



## The Trinity

### Why is the Holy Trinity important?

The Holy Trinity plays a central part in Christians' worship of an "unobjectifiable and incomprehensible God".

**The Father:** The creator of life, all mighty and omnipotent

**The Son:** Refers to Jesus, God incarnated

**The Holy Spirit:** The guidance in life, omnipresent

### The Nicene Creed

This is an important quote created to describe the three persons of the Trinity.

"We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.** We believe in one Lord, **Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally born of the father.** We believe in the **Holy Spirit, the giver of life,** who proceeds from the Father and the Son."

The Father is described as the creator and almighty.

The Son is described as Jesus Christ, born of the Father.

The Holy Spirit is described as the giver of life.

### Biblical Story of the Trinity

The story of Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist shows Christians that all parts of The Trinity were present - showing the importance of Baptism.

*"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17, NIV)*



God the Father spoke from heaven, God the Son was baptised, and God the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove.

## Key Terms

<b>Worship</b>	A way of showing admiration and adoration for God.
<b>The Trinity</b>	The three persons of the Christian God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
<b>The Father</b>	Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
<b>The Son</b>	Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally born of the father.
<b>The Holy Spirit</b>	Holy Spirit, the giver of life.
<b>Baptism</b>	A ceremony that allows Christians to declare their faith.
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	A quote created by the Nicene council to describe the persons of the Trinity.
<b>Liturgical</b>	Formal worship.
<b>Non- Liturgical</b>	Informal worship.
<b>Incarnate</b>	God in human form - Jesus in God incarnate.
<b>Creator</b>	A deity (God) that created the world.
<b>Pentecostal</b>	Worship that emphasises the presence of the Holy Spirit.

## How do the Natures of God impact Christians?

### Omnipotence - All Powerful

Christians believe God is all-powerful, this often comes from the idea that he created the whole world. This means that Christians are more likely to respect the planet and what is given to them because they believe that everything is a gift from God. They may pray to say thanks to God.

### Omni benevolence - All loving

Christians believe that God is all loving, meaning that he loves all of his creations (humans). This allows Christians to understand why Jesus was put on this earth, as it was to restore the relationship between human and God after Adam and Eve betrayed them.

### Omnipresent - Always there

Christians believe God is always there in spirit. This can give Christians motivation and support through difficult times knowing that God is always there with them.

### Omniscience - All knowing

Christians believe God knows everything. This will impact Christians because they may behave more or feel bad when they have done wrong. They may want to follow Gods rules to get the heaven.

### Merciful - Forgiving

Christians accept that they cannot be good all times, temptation can get in their way. They believe that because God is forgiving as long as they say sorry for what they have done (repent) then God will forgive them.

