

FOUNDATION DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES
PERSONHOOD OF GOD

There is only one God, and as we see in the Bible, He reveals Himself in three persons: as Father, as Jesus, and as Holy Spirit. Having a relationship with God means having a relationship with each of these three persons.

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

God The Father

1 John 3:1 says, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

(see also: Psalm 139:13-16, Luke 15:11-24, Genesis 1-3, 1 Corinthians 8:6)

The Bible teaches us that God the Father loves us and views us as His children. Our heavenly Father is full of grace when we fail, wants to help us, is accepting of us, is kind and compassionate, unconditionally loves us, is slow to anger, disciplines us because He loves us, and provides for us.

Son

John 1:1-3, 14 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

(see also: 1 Tim. 3:16; Phil. 2:9-11)

We can see in the passages above that the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, is God. The Bible teaches that Jesus was the ‘exact representation of God.’ Jesus Christ came into the world to reveal the Father, and was the brightness of His glory. Jesus Christ was the Creator of everything, for by Him all things were made. He is Lord over all things in heaven and on earth, and under the earth.

Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14 says, “In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.”

The Holy Spirit seals us - He puts the imprint of God upon us, securing our salvation and depositing in us various gifts and revelations of Jesus Christ. These are a down payment on everything we will receive when we enter into God’s eternal kingdom - in Heaven. We know that we are ‘sealed’ by the Holy Spirit when we exhibit faith in Jesus and a love for others.

When we believe and trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes and lives within us [a one-time experience].

The Holy Spirit fills us; gives us gifts and empowers us to do God's work [on-going].

Acts 1:8 says, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

(see also: Genesis 1:12; Matthew 28:20; John 14:26; John 16:7-8, 12-15; Acts 1:8; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 5:3; Ephesians 1:13-15; 1 John 2:27)

How do you need the Holy Spirit to help you today?

What are some ways that you need the Holy Spirit's power today?

HOW CAN YOU RESPOND?

We want to grow in our relationship with God. Read Paul's prayer in 2 Corinthians 13:14.

Read one of the scriptures below and worship God for each aspect of His character.

Father

Genesis 1-3	Psalm 27:10	Psalm 103
Psalm 104	Psalm 105	Psalm 139
Isaiah 40:11	Isaiah 49:14-16	Jeremiah 29:11
Jeremiah 31:3, 20		

Son

Psalm 103:1-6	Isaiah 53	The Gospels
John 1	Colossians 1:14-28	Ephesians 1:19-22
Hebrews 1:1-3	Revelation 1-3	Revelation 5
Song of Solomon		

Holy Spirit

John 16:7-16	1 Corinthians 2:9-16	Romans 8:25-26
Genesis 1:2	Zechariah 4:6	Zechariah 12:10
Isaiah 61:1-3	Isaiah 11:1-3	1 Corinthians 12-14
Acts 1:8	Acts 4:31	