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The Trinity is defined as one God manifested in three Persons. First we need to see that the Scriptures clearly teach there is only *one* God. At the same time, they teach that there are three separate and distinct Persons who are called that one true God.

“Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my Servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me.” *Isaiah 43:10*

I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me: that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside Me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.

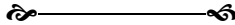
*Isaiah 45:5-6*

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.”

*Isaiah 45:22*

“Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it*? Ye *are* even My witnesses. Is there a God beside me? Yea, *there is* no God; I know not *any*.” *Isaiah 44:8*

“As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* none other God but one.” *1 Corinthians 8:4*



## Deity of the Father

In Scripture the one true God is identified as our Father:

For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. *2 Peter 1:17*

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed. *John 6:27*

One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. *Ephesians 4:6*

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.  
*Matthew 7:21*

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: *Matthew 28:19*

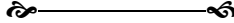
Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; *2 Corinthians 1:3*

To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. *2 Timothy 1:2*

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. *1 John 1:3*

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. *1 John 2:22*

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. *1 John 5:7*



## Deity of Jesus, the Son

Briefly, here are a few of the Scriptures that show Jesus is God incarnate.

In the Scriptures Jesus is called “The Word”:

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

*John 1:14*

In the following passages Jesus is declared to be the one who created all things:

In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God [the Father], and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. *John 1:1-3*

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; *Hebrews 1:1-2*

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and

invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; *Colossians 1:13-19*

In this passage we see that Jesus, “the first born from the dead” is the first of those who will be resurrected, never to die again. We also see that by Jesus, who created all things, even the very atomic structure of the elements are held together. How?

For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. *Colossians 2:9*

In John 5:17-18 we read:

But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. *John 5:17-18*

Notice that John does not say “Jesus said 'I am equal with the Father'” nor does John say “that is what the Jews thought he said or meant.” John, the writer of the gospel, said when Jesus said God was His father, *everyone* including Jesus, the Jews, and John himself knew that Jesus meant He is equal to God the Father!

Exodus 3:13-14 says:

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is His name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.  
*Exodus 3:13-14*

By this we see that the God of Israel calls Himself by the name "I AM." In Old Testament Hebrew, New Testament Greek, and in English it is improper to say "I am" without an object. For example, "I am hungry." So when Jesus uses the name "I AM," He is taking the divine name for Himself. Some translations like the King James Version and the New King James, add "He" to some of those verses, but when they do, they usually italicize the word.

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. *John 8:56-59*

The Jews knew exactly what Jesus meant and tried to kill Him for it. The same thing happened in John 10:30-33.

I [Jesus] and My Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from My Father; for which of those works do ye stone Me? The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work



we stone Thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God.

*John 10:30-33*

And in John 8:24 Jesus gives us the warning:

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *He*, ye shall die in your sins. *John 8:24*

In Matthew 4:9-10 we read:

And [Satan] saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

*Matthew 4:9-10*

In this Scripture Jesus says to Satan, who is a fallen angel, you worship only God. And yet in Hebrews 1:6 and 8 we learn God the Father calls the Son, God; and commands all the angels to worship Him as creator.

And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him... But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom.

*Hebrews 1:6,8*

Jesus did not rebuke Thomas for calling Him God, but, instead, Jesus accepted his worship!

And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

*John 20:28-29*

Philippians 2:5-8 says it was not wrong for Jesus to consider Himself equal to the Father, since He truly was. But He humbly emptied Himself of the glory of His divinity to become a man and die on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. *Philippians 2:5-8*

Other verses stating the Son of God is God are:

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, *even* in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. *1 John 5:20*

whose *are* the fathers, and of whom *is* the Christ according to flesh, He being God over all, blessed forever. *Amen. Romans 9:5 MKJV*

The following chart gives a more complete list of verses that prove Jesus Christ is God incarnate.

Isa. 9:6	Jesus is... the Mighty God
Isa. 40:3-9	John the Baptist prepares the way for “his God” – Matt. 3:3
John 1:1	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 1:18	The only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father
John 5:18	Jesus... made Himself equal to God
John 8:24	If you deny Jesus is the “I AM,” you will die in your sins
John 8:58-59	Before Abraham was “I Am” – Exodus 3:14
John 10:33	You, being a man, make Yourself God.
John 20:28	“My Lord and my God”
Col. 1:15-16	All things have been created through Him
Col. 2:9	In Him all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in bodily form
1 Tim. 3:16	God was manifested in the flesh
Titus 2:13	Our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus
Phil. 2:6	Thought it not robbery to be equal to God
Phil. 2:9-12	Jesus is Lord – Isaiah 45:23 ~Lord is Jehovah
Heb. 1:8-12	Jesus is... God, Lord, and creator of all things
Rom. 9:5	Christ... who is over all, God blessed forever.
2 Pet. 1:1	Our God and Savior, Jesus Christ
1 John 5:7	Father, Son, & Holy Spirit are one
1 John 5:20	...Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
Jude 25	the only wise God our Savior

Who do the cults say Jesus is?

