

**HOW DO WE RELATE TO GOD AND THE THREE DISTINCT PERSONALITIES OF THE TRINITY?**

1 PETER 1:1 PETER, AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST, TO GOD'S ELECT, STRANGERS IN THE WORLD, SCATTERED THROUGHOUT PONTUS, GALATIA, CAPPADOCIA, ASIA AND BITHYNIA, 2 WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, THROUGH THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE SPIRIT, FOR OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST AND SPRINKLING BY HIS BLOOD: GRACE AND PEACE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.

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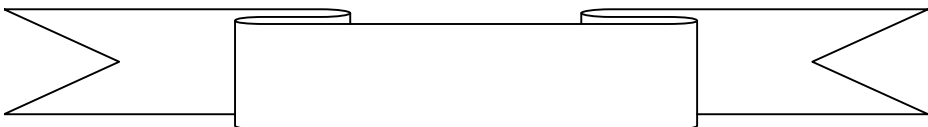
**THE PERSONALITIES OF THE TRINITY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO**

- THE FATHER AS ONE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ US
- THE SON AS ONE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ US
- THE SPIRIT AS ONE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ US

**TO THE FATHER—**  
WE SHOULD \_\_\_\_\_ THE CALL

**TO THE SON—**  
WE SHOULD \_\_\_\_\_ REDEMPTION

**TO THE SPIRIT—**  
WE SHOULD \_\_\_\_\_ THE PATH OF SANCTIFICATION



**NEXT WEEK... THE GOD SUPREMACY**

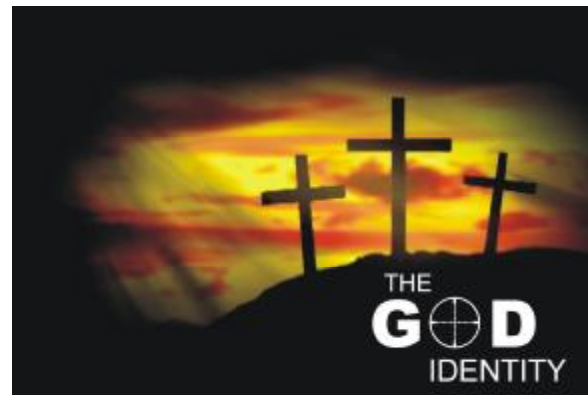
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**THE GOD IDENTITY**  
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ANY CONCEPT OF THE TRINITY MUST BE CAREFULLY BALANCED, FOR IT MUST MAINTAIN ON THE ONE SIDE THE UNITY OF GOD, AND ON THE OTHER, THE DISTINCTNESS AND EQUALITY OF THE PERSONS. THAT IS WHY THE WORD TRINITY ONLY TELLS HALF OF THE DOCTRINE—THE “THREENESS” PART AND NOT THE UNITY. PERHAPS THE WORD TRI-UNITY IS BETTER SINCE IT CONTAINS BOTH IDEAS—THE “TRI” (THE THREENESS) AND THE “UNITY” (THE ONENESS).

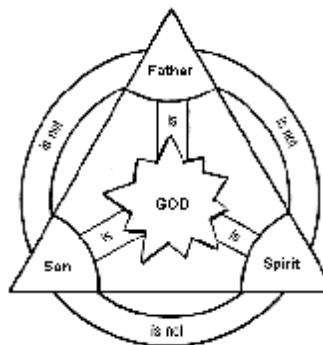
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**TO MAKE SENSE OF THIS MYSTERY, TWO MISTAKES ARE OFTEN MADE:**

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD IS VIOLATED (SABELLIANISM/MODALISM) THIS HERESY ROBS THE FATHER, SON AND SPIRIT OF THEIR DISTINCT PERSONALITIES.
2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD IS VIOLATED (ARIANISM). THIS HERESY ROBS CHRIST AND THE SPIRIT OF THEIR DIVINITY.

**GOD IS THREE DISTINCT \_\_\_\_\_, YET ONE UNIFIED \_\_\_\_\_.**



MATTHEW 28:16 THEN THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES WENT TO GALILEE, TO THE MOUNTAIN WHERE JESUS HAD TOLD THEM TO GO. 17 WHEN THEY SAW HIM, THEY WORSHIPPED HIM; BUT SOME DOUBTED. 18 THEN JESUS CAME TO THEM AND SAID, “ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. 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, 20 AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.”

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