

Systematic Theology 1 (TH3)

Doctrine of God

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1. Introduction to Systematic Theology
2. Doctrine of the Word of God
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5. Doctrines of the “Supernatural” –
Miracles, Prayer, Angels and Demons
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7. Doctrine of the Holy Spirit; Final Exam

From last week... Doctrine of the Word of God

The question of the accuracy and reliability of Scripture:

Inspiration: The doctrine that the Bible is a product of God's own revelation, as the Holy Spirit spoke to and through the Prophets and Apostles.

Canon: The list of books accepted as being God's inspired words to us, and so included in the Bible.

Infallibility: Without failing; completely adequate in accomplishing its goal and purpose.

Inerrancy: The belief that the Bible, as God's own words, must have been completely true and without error in any part in the original autographs.

Doctrine of the Word of God

The Canon of Scripture is now closed:

Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you. Deuteronomy 4:1-2

“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. ⁶ Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. Proverbs 30:5-6

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll. Rev. 22:18-19

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The Canon of Scripture is now closed:

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. Hebrews 1:1-2

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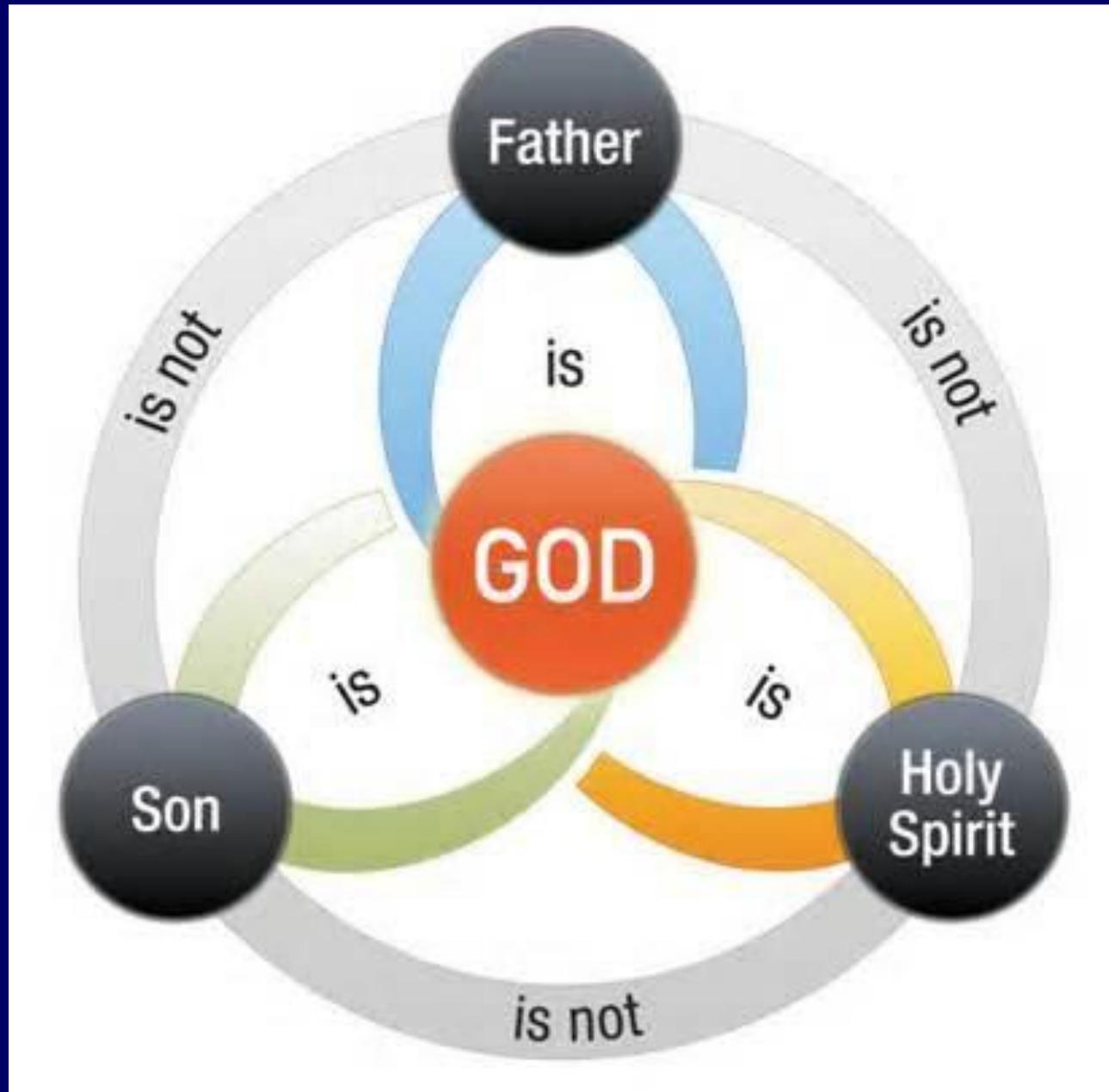
- **YHWY – “I Am That I Am”**
 - God is Self-Existent.
 - God is Self-Sufficient.
 - God is Eternal.