Jehovah witnesses: the Archangel Michael

Mormons: one god of many, spirit brother of Lucifer

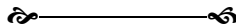
Theosophy: an incarnated world soul

Bahá'í: one of nine manifestations of divinity

Spiritists: an advanced medium

Unitarians: an extraordinarily good man

True Christians believe Jesus Christ is God incarnate!





## Deity of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a separate person of the Godhead.

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the **Holy Ghost**, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto **God**. *Acts 5:3-4*

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. *Luke 1:35*

The Holy Spirit was active in Creation.

...And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. *Genesis 1:2*

The Holy Spirit is active in the life of the believer.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. *John 14:26*

The Holy Spirit prophesies.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

*1 Timothy 4:1*

The Holy Spirit resurrects us.

But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. *Romans 8:11*

Paul was forbidden to go to Asia by the Holy Spirit.

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, *Acts 16:6*

We are to baptize on the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: *Matthew 28:19*

Paul was sent to Seleucia by the Holy Spirit.

So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. *Acts 13:4*

The Holy Spirit commanded Paul and Barnabas to be missionaries.

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. *Acts 13:2*

The Holy Spirit spoke though the prophet Agabus.

And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.  
*Acts 21:11*

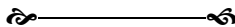
The Holy Spirit always speaks truth and inspired the ancient prophets.

And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, *Acts 28:25*

The Holy Spirit spoke though all the writers of the Bible.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 *Peter 1:21*

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. *Isaiah 48:16*



## Three Separate Persons

The Bible teaches that there is only one God. We have seen that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are that one God. Lest we think, as oneness groups do, that Jesus is the Father, or that the Holy Spirit is just another name for God the Father, we need to see that each of the three is a separate person doing different things at the same time.

Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. *Matthew 3:16-17*

Here the Father is speaking from Heaven, while Jesus is standing in the Jordan River and the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, is traveling from heaven to earth to light on Jesus.

### **Co-equal, Co-substantial, and Co-eternal**

The second part of the Nicene Creed on the Trinity states that the three persons are “co-equal, co-substantial, and co-eternal.”

To be “co-substantial” means that each person is of the same substance. In other words, Jesus is not of the substance of the angels, men, or any created thing. He is of the substance of the Father and Holy Spirit.

To be “co-equal” means Jesus is equal in authority to the Father and Holy Spirit.



To be “co-eternal” means the Godhead has always existed in a triune form. Before anything was created only God existed, and He existed in the form of these three persons. The Godhead always has been, and forever will be, only these three persons. This is why saying there is another god or you are evolving into another god is a cultic error.

Everything that exists was created by the Father (Isaiah 64:8), the Son (John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2), and the Holy Spirit (Job 33:4; 26:13).

### **Jesus Preexistence**

Jesus, the man, was born of the Virgin Mary. But we saw in John 1 and Colossians 1, Jesus’ divine self created all things. If He were Himself created, then He could not have created all things, especially Himself. Abraham lived almost 2000 years before Jesus was born of Mary. Notice also in John 8:56-59 above, Abraham rejoiced when Jesus appeared to him.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall He come forth unto Me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting. *Micah 5:2*

Micah says that Jesus, who is about to be born, has always existed, or, in other words, is from eternity. Also notice when Jesus gave the seventy disciples power over demons He said,

I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.  
*Luke 10:18*

This was not some vision; He was relating what He saw, because He was there!

Each of the three persons are responsible for resurrecting Jesus. That would be a contradiction in Scripture unless the three persons are the one God. Jesus was resurrected by Himself (John 2:19; John 10:17-18), the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 3:18, Roman 8:11), and the Father (Galatians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:10).

### **Preexistence of the Holy Spirit**

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

*Genesis 1:2*

### **Other references to the Trinity:**

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... *Genesis 1:26*

Angels do not create; only God does. This has to be God the Father speaking to the other two persons of the Trinity.

### **The Trinity is Creator:**

- The Father (Isaiah 64:8) But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.
- Jesus the Son (John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:2) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made... Hath in

these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

- The Holy Spirit (Job 33:4; 26:13) The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life... By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.
- The Lord God Almighty (Revelation 4:8b,11) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come... Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
- Jehovah alone (Isaiah 44:24) Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

### **The Trinity is Omnipresent**

- The Father (Jeremiah 23:24) Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.
- The Son (Matthew 28:20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
- The Holy Spirit (Psalm 139:7) Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

### **The Trinity is Omniscient (All Knowing)**

- The Father (Matthew 11:27) All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

- The Son (John 21:17) He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
- The Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

### **The Trinity Resurrects:**

- God (Acts 17:30-31) And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
- The Father (1 Thessalonians 1:10) And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.
- The Son (John 2:19-21) Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body.
- The Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

### **The Trinity Indwells the Believer:**

- God (2 Corinthians 6:16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and

walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

- Christ (Colossians 1:27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
- The Holy Spirit (John 14:17) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

