

Knowing God

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.

3 And **God said**, 'Let there **be light**,' and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was **good**

God Father and Creator - creates the heavens and earths

God the Holy Spirit – Hovering over the waters

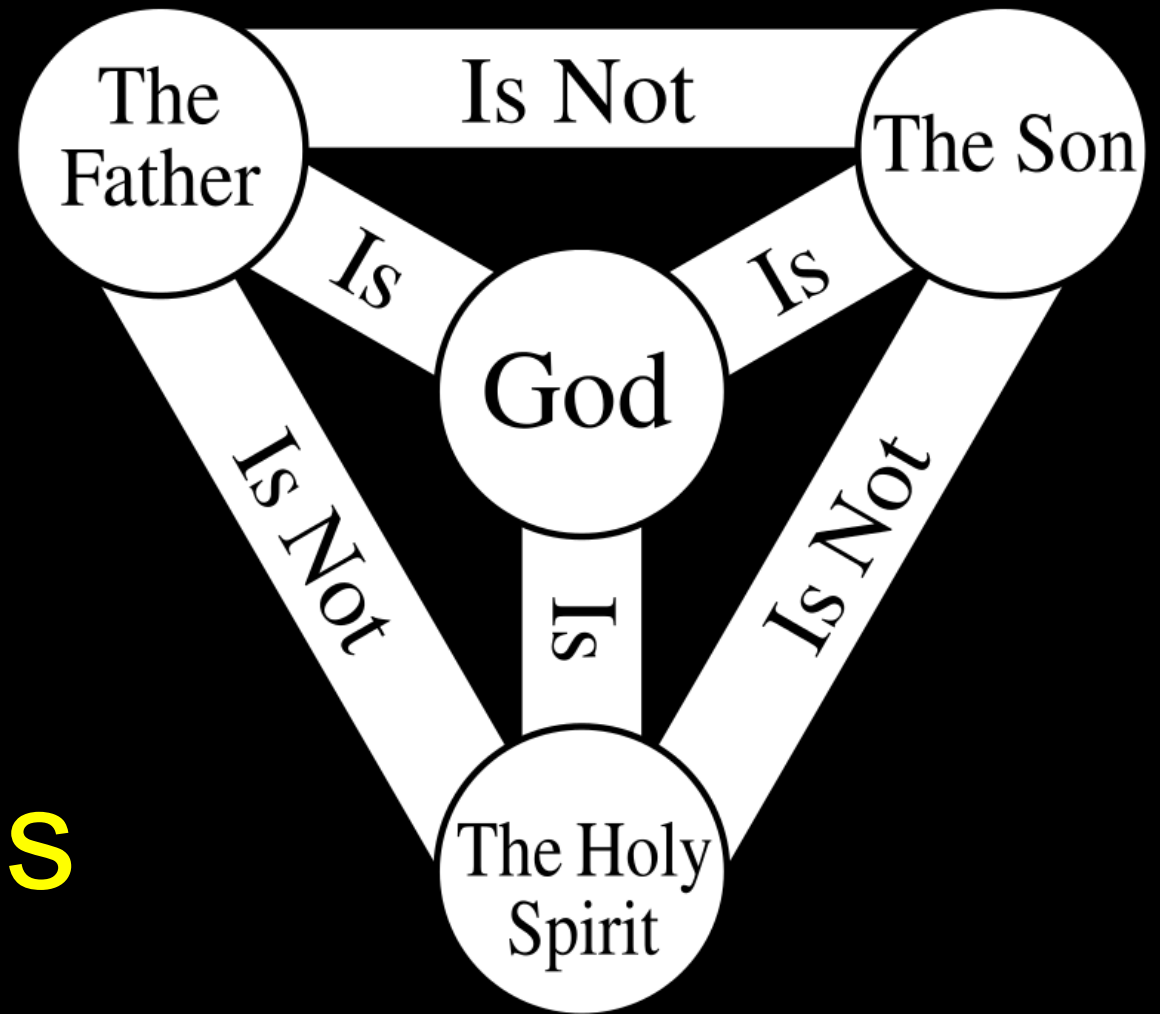
God the Son, the word incarnate – God said (the word spoken in which all things hold together.)

Genesis 1:26

26 Then God said, “**Let us** make mankind in our image, in our likeness,

Let Us - relational nature of God

God is trinity –
Diversity in **Unity**
in **Community**,
held together by
covenant **oneness**

