

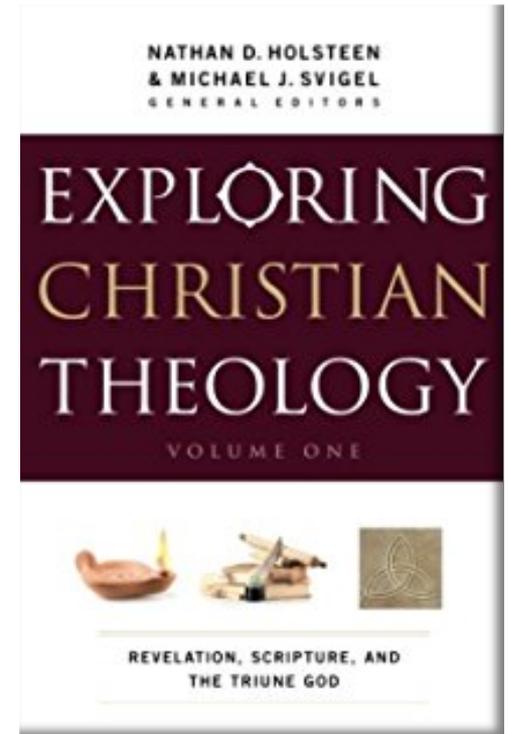
Image Bearers of the Three Part God

**A three week jog through the Bible and
Exploring Christian Theology: The Triune God**

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Introducing the Trinity
Identification
Beginnings
Application

PART I



Who's Who Verses

- Deuteronomy 6:4
- John 6:27
- John 1:1
- Acts 5:3–4
- John 20:17
- John 14:16
- John 14:26
- I Corinthians 8:6



Who's Who (1 of 3)

- **There is one God** (Deuteronomy 6:4)
“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!”
- **The Father is God** (John 6:27)
“Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.”
- **The Son is God** (John 1:1)
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



Who's Who (2 of 3)

- **The Spirit is God (Acts 5:3–4)**
3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4 “While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”
- **The Son is not the Father (John 20:17)**
Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’ ”
- **The Son is not the Spirit (John 14:16)**
“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;



Who's Who (3 of 3)

- **The Spirit is not the Father** (John 14:26)
“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
- **There is One God, not Three** (1 Corinthians 8:6)
yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.





God the One and Only

Deuteronomy 6:4

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

Shema: A twice daily prayer of faithful Jews

Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

Divine Names

Reveal God's Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disclose His Character• Couple His Functions with His Identity• Unfold in Progressive Revelation
Represent God's Presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serve as Figures of Speech for His Person• Sometimes Represent His Personal Will• Invoke His Presence and Authority
And Thus are Sacred	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are to be Safeguarded as Revelatory Instruments• Not to be Blasphemed or Taken Lightly or in Jest• Signify That We Must Approach Oaths With Caution



Divine Names



CREATOR
Abba, Father
The Lord of Hosts
ALPHA AND OMEGA
Light of the World
Holy Spirit
WISDOM
Elohim
THE Way
Second Adam
Friend
God Almighty
TRUTH
RULER
SAVIOR
GATE
LIFE
Lord of Lords
Rock of Israel
JUDGE OF THE EARTH
CORNER STONE
Bread of Life
TEACHER
SON
ROCK
GOD
HIGH PRIEST
HOLY ONE
I AM
Jealous
God Almighty
SERVANT
YAHWEH
JESUS
IMMANUEL
MASTER
Lion of Judah
The First and the Last
SURE FOUNDATION
Good Shepherd
DELIVERER
Redeemer
LIVING GOD
WORD
MEDIATOR
MESSIAH
RABBI
KING OF GLORY
King of Kings
PRINCE OF PEACE
Advocate
The Christ
Wonderful Counselor

In the Beginning... God

Genesis 1:1–3

- 1 In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

Elohim: plural of strong one

- The Father was there
 - Elohim created the heavens and the earth (out of nothing)
- The Spirit was there
 - The Spirit of God hovered over the primal dark waters
- Jesus was there
 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1)



What is the Purpose of Man?

Isaiah 43:6-7 “I will say to the north, ‘Give *them* up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold *them* back.’ Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth, Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

Matthew 22:37-40 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”



Let Us Make Man in Our Own Image

Genesis 1:26–27

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



In the Image of God

- **1 Corinthians 11:7a** For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God;
- **Genesis 9:6** Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.
- **James 3:8–9** But no one can tame the tongue; *it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.* 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;



The Questions

- As we are made in the image of God, how then are we to perceive ourselves? How should this truth affect our outlook and attitudes?
- If all are made in the image of God, how should we look at (value) others? Ex: the unborn, the damaged, the unbeliever, the criminal

