

The Second Person of the Trinity

Jesus Christ

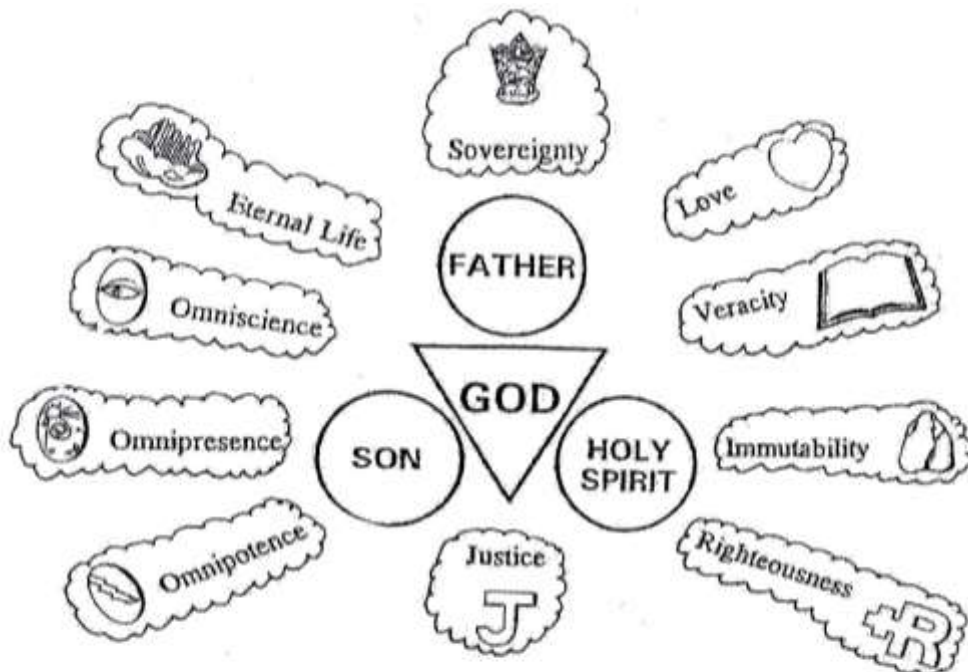
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Hebrews 1:1-4 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high [He is there as our High Priest], having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Matthew 16:13-16 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He began asking His disciples, saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

We have learned that God is one God in three persons. The oneness is His nature; all three Persons have the exact, same divine nature. The three Persons are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We are now going to talk about **the second Person of the Trinity, the Lord Jesus Christ**. We are going to talk about His deity. It is easy for us to think about Him as being human, but it is more difficult to understand that He is also God. The Lord Jesus Christ is 100% God and 100% man. How fantastic is that????