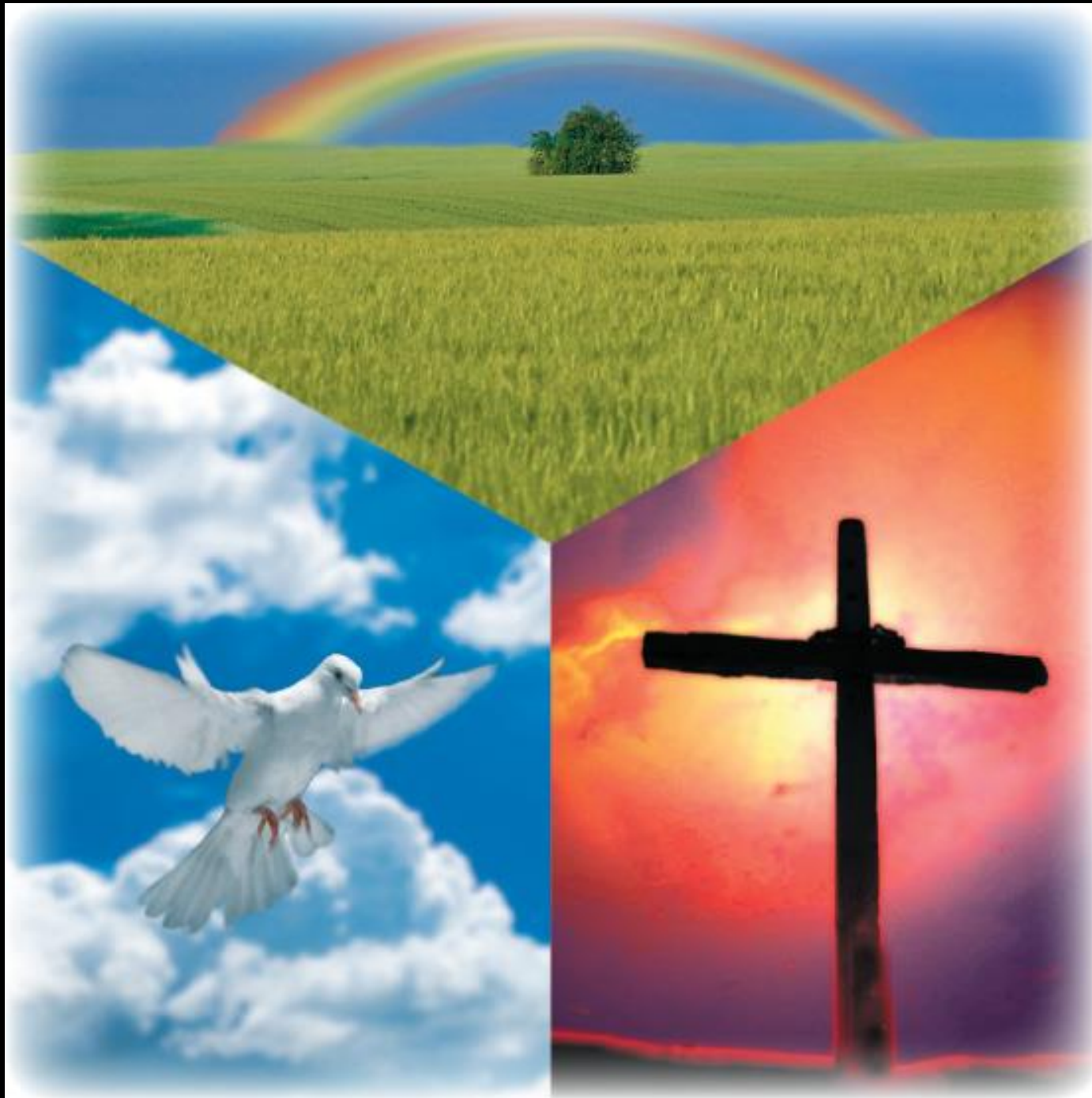


1 John 1:5

God is light; in him there is no darkness
at all.

God as Light







Creation

Personal

Salvation



Creator

God

Spirit

Jesus

Out of an
overflow of
Love, comes
creation



It is **Good!**

Reflects the
nature and
charter of God



Romans 1:20 (NLT)

For ever since the world was created, people have **seen** the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible **qualities**—his eternal **power** and divine **nature**. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Psalm 19:1-2

The heavens declare the **glory of God**;
the skies proclaim the work of his
hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal
knowledge.

Glory of God

Exodus 33:18

Then Moses said, 'Now show me your
glory.'

Exodus 33:19

19 And the Lord said, 'I will cause all my **goodness** to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have **mercy** on whom I will have mercy, and I will have **compassion** on whom I will have compassion.

Goodness- reflects the Father's creative love

Mercy – Stoop down to show favour and Love

Compassion – to fondle / Tangible Love

1 John 4:8

...God is love.

Genesis 1: 26-28

26 Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness,...

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them

God is good and
He love you

Genesis 2-3



Trust and Control
are opposites

- Fear
- Distrust
- Shame

Lack of **trust** leads to **fears**

Fears leads to control

Lack of **trust** breaks our **relationship** with God, and we lose the experience of the fullness of love of God

What has God done?

Jesus

¹⁶ For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in him shall not perish but have **eternal life**. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16

John 17:1-5

...‘Father, the hour has come. **Glorify** your Son, that your Son may **glorify** you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

John 17:1-5

3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

John 17:21-23

Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us** so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 **I have given them the glory** that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.

JESUS



And a voice from heaven said, "**This is my Son**, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

You are Loved

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted** by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

Who's story will we
Trust?

Hebrews 11:6

...without **faith** it is impossible to please
God

Faith = Trust

What have been the things in
your faith journey that have
helped you grow as a believer?

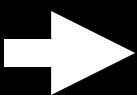
6 Faith/Trust Catalysts

- Practical Teaching
- Private Spiritual Practices
- Personal Ministry
- Powerful Encounter
- Providential Relationships
- Pivotal Circumstances

Open Catalysts

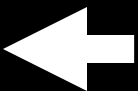
Active Catalysts

Practical Teaching



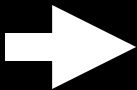
Instruction

Reflective



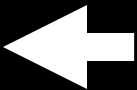
Pivotal Circumstances

Private Spiritual Practices



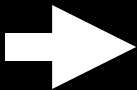
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Surrender



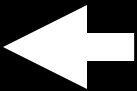
Powerful Encounter

Personal Ministry



Community

Engage



Providential Relationships

Active and Open

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

God is Good and
He Loves you

Posture and Position

To Know, receive and
experience that Love

Julian of Norwich

- Await
- Allow
- Accept
- Attend