Your questions





Principles to Put Into Practice

1. Knowing God encourages us to learn more of God.
2. In light of the Trinity, be all you were meant to be.

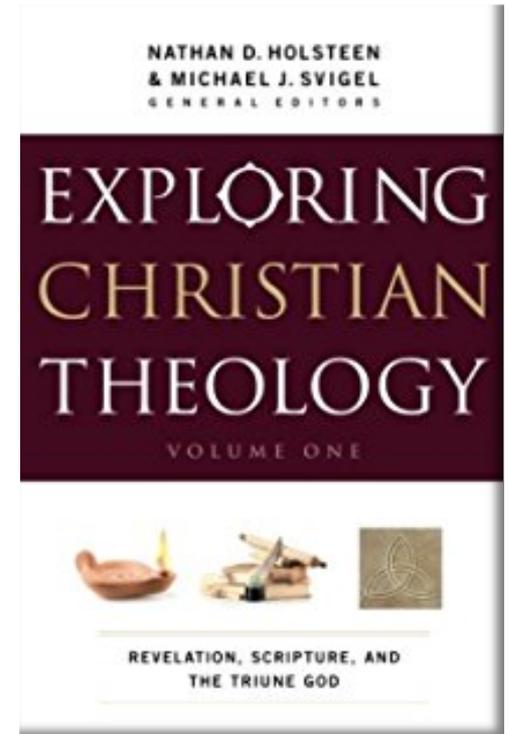
Matthew 10:29-32

Matthew 5:3-16



Attributes of God
The Big Plan of God
God the Son
Application

PART II



Introduction to the Attributes of God (David/Psalm 139)

- Verses 1-6: Omniscience
- Verses 7-12: Omnipresence
- Verses 13-16: Creator
- Verses 17-18: Response
- Verses 19-21: Curse the Wicked
- Verses 22-23: Lead Me



Analysis: Psalm 139

139 O Lord, You have searched me and **known me.**

2 **You know** when I sit down and when I rise up;

You understand my thought from afar.

3 **You scrutinize** my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O Lord, **You know it all.**

5 You have **enclosed me** behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

7 **Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your
presence?**

8 If I ascend to **heaven**, You are there;

If I make my bed in **Sheol**, behold, You are there.

9 If I take the wings of the **dawn**,

If I dwell in the remotest part of the **sea**,

10 Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"

12 Even the darkness is not dark to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.

Darkness and light are alike to You.

13 For **You formed** my inward parts;

You wove me in my mother's womb.

14 **I will give thanks** to You, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;

Wonderful are Your works,

And my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You,

When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;

And in Your book were all written

The days that were ordained for me,

When as yet there was not one of them.

17 **How precious also are Your thoughts
to me, O God!**

How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the
sand.

When I awake, I am still with You.

19 O that You would slay the wicked, O God;
Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.

20 For they speak against You wickedly,
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.

21 Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord?

And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;

They have become my enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me,

And **lead me in the everlasting way.**



Attributes of God

- **Self existent** (John 5:26, 1 Tim 6:13-16)
- **Simple** (irreducible) (Deut 6:4)
- **Self Sufficient** (Acts 17:24-25)
- **Eternal** (Gen 12:33)
- **Immutable** (Mal 3:6)
- **Impassible, but impassioned** (Jer 31:20)
- **Free** (Ps 115:3)
- **Infinite** (John 4:24)
- **Omniscient** (Ps 139:2)
- **Omnipresent** (Ps 139:7)
- **Immanent** (Acts 17:24-28)
- **Omnipotent** (Ps 139:14-16)
- **Not the perpetrator of moral evil** (1 John 1:5)



Attributes of God

GOD IS...

Almighty Genesis 17:1 **B**eautiful Psalms 27:4 **C**reator Genesis 14:19

Deliverer Psalms 18:2 **E**TERNAL Genesis 21:33 **F**aithful Psalms 145:13

Good I Chronicles 16:34 **H**oly Psalms 99:3 **I**mmortal I Timothy 6:16

Just II Chronicles 12:6 **K**ING Psalms 47:7 **L**ove I John 4:16

Merciful Deuteronomy 4:31 **N**EAR Philippians 4:5 **O**verseer I Peter 2:25

Powerful Jeremiah 32:18 **Q**uick Psalms 38:22 **R**edeemer Psalms 19:14

Salvation Isaiah 12:2 **T**RUTH John 14:6 **U**nchanging Hebrews 13:8

Victorious Psalms 20:5 **W**ISE Romans 16:27 **e**Xalted Exodus 15:1

YAHWEH—I am the LORD Exodus 6:2 **Z**ealous Ezekiel 39:25



God Is Holy;

Isaiah 6:3

And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.”

Leviticus 11:45

For I am the LORD who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; thus you shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Peter 1:13-16

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, **be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;** ¹⁶ because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”



The Majestic Story (The Big Plan of God)



. *Exploring Christian Theology* :
Volume 2: Creation, Fall, and Salvation
Baker Publishing Group.

The Son Before (and Above)

Creation

Colossians 1:15–19

He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn of all creation**. 16 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 through Him and for Him**. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also **head of the body, the church**; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. 19 For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,



In the Beginning... Jesus

- **God** said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

John 1:1-3

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
 - Jesus is the part of God responsible for physical creation. (Col. 1:15-17)
 - Jesus spoke the world into existence (the Word)



Jesus Glorifies the Father

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

John 14:9

Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"



Jesus: Blessing from The Father

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

Ephesians 1:13

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Amplified:

It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit.



