



FATHER
WORD
HOLY SPIRIT

Three or One?

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND JESUS?

THE FATHER AND THE SON (JESUS)
ARE NOT
THE SAME PERSON

**THE FATHER AND THE SON (JESUS)
ARE THE SAME ESSENCE OR SUBSTANCE**

**THE FATHER AND THE SON (JESUS)
ARE EQUAL**

**ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING WE KNOW
ABOUT THE FATHER AND THE SON (JESUS)
COMES FROM SCRIPTURE**

FROM THE BEGINNING...

Genesis 1:1-2

John 1:1-18

- **God (Elohim) is Plural**
 - **Note the Spirit**
 - **1:26**
 - **“our” image**
 - **“our” likeness**
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**“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image,
after our likeness.”**

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Gen 1:26

**“ So God created man in his own image, in
the image of God he created him; male and
female he created them.**

”

Genesis 1:27

- **1:26 → 1:27**
 - **shifts to singular (Elohim remains plural)**
 - **“our” to “his” and “he”**
 - **when speaking internally – plural**
 - **when acting - singular**
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**“ Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man
has become like one of us in knowing good
and evil.**

”

Genesis 3:22

**“ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.**

”

Isaiah 9:6

“ *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
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Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.***

”

Isaiah 9:6

***But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is
“ forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the
scepter of your kingdom. You have loved
righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore
God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of
gladness beyond your companions.” ”***

“ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

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Acts 20:28

Three Acting As One

One God Acting in Three Ways

How Can These Things Be?



WHAT IS AN APPLE?

- **Flesh**
- **Seed**
- **Peel**

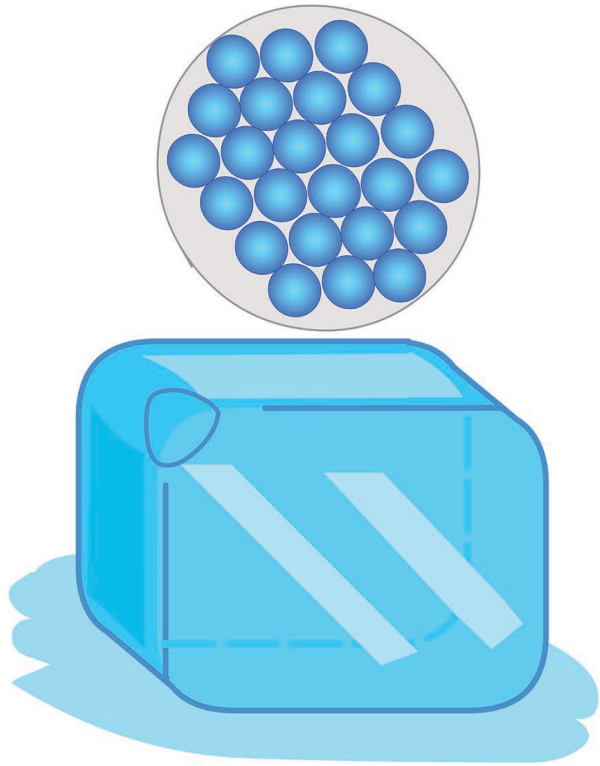


WHAT IS GOD?

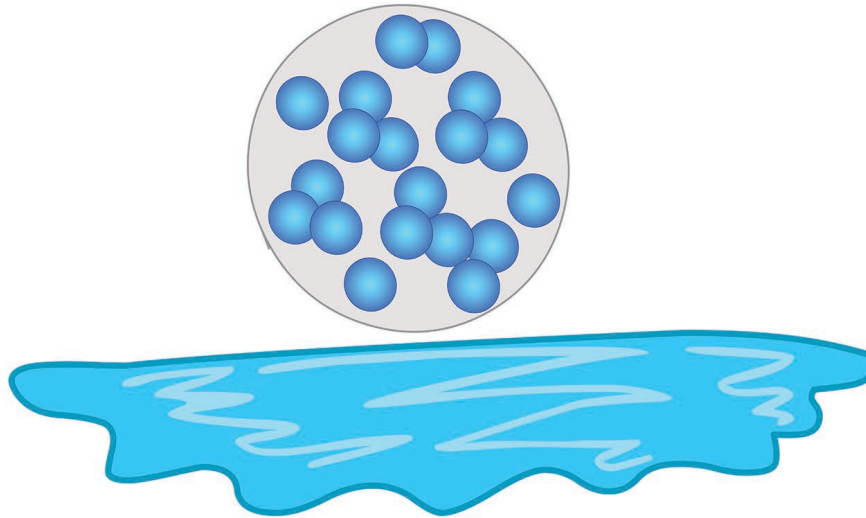
- **Father**
- **Word**
- **Holy Spirit**

What is God?

Father, Son and Holy Spirit



Ice (Solid)



Water (Liquid)



Vapor(Gas)

- **Word** (logos)
 - *“the word became flesh and dwelt among us...”* (1:14)
 - So, the Word is Jesus
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- **Word** (logos)
 - *in the beginning*
 - *with God*
 - *was God*
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- **Word (logos)**
 - **the Creator**
 - **John 1:10**
 - **Psalm 33:6**
 - **Colossians 1:16**
 - **Hebrews 1:2**
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IS JESUS
SUBORDINATE
TO GOD?

SOMETHING HAPPENED IN
BETHLEHEM

“ ***Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*** ”

Hebrews 2:5 – 8

Philippians 1:5 - 7