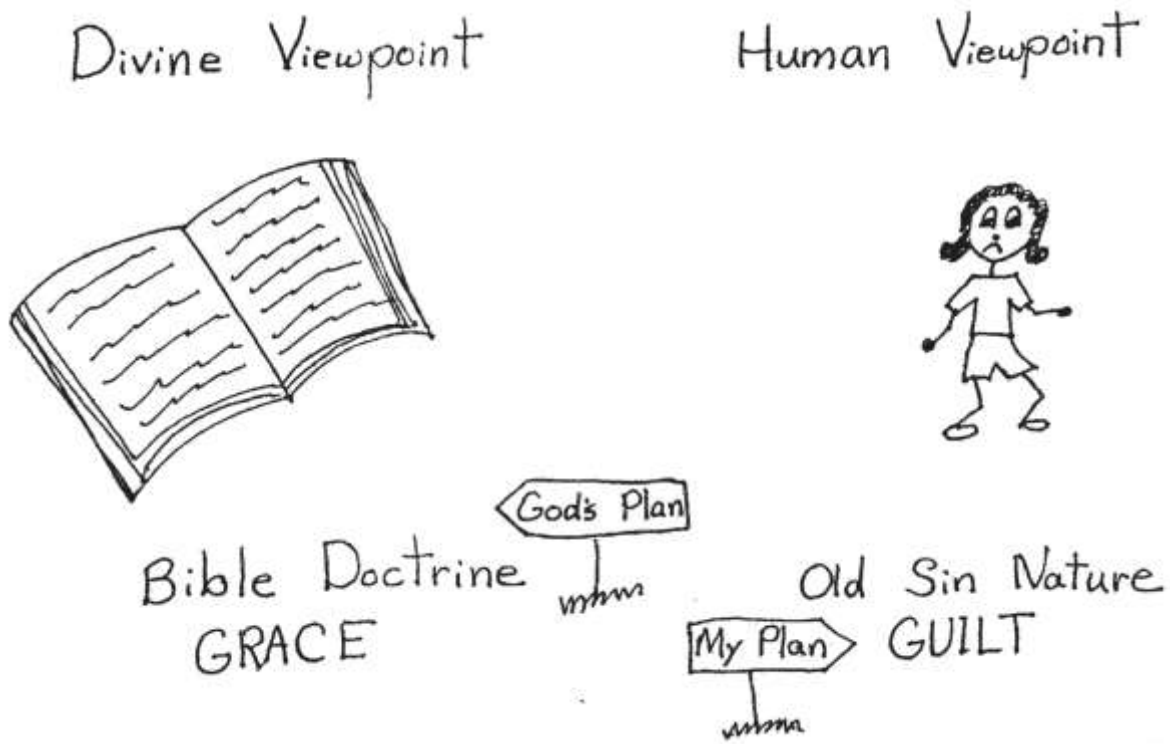
God's Divine Nature



Our God is an awesome God!

1 Corinthians 2:14 But a natural man [one not filled with the Holy Spirit] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised [taught to us by the Holy Spirit].

Once again, faith in God's word saves the day! However, many in the world don't believe the truth of the divinely inspired word of God. Their minds are closed to God's word and they rely on man's word. Can you imagine that? They don't rely on God Who made all creation, but they rely on man who was created! Absurd when you think about it! They don't believe that Jesus Christ is God. We are going to see scriptures from the word of God that prove Jesus Christ is God.



John 6:38 "For I [God the Son] have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him [God the Father] Who sent Me."

The humanity of Jesus Christ started at His birth. His deity is eternal, always was and always will be. At His birth, His humanity and deity were united in what we call the hypostatic union. This means His two natures were united without mixing with each other or losing any identity. Jesus Christ's human nature was very human, and His divine nature was very divine!

100% God & 100% Man



Luke 2:10-12 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you; you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

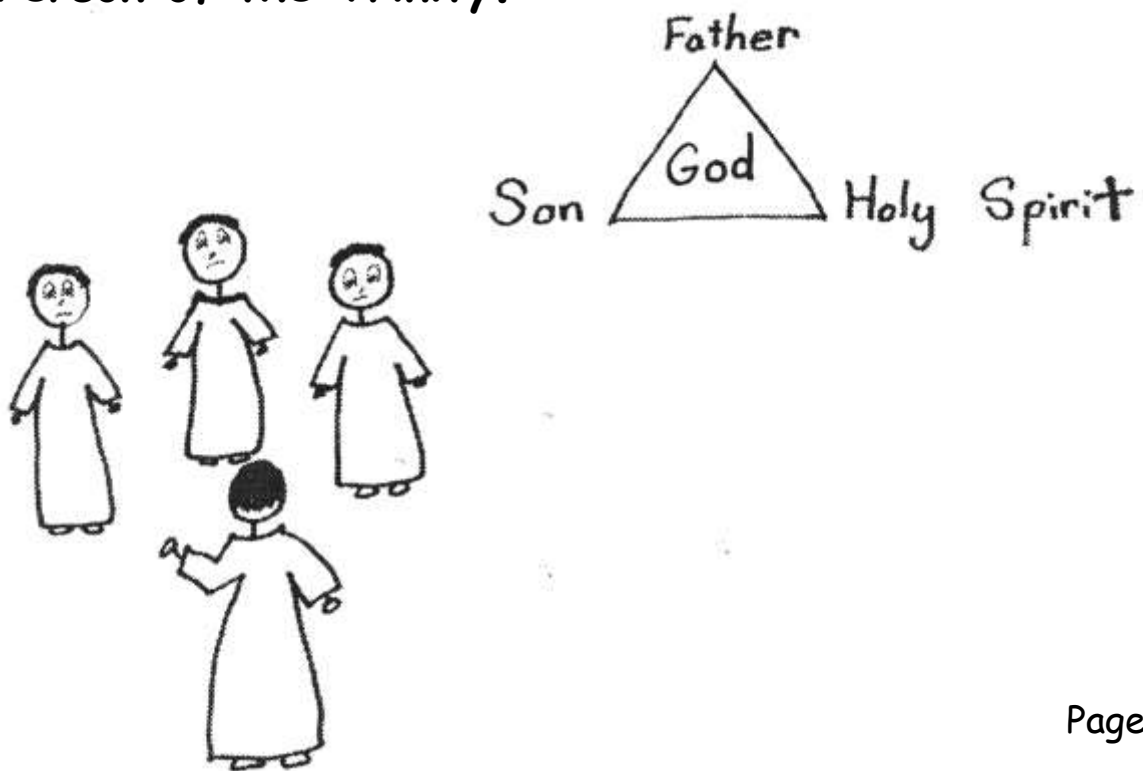
In His humanity, He obeyed the will of the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit; He had to learn God's word and grow in God's knowledge and grace just like we do. He showed us the way! As God, He performed miracles. (He also performed some miracles in His humanity through the power of the Holy Spirit.) As God, He was controlling history and keeping the universe running smoothly! He was taking care of His creation! **God the Son came down from heaven.**



