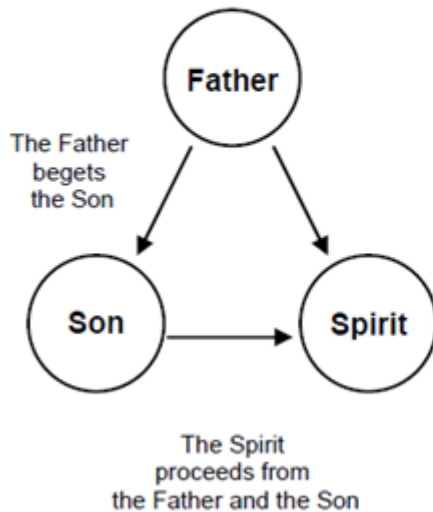


## **“The Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds – The Truth about the Trinity”**

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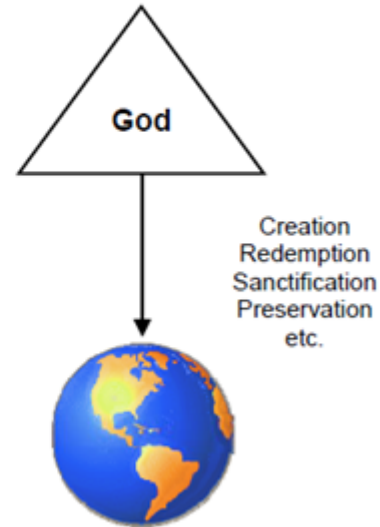
### **Intra-Trinitarian Relationships**

*Persons to each other are distinct*



### **Trinity's relationship to us**

*Works toward the world are indivisible*



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***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.

(Mark 12:29, 32; John 10:30;

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; John 1:18; 6:44; 10:15; 14:16–17, 26–27; 15:26; 16:7, 13–15; Acts 8:29; 10:19; 13:2–4; Romans 8:27; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 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)

## The Athanasian Creed

Whosoever will be saved,  
Before all things it is necessary  
That he hold the Catholic Faith.

Which Faith except everyone do keep  
Whole and undefiled,  
Without doubt He shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholic Faith is this,  
That we worship one God in Trinity  
and Trinity in Unity.

