

The Trinity: The one and only God who is Father, Son & Spirit.

A. Do you have any problems with the idea of the Trinity?

B. Is Jesus really God?

- Tick the true statements out of these:
 - God doesn't need anything.
 - Humans need food.
 - Jesus needed food.
 - Jesus wasn't God since he needed food.

Attempted arguments against Jesus being God (Are they legitimate arguments??):

- “Jesus must have been made since _____” Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:5.
- “The Lord Jesus must be distinct from the only true God because _____” John 17:3, 1 Corinthians 8:4-6.
- Arius (250-336 AD) and the Jehovah’s Witnesses argued that ‘the Son’ was the first thing God created. Look up Prov 8:22,23,30.

Arguments used for Jesus being God:

- Jesus is God since _____ John 20:28, John 1:1.
- Jesus is Yahweh (“LORD”) because _____ Romans 10:9,12,13 <> Joel 2:32, Hebrews 1:8-10 <> Ps 102:24-27.
- Jesus was not made since _____ John 1:1-3, Col 1:16-17.
- Jesus is not to be treated as a ‘so called god’ but rather as the living God since ...

- Colossians 2:9 _____
- 2 Corinthians 5:15 _____
- John 5:23 _____
- Revelation 1:8 <> 22:12-13 _____
- Revelation 5:6,13-14 (Hebrews 1:6) _____
- Acts 7:59 _____

C. Is the Spirit just a force or in actual fact a distinct divine person with his own mind and will?

John 14:15-17,25-26

1 Corinthians 12:11

Romans 8:27

Ephesians 4:30

D. Where do we see all three spoken of together

Matthew 28:19 _____ 2 Corinthians 13:14 _____ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 _____

E. It has been said, "I can't understand it so therefore it can't be true!"

Q: What is it? You can't see, taste, touch, hear or smell it. It holds the power of life and death. It can be in you and you don't know. It needs absolutely nothing at all to survive. It is not God. It is _____

- How could you possibly accept it as true?
- Haven't you just grown up accepting it when you were told about it, without trying to figure out how exactly it is possible?
- Imagine going to a lost African tribe and explaining it.
- Matthew 11:25-27

F. Can we grasp anything of how there can be three and yet one?

- Each is _____ the other, according to John 10:30, 38 & 14:9-11.

Praise our amazing God for 'relationship' is at the heart of reality.

God is love. He was love before he created us.

The Father loves us with the love he has for his unique Son.

If we know Jesus we know the Father and God's Spirit is within us. God is within us!