

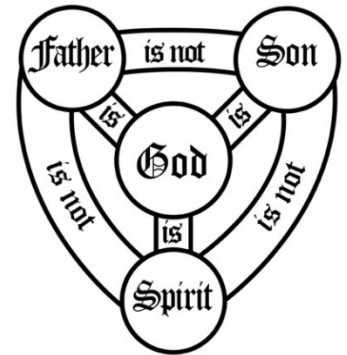
## **“The Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds – The Truth about the Trinity”**

-The Ecumenical Creeds as Summaries About  
Who God Is, Versus False Religions and Cults-

### **Part 3 - A Bible Study of the Athanasian Creed**

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**2. *Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will  
doubtless perish eternally.***

Whoever does not hold, keep, or believe this one true faith will inherit the wrath of God, which is rightfully due to everyone because of God's holiness and man's sin.

**(Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43; Romans 2:6–8; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2  
Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 21:8)**

**3. *Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.***

The creed now begins to share what the universal faith is. The one true God is the one Triune God who alone is worthy of worship, praise and adoration. Three persons exist in this Godhead, yet they exist as one God. Each person is distinct from the other two, yet at the same time each person is fully God.

**(Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; Mark 12:29, 32; John 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:5; James 2:19)**

**4. *For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and  
the Spirit is still another.***

This emphasizes the distinctiveness of each person of the Godhead. Contrary to what Modalism professes, in Scripture we see all three persons of the Trinity operating at the same time, which proves that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are indeed distinct and simultaneously existent.

**(Matthew 3:16–17; Mark 1:9–11; Luke 3:21–22;  
1:18; 6:44; 10:15; 14:16–17, 26–27; 15:26; 16:7, 13–15;  
10:19; 13:2–4; Romans 8:27; 1 Corinthians 8:6;**

**John  
Acts 8:29;  
Ephesians 4:4–6)**

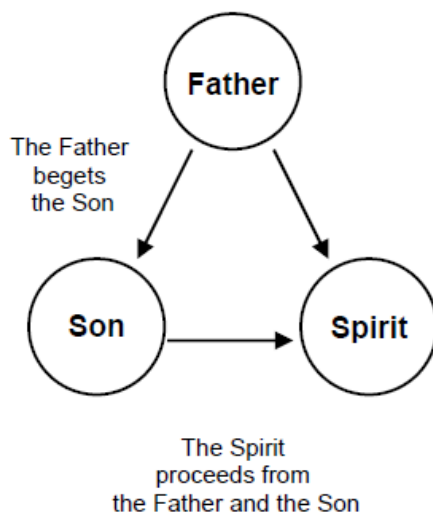
**5. But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,  
equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.**

Although the persons of the Trinity are clearly distinct, Scripture is very clear that they are all equally and eternally God.

(Genesis 1:2, 26; Exodus 3:14–15; Isaiah 44:6; John 8:58; 16:15; Acts 5:3–4; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:4–6; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 9:14; 10:29; 1 Peter 1:2; Revelation 5:13; 21:22–23)

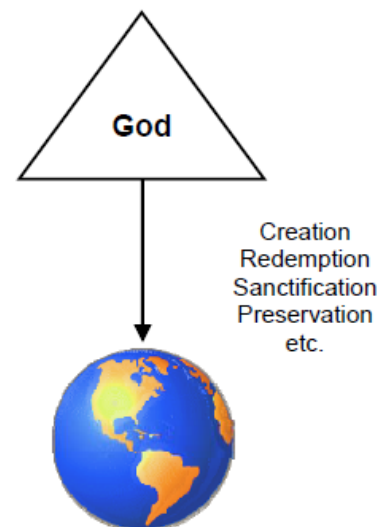
**Intra-Trinitarian Relationships**

*Persons to each other are distinct*



**Trinity's relationship to us**

*Works toward the world are indivisible*



The Shield of the Trinity, a visual representation of the doctrine of the Trinity, derived from the Athanasian Creed. The Latin reads: "The Father is God, The Son is God, The Holy Spirit is God; God is the Father, God is the Son, God is the Holy Spirit; The Father is not the Son, The Son is not the Father, The Father is not the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit is not the Father, The Son is not the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit is not the Son."

Finally, The **Athanasian Creed** was popular among monks of the Middle Ages who considered it well adapted to meditation and memorizing. In the time of Charlemagne it came to be used as a canticle at Prime. Luther called this Confession the grandest production of the Church since the times of the Apostles.