

Article of Faith 1
The Trinity

- Article of Faith #1 – The Trinity
 - We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

- 1. One God
 - A. The Jehovah God of the Bible claims total superiority in His dominion, there is absolutely no other god but Jehovah God alone
 - Isaiah 45:5-22 – *“5) I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me... 6) That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else... 18) For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else...21) Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. 22) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”*
 - Isaiah 46:9; Deut. 4:35,39; 1 Kings 8:60; 1 Chron. 17:20, Jer. 10:10
 - 1 Tim. 2:5, 1 Cor. 8:6, Mark 12:29, James 2:19
 - Jesus confirmed the absolute authority of Jehovah God
 - Mark 12:29 – *“And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord.”*
 - Quoted from Deut. 6:4; also see John 17:3, Mark 12:32
 - B. Jehovah God is not one god in a successive line of other gods, but He is the “everlasting God”. There were no gods before Jehovah God and there will be no subsequent gods after Him.
 - Ps. 90:2 – *“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”*
 - Ps. 93:2, 102:27; Isaiah 40:28, Hab. 1:12, Gen. 21:33, Jer. 10:10, Deut. 33:27
 - Isaiah 43:10-11 – *“10) Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11) I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.”*
 - Ps. 18:31; Isaiah 41:4, 44:6, 44:8, 45:5; 1 Sam. 2:2, 7:22
 - C. Because there is only one God, therefore, there can only be one means of salvation, through Jehovah God
 - 1 Tim. 2:5 – *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ.”*
 - Acts 4:12 – *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*
 - Isaiah 43:11 – *“...beside me there is no saviour.”*

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2. The Trinity

- A. Jehovah is one God, but yet at the same time is three distinct persons – the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit – known as “The Trinity”
- 1 John 5:7 – *“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”*
 - Matt. 28:19 – *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”*
 - 2 Cor. 13:14 – *“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”*
- B. Plurality and Singularity of God – God is 3-in-1 AND 1-in-3
- Deut. 6:4
 - *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:”*
 - The Hebrew here reads – *“The Yehovah (proper name of God, singular person) our elohiym (God, plural form) is one Yehovah”.*
 - This shows that even though there is more than one “person” in the God head (evidenced by the plural noun *elohiym*), they are still only one LORD (*Yehovah*)
 - Eph. 4:3-6
 - The “unity” of the Godhead is mentioned in verse 3, and then the three unified members of the Godhead are all mentioned in the successive three verses 4, 5, and 6
 - *“one Spirit”* (v.4) – Holy Spirit
 - *“One Lord”* (v.5) – Jesus Christ
 - *“One God and Father of all”* (v.6) – God the Father
 - Isaiah 6:8
 - *And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us?*
 - Gen. 1:26
 - *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”*
 - Gen. 3:22
 - *“And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil...”*
- C. Some verses where God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are all present outside of 1 John 5:7
- Matt. 28:19
 - *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”*
 - 2 Cor. 13:14
 - *“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”*

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C. Some verses where God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are all present outside of 1 John 5:7 (continued)

- Matt. 3:16-17
 - *“16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. 17) And lo a voice [of God the Father] from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*
- John 14:26
 - *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my [Jesus’] name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”*
- John 15:26
 - *“But when the Comforter is come, whom I [Jesus Christ] will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.”*
- John 14:16
 - *“And I [Jesus Christ] will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”*
- Rom. 8:9
 - *“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”*
- Eph. 2:18
 - *“For through him [Jesus Christ, v.13-16] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”*
- Heb. 9:14
 - *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*
- Rom. 8:9
 - *“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”*

D. The entire Trinity is credited with the resurrection of Jesus Christ

- i. God the Father raised Jesus Christ from the dead
 - Gal. 1:1 – *“Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)”*
 - Eph. 1:20, 1 Cor. 15:15, Rom. 6:4, Acts 2:24,32, 3:15,26, etc.

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D. The entire Trinity is credited with the resurrection of Jesus Christ (continued)

- ii. Jesus Christ raised Himself from the dead
 - John 10:17-18 – *“17) Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18) No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”*
- iii. Holy Spirit raised Jesus Christ from the dead
 - Rom. 8:11 – *“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit which dwelleth in you.”*
 - 1 Pet. 3:18

E. The entire Trinity is placed into the heart of the child of God in the new birth

- i. God the Father dwells inside of the child of God’s heart
 - 2 Cor. 6:16 – *“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”*
 - Eph. 2:22, John 14:23, 1 Cor. 3:9, 2 Cor. 5:1-5
- ii. Jesus Christ dwells inside the child of God’s heart
 - Col. 1:27 – *“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”*
 - Gal. 2:20, Rom. 8:10, John 14:20,26, 17:23
- iii. Holy Spirit dwells inside of the child of God’s heart
 - 1 Cor. 3:16 – *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”*
 - Gal. 5:22, 1 Cor. 6:19, Rom. 8:9

F. The eternal divinity of Jesus Christ

- i. Jesus has been God from everlasting, from before the world began
 - John 1:1 – *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*
 - Heb. 7:3, Ps. 90:2, 93:2
- ii. Jesus was both 100% man and still 100% God at the same time
 - 1 Tim. 3:16 – *“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory”*

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F. The eternal divinity of Jesus Christ (continued)

- ii. Jesus was both 100% man and still 100% God at the same time (continued)
 - John 1:14 – *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*
 - Col. 2:9 – *“For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”*
- iii. Jesus is in perfect unity and fully equal with the other persons of the Godhead
 - John 10:30 – *“I and my Father are one.”*
 - John 17:11,21-23 – *“11) ...Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 21) That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22) And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; 23) I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”*
 - John 5:17-18, John 14:1,7,9; John 15:23-24; John 16:3; 1 John 2:22-23

3. Sovereignty of God

- A. Since God is only true and living God, therefore, He is fully Sovereign and Omnipotent in all matters of His creation – meaning God has absolute power and is the final authority in all things, with no other person, entity, or being having authority to overrule His power
 - 1 Tim. 6:15 – *“Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;”*
 - Rev. 19:6 – *“...Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”*
 - Rev. 17:14, 19:16; Ps. 136:2-3; Dan. 2:47; Deut. 10:17
 - Matt. 28:18 – *“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”*
 - Dan. 7:13-14, Isaiah 37:16
- B. God's will is the Supreme Authority in all the universe, and His will cannot be overruled
 - Dan. 4:34-35 – *“34) And at the end of days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: 35) And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?”*
 - Isaiah 40:15,17; Job 9:12; Isaiah 45:9-10; Rom. 9:19-22, James 4:13-15

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3. Sovereignty of God (continued)

B. God's will is the Supreme Authority in the universe, and His will cannot be overruled (cont'd)

- Eph. 1:11 – *“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:”*

C. God does as He purposes and pleases in all things in the world

- Ps. 115:3 – *“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”*
 - Ps. 135:6, 2 Chron. 20:6, 1 Chron. 29:12
- Ps. 103:19 – *“The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.”*
- Job 23:13 – *“But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.”*
- Isaiah 14:24,27 – *“24) The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: 27) For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?”*
- Isaiah 46:10-11 – *“10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11) Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.”*
 - Ps. 33:11