

# REASON TO HOPE

the what & why of our faith

## Why We Are Trinitarians

Deut. 6:4, Matthew 3:16-17, Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:16-19

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***“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you...”***

***-1 Peter 3:14-16***





***“We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; that they are equal in every divine perfection; and that they execute distinct, but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.”***

***Cascade Community Church***

***Statement of Faith***

***Section 2- “The Godhead”***





# Outline

## I. There is One God





**“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God,  
the LORD *is* one!”**

**-Deuteronomy 6:4**





***“Jesus answered him, ‘The first of all the commandments is: “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the first commandment.’”***

**-Mark 12:29-30**





***“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”***

***-Genesis 1:1-2***





***"Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?  
Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who  
has bound the waters in a garment? Who has  
established all the ends of the earth? What is  
His name, and what is His Son's name, If you  
know?"***

***-Proverbs 30:4***





***“Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken  
in secret from the beginning; From the time  
that it was, I was there. And now the  
Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me.”***

***-Isaiah 48:16***





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B. Activity of God





***“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...”***

***-Hebrews 1:1-3***





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## I. There is One God

A. Eternality of God

B. Activity of God

## II. There is One Appropriate Term to Describe God





- ***There is ONE God.***
- ***The ONE God exists as three persons: Father, Spirit, and Son.***
- ***The Father is fully God. The Holy Spirit is fully God. Jesus (The Son) is fully God.***





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- I. There is One God
  - A. Eternality of God
  - B. Activity of God
- II. There is One Appropriate Term to Describe God
  - A. Distinction without Division





***“The Father and I are one.”***

**-John 10:30**





***“When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ ”***

***-Matthew 3:16-17***





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- I. **There is One God**
  - A. **Eternality of God**
  - B. **Activity of God**
- II. **There is One Appropriate Term to Describe God**
  - A. **Distinction without Division**
  - B. **Subordination with Separation**





- There is only one God, and we must never stray from this.
- This one God exists as three Persons.
- The three Persons are not each part of God, but are each fully God and equally God.
- The distinctions within the Godhead are not divisions of his being.
- The Father did not become the Son and then the Holy Spirit. Instead, there have always been and always will be three distinct persons in the Godhead. This is not only how the Bible teaches of who God is but is what the people of God have always believed.
- There are NO analogies that accurately describe the trinity as the trinity is beyond human comprehension.





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- III. There is One Appropriate Response to God





***“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”***

***-Matthew 22:37***





***“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?’ ‘Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?’ For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”***

***-Romans 11:33-36***





# Application

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- 1. Understand that You Can't Understand Him Fully.**
- 2. Worship Him for Who He is and What He has Done.**