God Is Love

1 John 4:13–16

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Amplified:

15 Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. 16 We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.



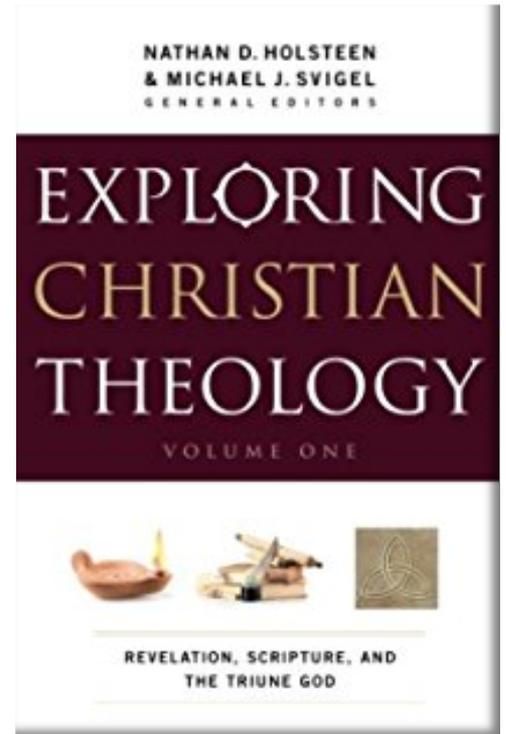
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Jesus' Natures
The Holy Spirit
 Spiritual Fruit
 Spiritual Gifts
Application

PART III







The Humility of the Incarnate Son

Philippians 2:6–11

6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



'Hypostatic Union'

Jesus has a divine nature

Jesus is the Word who was God and was with God and was made flesh
(John 1:14)

Jesus has a human nature

The Word was joined with humanity
(Colossians 2:9)
Jesus' divine nature was not altered.
(Hebrews 1:1-4)

The hypostatic union can be defined as God the Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, came to earth and took human nature upon himself. Thus Jesus was fully God and fully human.



Jesus As..

God

- He is worshiped (Matt. 2:2, 11; 14:33)
- He was called God (John 20:28; Heb. 1:8)
- He was called Son of God (Mark 1:1)
- He is prayed to (Acts 7:59)
- He is sinless (1 Pet. 2:22; Heb. 4:15)
- He knows all things (John 21:17)
- He gives eternal life (John 10:28)
- All the fullness of deity dwells in Him (Col. 2:9)

Man

- He worshiped the Father (John 17)
- He was called man (Mark 15:39; John 19:5)
- He was called Son of Man (John 9:35-37)
- He prayed to the Father (John 17)
- He was tempted (Matt. 4:1)
- He grew in wisdom (Luke 2:52)
- He died (Rom. 5:8)
- He has a body of flesh and bones (Luke **24:39**)



The Holy Spirit is God

John 14:16–17

16 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 15:26

“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,





*But the Holy Spirit produces
this kind of fruit in our lives:*

love, joy,
peace, patience,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness, and
self-control.

*There is no law against
these things!*

*Galatians 5: 22-23
New Living Translation*



Spiritual Gift Synergy

I Corinthians 12:4-11

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but **the same Spirit**. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given the **word of wisdom** **through the Spirit**, and to another the **word of knowledge** **according to the same Spirit**; ⁹ to another **faith** **by the same Spirit**, and to another **gifts of healing** **by the one Spirit**, ¹⁰ and to another the **effecting of miracles**, and to another **prophecy**, and to another the **distinguishing of spirits**, to another **various kinds of tongues**, and to another the **interpretation of tongues**. ¹¹ **But one and the same Spirit works all these things**, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

Spiritual Gift Survey

- What do we have right here, now?
(feel free to say 'pass')
- Ask your spouse
- Formal: <http://findyourgifts.org/>



Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12

Encouragement
Giving
Leadership
Mercy
Prophecy
Service
Teaching

1 Corinthians 12

Administration
Discernment
Healing
Interpretation of Languages
Languages
Prophecy
Wisdom

Apostle
Faith
Helps
Knowledge
Miracles
Teaching

Ephesians 4

Apostle
Pastor
Teaching

Evangelism
Prophecy

1 Peter 4

Serving
Teaching

**The gifts in italics are repeated in one of the other passages.*



The Questions

- Do we each have all the Spiritual Fruits?
- Do we each have all of the Spiritual Gifts?
- If these are the fruits and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, what does that tell us about the nature of God?
- Based on the prior discussion; how then are our natures effected, having been made in the image of God?



Putting it all Back Together

Matthew 28:19

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,**

Amplified:

Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



A woman in silhouette is shown from the waist up, reaching her right arm upwards and pointing towards a series of musical notes. The notes are rendered in a dark red color and are arranged in a curved path. The background is white with yellow and dark red decorative elements, including a large sun-like shape with rays and various swirling lines. The woman's shirt has a black and white polka dot pattern.

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