### **The Trinity Draws and Guides:**

- The Father (John 6:44) No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- The Son (John 12:32) And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
- The Holy Spirit (John 16:13-15) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

### **The Trinity Leads, Guides, and Follows:**

- Jehovah alone (Deuteronomy 32:12) So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.
- Christ the Rock (1 Corinthians 10:1-4) And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.
- The Holy Spirit (Isaiah 63:11b-12) where is he that put his holy Spirit within him? That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the

water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

### **The Trinity is the only Life Giver:**

- The LORD God (Genesis 2:7) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- Jesus the Word (John 1:3a,4) All things were made by him... In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- The Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:6) Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

### **The Trinity is the First and the Last**

- Jehovah (Isaiah 44:6, 48:12) Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God... Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.
- Jesus (Revelation 1:17; 22:13,16) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last... I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last... I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.

### **The Trinity is Coming Again:**

- Jehovah (Revelation 1:8; 22:6-7) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty... And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the

things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

- Christ (Matthew 24:27,37; Revelation 22:20) For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be... But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be... He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.<sup>2</sup>

We are warned about another Jesus, another Holy Spirit, and another gospel:

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

*Galatians 1:6-8*

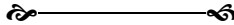
But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*. For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming

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<sup>2</sup> For a printable insert of the references to the Trinity listed above visit [Biblefacts.org](http://Biblefacts.org)

themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. *2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-14*

It's one thing to be Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, or any other religion, but it's quite another to lie and say you're Christian when you're not. Cults mix beliefs from different religions together, and are even considered deceivers by those other religions! Christians are commanded to, as Jude 3 says: "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." If you say you believe in the trinity but add to it by saying we are evolving into gods or already are gods, then you are considered a polytheist. Polytheists and nontrinitarians are not considered Christians, but cults.





## The Ancient Church and its Heretics

The first and second century church fathers used the Scriptures to teach the concept of the Trinity. The term “trinity” was first used by Theophilus about AD 168. Here are just a few quotes from the ancient church.

### **Ignatius, AD 30-107**

*Epistle to Ephesus 7* – Jesus is “God existing in flesh.”

*Epistle to Ephesus 18* – Jesus is “our God.”

*Epistle to Romans 3* – For our God, Jesus Christ... is all the more revealed in His glory.

*Epistle to Polycarp 3* – Jesus is God.

### **Mathetes, AD 130**

*Epistle to Diognetus 7* – Jesus is God come in the flesh, the very creator of all things, and is not an angel.

*Epistle to Diognetus 11* – He testifies that he was taught directly by the apostles that Jesus is uncreated (from everlasting).

### **Theophilus, AD 168**

*Book 3.9* – There is only one God and He created everything.

### **Justin Martyr, AD 110-165**

*First Apology 13* – There is one God that manifests in three persons.

*Dialogue 48* – Jesus is God incarnate and He pre-existed.

*Dialogue 56* – Jesus, who is God, appeared as one of the angels (men) to Abraham. (Heb 1:8)

**Athenagoras, AD 177**

*Chapter 8* – There is only one God.

*Chapter 10* – Christians worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and refer to God as “God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” Jesus was never brought into existence, but was always with the Father.

**Irenaeus, AD 178**

*Against Heresies 1.22* – Everything was made by God; nothing was made by any angel.

*Against Heresies 3.9* – Jesus is God.

*Against Heresies 3.15* – Jesus and the Father are the only true God.

*Against Heresies 3.19* – Jesus is one hundred percent God.

*Against Heresies 4.6* – The Father, the Son, and the Spirit are the one God.

*Fragment 53* – Jesus created the universe and is the God of Gods.

**Clement of Alexandria, AD 192-202**

*Stromata 5.12* – Jesus is the only begotten God.

**Tertullian, AD 190-210**

*Against Marcion 2:14 and 4:9* – Jesus is God incarnate.

*Against Marcion 5.19* – Colossians teaches us that Jesus is the Creator of all things, and is therefore God.

*Against Marcion 1.5* – There is only one God.

*Against Praxeas 1.2* – The Trinity is defined and explained.

**Origen**, AD 200-240

*Of First Principles 1.2.1* – Jesus is God.

*Of First Principles 1.3.5* – The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a Trinity and are all active in salvation.

**Lactantius**, AD 285

*Divine Institutes 4.26* – Jesus is God incarnate.

*Divine Institutes 4.29* – There is only one God. The Father and the Son are that one God.

**Clement of Alexandria**, AD 192-202

*Stromata 5.14* – God the Father does not have a physical body.

**Tertullian**, AD 190-210

*Against Marcion 4:42* – Jesus resurrected in a physical body.

**Justin Martyr**, AD 110-165

*First Apology 63* – Jesus is God; but whoever says Jesus is the Father, does not know God.

**Justin Martyr**, AD 110-165

*Dialogue 48* – Jesus is God incarnate and He pre-existed.

**Clement of Alexandria**, AD 192-202

*Stromata 3.14* – Souls do not pre-exist.

So we can see the first and second century Christians believed that there was only one God and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit was that one God. They also taught that