John 20:30-31 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

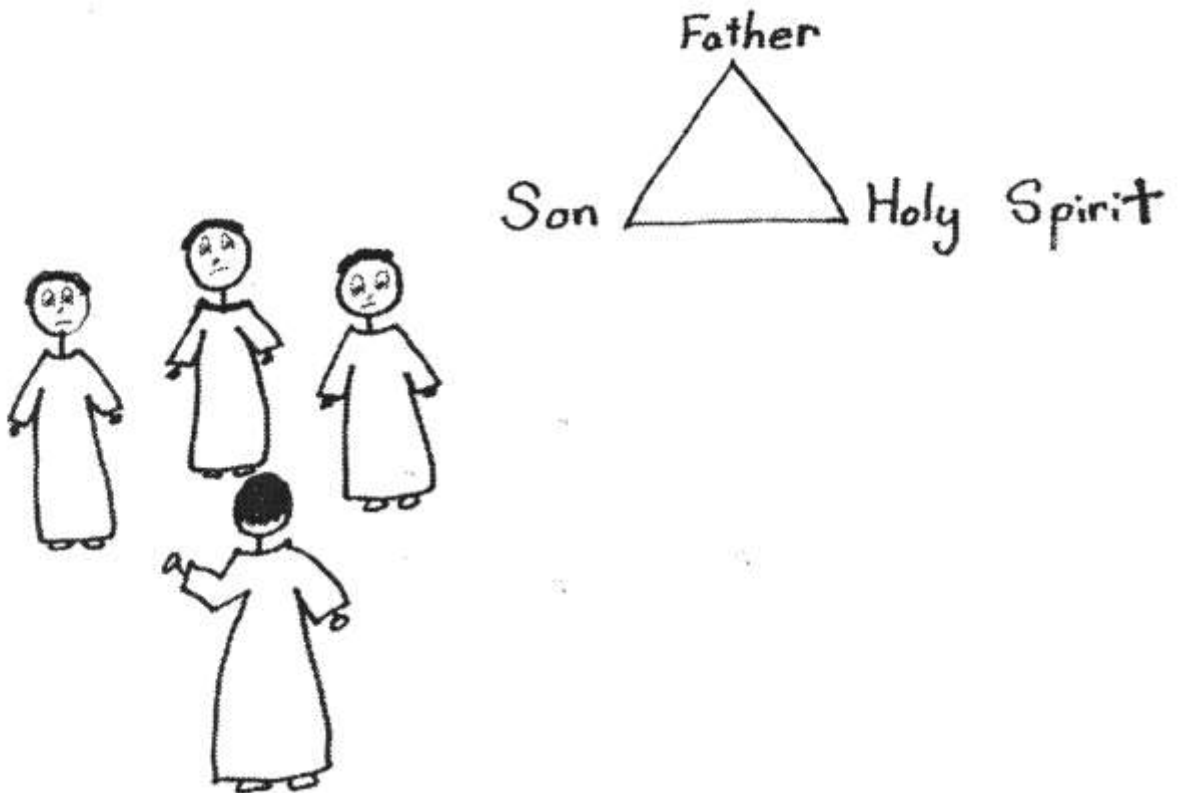
John 6:41-42 The Jews therefore were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven." And they were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of heaven?'"

