

For Our Information

Paula Laubach has been dealing with asthma problems this week.

Joyce Venable has been dealing with throat issues this week.

Ricky Ragsdale is back home after a surgical procedure a few days ago.

David Laubach is out of town this weekend as is the Simpson family.

Carolynn Richmond will return to Houston for tests in about a week.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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the Holy Spirit (**Acts 13:4**). 9) There were some things that "seemed good" to the Holy Spirit (**Acts 15:28**). 10) At one point, the Holy Spirit forbid Paul and the others to go to Asia (**Acts 16:6**). Now, are these the attributes of a feeling, or of a person? Answer this question, and your problem is solved!

There are clearly three personalities in the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Read **Ephesians 4:4-6**, and you'll read about "One Spirit" (v. 4), "One Lord" (v. 5), and "One God and Father of All" (v. 6). I'm no mathematician, but I do know that $1+1+1=3$! Remember, "no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (**1Corinthians 12:3**).

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How Many Compose The Godhead?

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The question of the Godhead is one that comes up from time to time. I have talked with some in person and through e-mail who take the position that there is only one in the Godhead, Christ. Muslims also believe that there is but one personality who is Divine: God or "Allah." What does the Bible teach about the Godhead? Is there but one divine being, or are there three which compose the Godhead?

Some have heard the word "trinity" used, and contest that since the word "trinity" cannot be found in the Bible, that it must be a man-made doctrine. Not so! The absence of the



Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:19



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word “trinity” from our Bible does nothing to prove or disprove the number of divine beings which compose the Godhead. The Bible states as fact that there are three in the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. That there is a plurality in the Godhead is seen in the very beginning of the Bible. In **Genesis 1**, God said, “*Let US make man in OUR image after OUR likeness...*” (**Genesis 1:26**). This makes it clear that there is more than one in the Godhead. For further evidence, please read about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego being cast into the fiery furnace. Once inside, the people saw not three, but four figures in there; the fourth being “*like the Son of God*” (**Daniel 3:25**). In **Daniel 7:13**, Daniel, in the “*night visions*” saw the “*Son of Man*” come to “*the Ancient of Days*.” The “*Ancient of Days*” is God the Father. Further evidence of a plurality in the Godhead is seen in the New Testament. Read **John 3:16** and you’ll read about the Father sending His Son to this earth. The sender cannot be that which is sent, can he? As I write this article and send it for publication, am I the article? No, of course, not! I and this article are separate things just as God the Father and God the Son are separate personalities.

To see that there are three in the Godhead, consider the fact that Jesus said that baptism is to be done by the authority of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost (**Matthew 28:19**). In **Matthew 3:16-17**, after Jesus’ baptism, we have Jesus in the water, the Holy Spirit like a dove descending upon Him, and a voice from Heaven saying, “*this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.*” There are three in the Godhead!! A parallel account is found in **Luke 3:21-22**.

Store In My Heart

2Corinthians 5:7

for we walk by faith,
not by sight

For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man’s relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance. (The Amplified Version)

As evidenced in the Amplified Version’s rendering of this passage, because we belong to God, our life is directed by our belief in God. We focus on Him and His Word. Our every action is controlled by this belief. It is not what we see around us that determines our way, only what God desires and what will bring us closer to Him. If you are guided by the things of this world you will never get any closer to God.

2Corinthians 13:14 discusses the “*grace of the Lord Jesus Christ ... the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost.*” Once again, three are mentioned.

Some have the mistaken notion that the Holy Spirit is not a divine being, but a force, or some type of feeling. In truth, the Holy Spirit, is a separate personality in the Godhead. Please read **Acts 5** where Ananias and Sapphira lied about how much money they had “*laid at the apostles’ feet*” (**Acts 5:2**). “*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the HOLY GHOST, ... thou hast NOT lied unto men, BUT UNTO GOD*” (**Acts 5:3-4**). Here in this passage, we see that when Ananias lied to the Holy Ghost, he lied to God; and when he lied to God he lied to the Holy Ghost. Please understand, the Holy Spirit is a personality. Christ described Him as “*he,*” NOT “*it*” (**John 14:26, 15:26, 16:7-14**). Please read those passages and underline each time the masculine personal pronoun “*he*” is used, NOT “*it*” as would be used if you were talking about a force or a feeling.

As further evidence of the fact that the Holy Spirit is a divine being, consider: 1) The Holy Spirit can be lied to (**Acts 5:3-4**). 2) The Holy Spirit can be grieved (**Ephesians 4:30**). 3) The Holy Spirit can be vexed (**Isaiah 63:10**). 4) The Holy Spirit revealed things (**Luke 2:26; 2Peter 1:20-21; Acts 1:16, 21:11, 28:25-27; 1Corinthians 2:13; Hebrews 3:7-8 -- Psalm 95:7-11**). 5) The Holy Spirit gave commandments to the apostles (**Acts 1:2**). 6) The Holy Spirit was a witness to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (**Acts 5:33**). 7) The Holy Spirit can be resisted (**Acts 7:51**). 8) Paul and Barnabas were sent on their first journey by