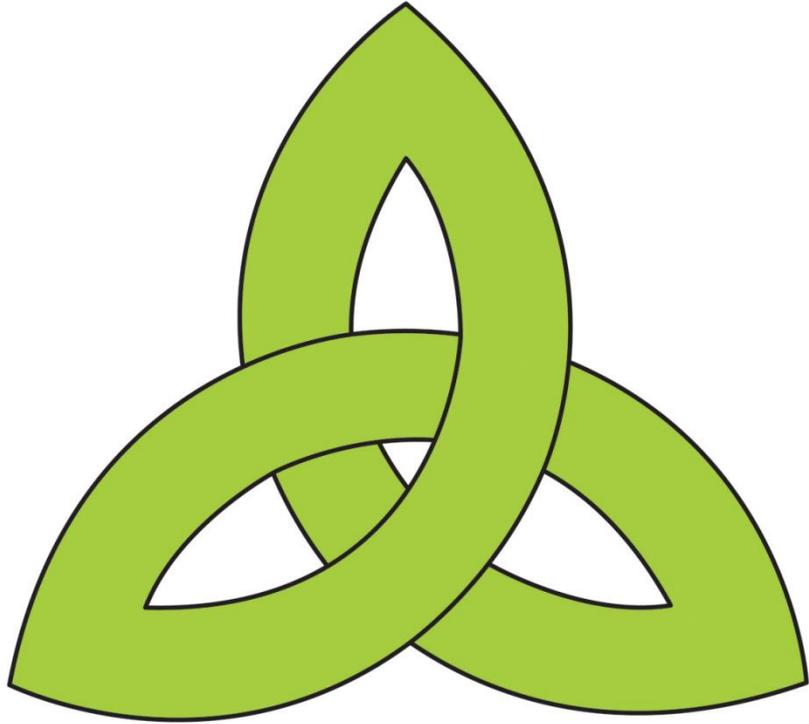
- **The Ramifications of YHWY:**
 - No other gods.
 - The worship of God.

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TRINITY



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- “Ontological equality but economic subordination”
- The only distinctions between the three Persons of the Trinity are in how they relate to each other and to the creation.

The Doctrine of God

- God is Triune; Three in One

Then God said, "Let *us* make man in *our* image, in *our* likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:26

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them *in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*

Matthew 28:19-20

The Doctrine of God

● The Sovereignty of God

- The Problems with God's Sovereignty.**
- The Blessings of God's Sovereignty.**
- God is Able.**

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● God is:

- **Triune: Three in One** (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 28:19; 2 Thess. 2:13-17)
- **Eternal** (Psalm 90:1-4)
- **Infinite** (1 Kings 8:27)
- **Almighty** (Ps. 135:5-7, 139:7-14; Heb. 4:13)
- **Perfect** (2 Sam. 22:31; Matt. 5:48)
- **Transcendent and Immanent** (Is. 55:8-9; Acts 17:27-28)
- **Spirit** (John 4:24)
- **Creator** (Gen. 1:1)
- **Personal** (Psalm 139:1-10)
- **Good** (1 Chron. 16:34)
- **Loving** (Deut. 7:7-9; John 3:16)