

# ARISE BIBLE STUDY DOCTRINES

**Study:** The Trinity (T)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this study is to paint a vivid relational picture of God as a triune fellowship of other-centered love

**Center It:** God is love. In the life and teachings of Jesus, both the Father and the Holy Spirit are prominently featured.

**Know It / Mark it:**

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| 1. Genesis 1:1, 26, 27 | 6. John 14:16          |
| 2. 1 John 4:16         | 7. 2 Corinthians 13:14 |
| 3. Deuteronomy 6:4     | 8. John 1:1-4, 18      |
| 4. Matthew 28:19       | 9. Matthew 27:46       |
| 5. John 8:58           |                        |

**Share it:**

1. **Genesis 1:1, 26, 27:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. In verses 26 and 27, it is hinted that the entity of “God” is plural in nature . . .
2. **1 John 4:16:** God is love. Love by its very nature – intrinsically – requires relationship. Both self and other. If you are completely alone in the universe, you can experience selfishness but no love. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).
3. **Deuteronomy 6:4:** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord, our God, the Lord is one!” This is the first verse of the *Shema Yisrael* . . . The *Shema Yisrael* is a prayer prayed by Jews around the world . . . There are two Hebrew words for one: *Yacheed* and *Echad*. The first indicates singularity, while the second indicates compound unity. *Echad* is the word used in this text (*Yahweh, Elohim, Yahweh, Echad!*, literally “Hear, O Israel! Yahweh, our Elohim, Yahweh is unity!), which makes sense because *Elohim* – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – are one. God is a unity of self-giving love. *The tetragrammaton (YHWH, Yahweh, Jehovah) is used by devout Jews to refer to God in reverence to His great name and authority . . .*
4. **Matthew 28:19:** We are called upon to induct others and baptize them in the name (singular!) of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are looking for the divinity of Christ and the personhood of the Holy Spirit.
5. **John 8:58:** “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was I AM.” Jesus existed before Abraham. I AM is language that all of the people before Jesus would have been familiar with. They knew what Jesus was referring to. This came from (Exodus 3:14), when God said to them, “I AM WHO I AM.” (Colossians 2:15). Our Lord and God. (Hebrews 3). (Philippians 2:5-7) (Hebrews 1).
  - a. **Inherent relationality of God**
  - b. **Divinity of Jesus Christ**
  - c. **The personhood and Divinity of the Holy Spirit**

6. **John 14:16:** Jesus is sending another helper to take His place. Illustration: If a loved one leaves, no one will replace that person. The Holy Spirit is a personal being and referred to as “comforter,” “helper,” “teacher.” Jesus is leaving, and the Holy Spirit is arriving to be a comforter to mankind . . .

a. Further references to the Holy Spirit:

- i. *Genesis 1:1,2: The Spirit of God hovered over the waters before the Creation . . .*
- ii. *1 Corinthians 12:11: The Holy Spirit working through humanity . . .*  
*Romans 5:5 – the Spirit pours the love of God into our hearts)*
- iii. *Romans 8:26, 27: The Holy spirit makes intercession for us with longings that will not be satisfied until we are in the fold . . .*

7. **2 Corinthians 13:14:** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit . . .” We can be friends with the Holy Spirit . . . *The Holy Spirit can be grieved by our refusal to accept His overtures . . .*

8. **John 1:1-4, 18:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. And the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. No one has seen God at any time. The begotten son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

9. **Matthew 27:46:** “*Eli, Eli, lama sabachani?*” The latter Greek words are transliterations of Hebrew and Aramaic words, literally meaning “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” It is evident in this passage that Jesus’ sacrifice for mankind involved a severing of the intimate relationship shared between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Ask them to pray with you . . .*

**Appeal:** The Father, Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit all comprise a sacred, triune Trinity and went through excruciating separation to save a race that had risen in open rebellion against them.

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