Jesus Christ was trying to get the Jews to see that He was the Messiah so that they would believe in Him for eternal life. He was also telling about His preexistence as God. But the Jews did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah even though He had all the qualifications of the Messiah: Prophet, Priest, and King to Israel. Their own thinking got in the way of God's thinking in their souls! Sometimes our thinking gets in the way of God's thinking in our souls! We use human viewpoint instead of divine viewpoint. We need to learn more about our Savior and Lord, **the second Person of the Trinity.**



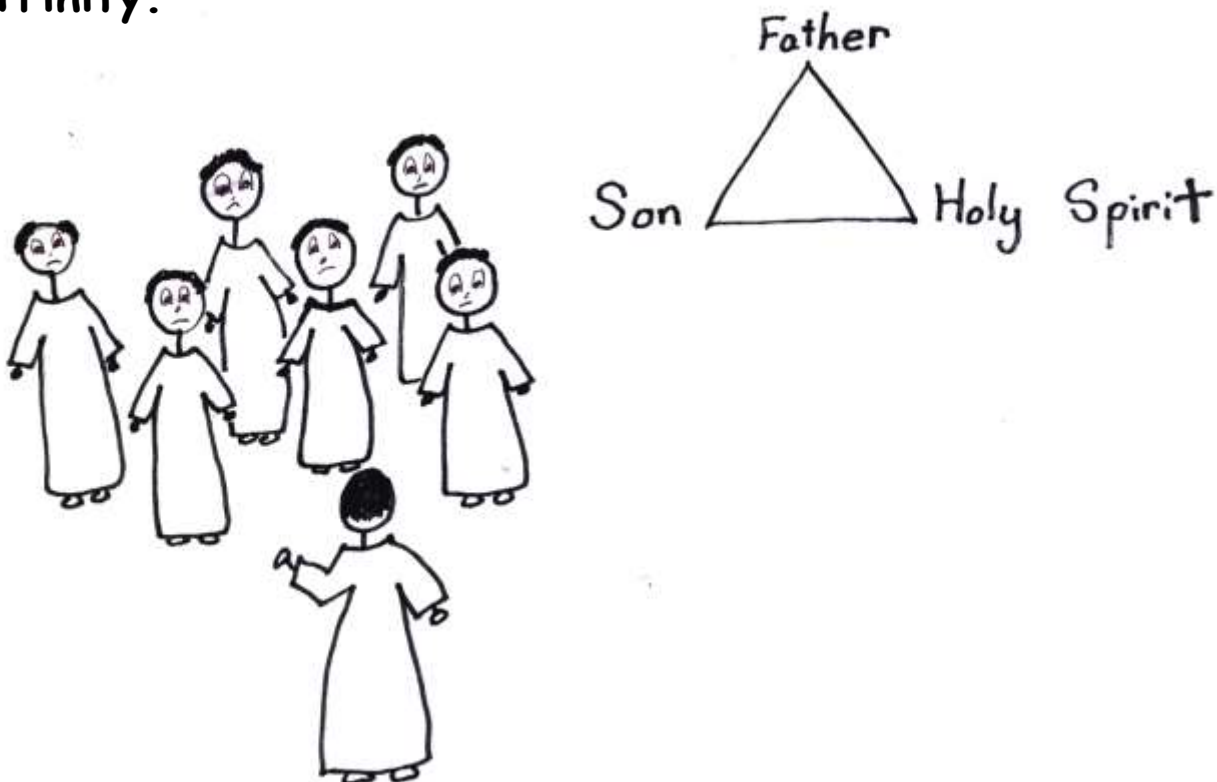
John 8:56-58 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My [Jesus Christ's] day, and he saw [it] and was glad." The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

The Jews were again questioning the fact that Jesus Christ is God. Jesus gave them more proof that He is God, the second Person of the Trinity.



