

Section: Doctrine of God

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**Q2. Are there more gods than one?**

No. There is only one true God.

**Q3. God exists eternally as how many persons?**

God exists eternally as one God, three Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.

* **One True God**

**Deuteronomy 6:4** “Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one!”

**Isaiah 40:27-28** Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

**Isaiah 41:4** Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? **I, the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he**.

**Isaiah 41:16** you shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the tempest shall scatter them. And you shall rejoice in the Lord; in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.

**Isaiah 43:3** “For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

**Isaiah 43:10-11** “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. **Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior**.”

**Isaiah 44:6-8**

**Isaiah 45:5-6** “**I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God**; I equip you, though you do not know me, 6that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that **there is *none besides me*; I am the Lord, and there is no other**.”

**Isaiah 45:18** For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): **“I am the Lord, and there is no other.”**

**Isaiah 45:21-22** “Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And **there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me**. Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For **I am God, and there is no other.**”

**Isaiah 46:9-10** “remember the former things of old; for **I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me**, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose’”

**Q3. God exists eternally as how many persons?** God exists eternally as one God, three Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.

* **The Trinity**

**Trinity**: One God, three Persons. There is but one eternal Godhead that exists in three co-equal, co-eternal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each Person is fully and completely God; each has the same essence and is described in Scripture as possessing the attributes of God.

**1689 Baptist Confession of Faith**: “The Lord our God is one, the only living and true God. This divine and infinite Being consists of three real persons, the Father, the Word or Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three have the same substance, power, and eternity, each having the whole divine essence without this essence being divided.”

**RC Sproul**: “It is the prerogative of the theologian to make fine distinctions; that is what theology is about. Therefore, I tell my students, ‘One of the most important distinctions you will ever learn to make is the one between a distinction and a separation.’ We say that a human being is a duality—he has a physical dimension and a non-physical dimension, which the Bible describes in terms of body and soul. If I distinguish a person’s body from his soul, I do no harm to him, but if I separate his body from his soul, I not only harm him, I kill him.”

**1689 Baptist Confession of Faith**: “All three [Persons of the Godhead] are infinite and without beginning and are therefore only one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being. Yet these three are distinguished by several distinctive characteristics and personal relations.”

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

* **Deity of the Father**

**1 Corinthians 8:6** yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

* **Deity of the Son: Jesus Christ**

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**Colossians 1:16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**Hebrews 1:2-3** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

**1689 Baptist Confession of Faith**: “The Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, is truly and eternally God. He is the brightness of the Father’s glory, the same in substance and equal with him. He made the world and sustains and governs everything he has made.”

**Colossians 1:16-17** For by him [Jesus] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**Exodus 3:13-15**

**John 8:53-59**

**Isaiah 42:8** “I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.”

**John 10:30-33** ”I and the Father are one.” The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

**John 20:27-29** Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

**John 12:37-41**

**Isaiah 6:1 & 5-10**

* **Deity of the Holy Spirit**

**Acts 5:1-4**

**1689 Baptist Confession of Faith**:“The Father is not derived from anyone, neither begotten nor proceeding. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. All three are infinite and without beginning and are therefore only one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being. Yet these three are distinguished by several distinctive characteristics and personal relations. This truth of the Trinity is the foundation of all of our fellowship with God and of our comforting dependence on him.”