

Theology for Coaches

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God, The Trinity		
Lesson One		
Scripture presents God as one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	Trinity created humanity (Genesis 1:26) The Trinity evaluated humanity (Genesis 11:6,7) The Trinity reveals Himself (John 16:13-15) The Trinity appeared at the baptism of Christ (Mark 1:9-11) The Trinity blesses the believer (2Corinthians 13:14)	
Trinity = Tri + Unity Tri = Three Unity = Oneness		
The Trinity in three Persons mediates 3 different blessings to the believer.	The Lord Jesus Christ blesses the believer with grace. The Father blesses the believer with love. The Holy Spirit blesses the believer with community or association.	
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God is immutable.	Malachi 3:6 James 1:17	Immutable means God never mutates or changes. His perfection establishes the reality that He does not need to change. He is perfect the way He is.
God is eternal	Psalm 93:1-2	God exists outside of the restrictions of time. He is timeless.
God is most wise.	Romans 11:33	Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge skillfully. God not only knows all, He uses His knowledge skillfully.
God is most holy.	Psalm 99:9 Revelations 4:8	Holiness means moral wholeness or perfectly moral to the highest standard.
God is almighty.	Genesis 17:1 Revelation 19:6	All might or all power: God never lacks the capacity, energy, or strength to accomplish His purpose.
God is most loving and gracious.	Psalm 86:5	God's love sees His potential in each of His created beings and adores the creature for it. Grace is God's love given freely and never deserved.
God is most just.	Psalm 50:6	Just describes the legal nature of God. God values, acts, and upholds what He defines as right.

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The Father	<p>The Father is the initiator of our divine purpose. (Example: John 5:19-20)</p> <p>The Father transcends (example John 1:18)</p>
The Son	<p>The Son reveals the Nature of God to man. All appearances of God throughout the Old and New Testament are the Son. (Example: John 14:8-10)</p> <p>The Son mediates between God and man because we are finite and God is infinite. This difference makes it impossible for us to understand God. Jesus mediates the gap. (Example: 1 Timothy 2:5)</p>
The Spirit	<p>Creates faith and understanding (We can translate faith as a way of knowing.) Faith is the only way to really know the difficult ideas taught by God.</p> <p>God teaches believers His truth through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (Example: John 16:13)</p> <p>The Holy Spirit progressively guides believers along the process of learning the truth of God.</p> <p>There are two approaches to life (Romans 8:5-6) through the flesh and through the spirit. When the Holy Spirit establishes faith in the believer they are lead to life and peace.</p> <p>“The Holy Spirit’s mental approach bears witness together with the believer a new way of thinking, and the believer experiences the assurance of being a child of God.”</p>