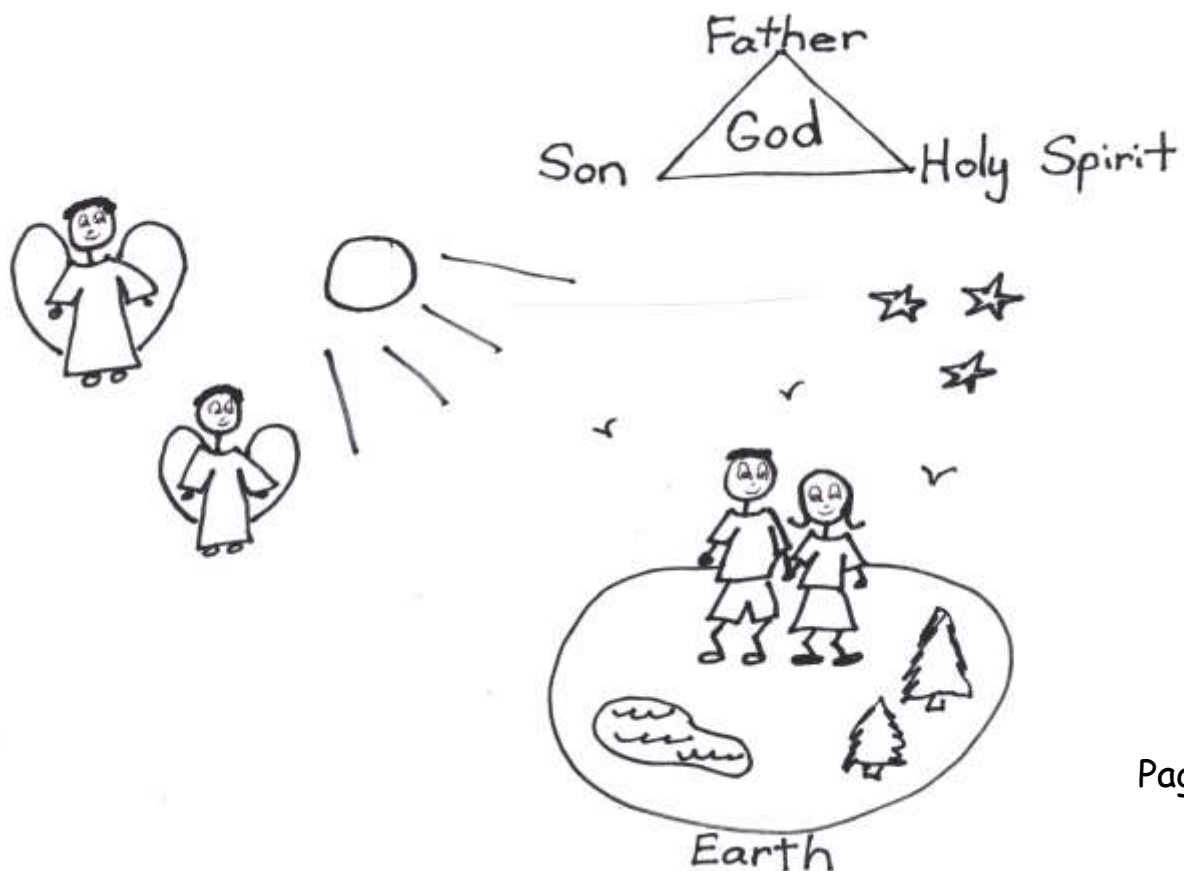
Luke 22:67-71 "If You are the Christ, tell, us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask a question, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." And they said, "What further need do we have of testimony [proof]? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Chief priests and teachers of the law were questioning Jesus after He was arrested. They wanted some reason to put Him to death. Since He claimed to be God, they thought that was a good reason to put Him to death. They wanted to think Jesus was lying. Many people today say Christ did not claim to be the Son of God. This is a lie. He did not point out often that He was the Son of God. However, when others asked if He was God, He said yes. Jesus Christ is the **second Person of the Trinity**.



Colossians 1:15-16 And He [Jesus Christ] keeps on being the exact image of the invisible God, the privileged first-born with reference to all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created by Him and for Him.

Jesus Christ is eternal God. As a member of the Trinity, He always existed. There never was a time when He did not exist! He created everything: stars, planets, the entire universe, angels, man, and animals. He keeps the stars and planets moving just the way they need to move! He gives us everything we need! He has everything in control! Only God can do that! Jesus Christ is God, **the second Person of the Trinity!**



Read Philippians 2:1-11.

This scripture is absolutely awesome!! **The second Person of the Trinity, God the Son**, humbled Himself and came down from heaven and took on human nature. In hypostatic union He is 100% God and 100% man. He became our Savior! After His work on the cross for our benefit, He was buried and then 3 days later He was resurrected. Forty days from then He was rocketed or ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father! God the Father gave Jesus Christ the rank that is above every name or rank. In everlasting life, even unbelievers and fallen angels will bow down at the name of Jesus and confess that He is Lord! **The second Person of the Trinity is God!!**

