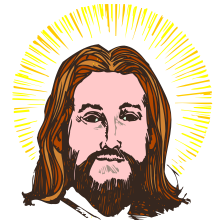
**D. Let's explore Jesus as True Man and True God** — Look up **Philippians 2:6-11** (look at stair-step chart)

### FOR DISCUSSION:

1. *In some parts of the world people believe that there are many gods. (polytheism) Why can't we agree to say that the Triune God is just one among many gods?*
2. *Evaluate: Some people say that Jesus was a man who taught great things but he was not God.*
3. *Faith in Jesus and all he did for us gives each of us a very precious gift. What is that gift? ( cf. lesson 1)*

**True-False:** Put an X before each true statement.

1. ( ) A religion that ignores Jesus Christ is serving a false god.
2. ( ) The Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and Son in power and knowledge.
3. ( ) God did not become triune until Jesus was born.
4. ( ) God is able to do all things; nothing is impossible for Him.
5. ( ) The first person of the Godhead is called the Father because all who believe in a god have him as their Father.
6. ( ) All religions worship the same God, they just call him by different names.
7. ( ) Only God the Son has a body.



### In our Worship

Throughout history Christians have been asked to describe what they believe. They could hand a Bible to the inquirer and say, "Read it." They also determined that it would be helpful to summarize what they believe in organized statements. Some of the most famous and widely used statements summarizing Christianity are called "creeds."

Note the "trinitarian" invocation at the beginning of the Common Service - (Christian Worship, p. 15) and the "trinitarian" greeting at the beginning of the Service of Word and Sacrament (p. 26) and the Service of the Word (p. 38).

Look for trinitarian symbols in our church facility's art and architecture.

**FOR FURTHER LEARNING:**

READ Hebrews 2

1. (Verses 1-4) The message “spoken by angels” refers to the Ten Commandments (God’s law) as delivered to Moses and the people of Israel on Mt. Sinai. God revealed “such a great salvation” through the Good News about Jesus, the Savior. These first verses of chapter two are an encouragement so that we do not do what? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. (Verses 5-9) Jesus did something for which he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” What did he do? \_\_\_\_\_ For whom did he do this? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. (Verses 10-13) These verses say that those people who *have been made holy* are part of God’s family and Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. About whom do these verses speak? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. (Verses 14-15) The wages of sin is death. God told Adam and Eve that one of the results of their disobedience would be death. Why don’t we have to fear death anymore? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*If you were to die in your sleep tonight, where would you spend eternity? (cf. lesson one)*

5. (Verses 16-18) God’s Word tells us that Jesus faced temptation, just like we do. Of what comfort is that to us? \_\_\_\_\_

We know that Jesus never once fell to temptation to sin. God’s Word tells us that we are credited by God with the perfect life which Jesus lived. That qualifies us for heaven! In your own words (and for your own benefit—*no one will be asked to read their answer to this question*) write down what the Good News of eternal life in heaven means to you today: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus, be worshipped endlessly!  
Your boundless mercy has for me,  
For me and all your hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid!

Bold shall I stand, on that great day—  
Who can a word against me say?  
Fully through you absolved I am  
From sin & fear, from guilt & shame.

