

A photograph of a beach with footprints in the sand. In the background, there is a blue ocean, a distant island, and a clear blue sky with some clouds. A black rectangular text box is superimposed over the middle of the image.

**What is God Like?**  
**10 of 11**  
**THE GODHEAD - DEITY.**

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

**There are mainly  
Three Schools of Thought  
on the Subject of God.**

**Atheism. - There is no God.**

**Polytheism. - There are many gods.**

**Monotheism. - There is one God.**

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**We have been looking at some  
of the attributes of God.**

**We have seen that the attributes of God  
are those virtues or qualities  
that manifest His nature.**

**Attributes of God can be placed  
into two main categories.**

**Absolute attributes.**

**Comparative attributes.**

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## **Absolute attributes.**

**Are those things man cannot know apart from the revelation of God to man.**

**Holiness:-**The perfection of God in all of His moral attributes.

**God is pure.**

**God is Love:-** Love is an attribute that is expressed as an act. (Jn. 15:13)

**God is Good:-** All positive moral attributes of God.

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**Comparative attributes were,  
all the attributes that separate man and God.**

**Omniscience – all knowing.**

**Omnipresence – present everywhere.**

**Omnipotent – all powerful.**

**God has limited His omnipotence by His will.**

**God can do everything  
that is in harmony with His will.**

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

**The most difficult yet important thing to understand about God is that the Scriptures teach us that DEITY are three distinct Persons, yet one God.**

**Father, Son & Holy Spirit  
are distinguishable from each other,  
yet whatever is true about God  
is true about all three.**

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

**Definition:** The designation of God in unity yet existing in three eternal Persons.

Each member is equal in Nature yet distinct in Persons, they play different roles in Creation and Salvation.

**Jesus** is seen as submissive to the Father yet equal to the Father in nature.

**Holy Spirit** plays a different role to the Son yet is equal to the Father in Nature.

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

**What the Godhead, Godhood, Deity is not.**

**It is NOT three Gods:- tri-theism.**

**Not three manifestations of God:- Modalism,**

**According to this view, there's only one God**

**but God revealed Himself**

**as the Father and creator in the O.T.**

**They say in the N.T. He revealed Himself**

**as Jesus the redeemer and Messiah.**

**In the Church age He is revealed as the Holy Spirit.**

**The Problem with this explanation is all three are involved in creation and the redemption process.**



**The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**  
**The Godhead does not teach** that the Father  
**created** the Son or the Holy Spirit:-

This was taught by **Arius** of the early Church.  
He believed Jesus and the Holy Spirit  
**were the first created beings by the Father.**  
He believed that the Son and the Holy Spirit  
possess no divine attribute.

This idea is still taught today by  
Jehovah's Witnessess, Christadelphians  
and some Seventh Day Adventists.

**This idea of Deity is rejected because of  
plain teaching found in the scriptures such  
as John 1:3; Gen 1:2; and many other passages.**

**The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

**God is a PERSONALITY**

**Definition of a PERSON.**

**Self- awareness & self determination,  
Intellect, Emotion, and Will.**

**Many of the religions of the World portray  
God as an impersonal being or a force.**

**The German philosopher Hegel said that God is  
an impersonal Being just as a picture on the wall  
or a plate on a table.**

**Others like Sigmund Freud have said  
God is just a man made idea.**

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

## **We Believe that God is ETERNAL**

**“Look, God is greater  
than we can understand.**

**His years cannot be counted.” Job 36:26;**

**‘Before the mountains were born, before you  
gave birth to the earth and the world,  
from beginning to end, you are God.’**

**Psalm 90:2;**

**The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**  
**We Believe that God is SPIRIT.**  
Spirit means He is immaterial,  
incorporeal and invisible.

Jesus describes **God as Spirit**. John 4:24;  
God is not limited by a physical body. Lk. 24:39;

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

## **We Believe that God uses Human Language to help us understand.**

**Isaiah 65: 2**  
**God has hands.**

**Psalms 8:6**  
**God has feet.**

**1 King 8:29**  
**God has eyes.**



**These statements are anthropomorphism  
man's characteristic is spoken of as God's  
for the sake of our understanding.**

# **N.T. TEACHING OF DEITY.**

## **At the Baptism of Jesus:- Matt. 3:16-17;**

**16. And Jesus when He was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, coming upon him;**

**17. and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying,  
This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

# **N.T. TEACHING OF DEITY.**

## **Jesus taught about DEITY:-**

**John 14:16-17;**

**16. “And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may be with you for ever,  
17. even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholds Him not, neither knows Him: you know Him; for He abides with you, and shall be in you.”**

# **N.T. TEACHING OF DEITY.**

**The early church taught about DEITY:  
Two early practices revealed their beliefs:-**

## **Greetings and Benedictions 2 Cor. 13:14**

**14. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and  
15. the love of God, and the communion  
16. of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.”**

## **The Great Commission Matt. 28:19-20;**

**19. “Go therefore, and make disciples of all the  
nations, baptizing them into the name of  
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:  
20. teaching them to observe all things whatsoever  
I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always,  
even unto the end of the world.”**



# **N.T. TEACHING OF DEITY.**

## **Distinct work of each Person in Atonement:-**

**Hebrews 9:14;**

**14. “how much more shall the blood of Christ,  
who through the eternal Spirit offered  
Himself without blemish unto God,  
cleanse your conscience from dead works  
to serve the living God?**

**15. And for this cause He is the mediator of  
a new covenant, that a death having taken place  
for the redemption of the transgressions that were  
under the first covenant, they that have been called  
may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”**

# **N.T. TEACHING OF DEITY.**

**The Attributes of the Godhead:- strongest proof is that the bible reveals that each member of the Godhead possesses the same attributes of God.**

**As a Person God has the Power of Intellect.**

**God is said to know. (Gen. 18:19; Ex. 3:7;)**

**Have known. (Act 15:18;)**

**The infinite wisdom & omniscience of God is clearly taught in the bible. (Jer 39:19;)**

**We can see God's power of intellect in the following.**

**Creation. (Prov. 3:19;)**

**Providence. Eph 1:11;**

**Preservation. (Neh. 9:6;)**

**Redemption. Eph 3:10;**

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

**As a Person God has the Power of Emotion.**

**Grief. (Gen 6:6;)**

**Love. (John 3:16;)**

**Kindness. (Psa 103:8-13;)**

**Anger. (Psa 7:11;)**

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

**As a Person God has the power of volition.**

**Volition** is the act of making rational decisions that give self-direction to one's life.

**God's decisions are based on His intellect or knowledge of the situation.**

**When He acts He acts as a unit.**

**Therefore the will of God is the natural extension of what God thinks, feels and expresses.**

# **GOD IS LIFE.**

Since God is a person and persons have life we can assume that God is living; better **yet:-**

## **GOD IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE.**

**Psa 36:9; John 5:26;**

**Psa 36:9; “For you are the Fountain of life;  
our light is from your Light. 10. Pour out  
your unfailing love on those who know you!  
Never stop giving your blessings  
to those who long to do your will.”**

# **The Bible Doctrine of the Godhead.**

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**Ps. 36:9; John 5:26;**

**John 5 26; “The Father has life in himself, and has granted his Son to have life in himself, 27. to judge the sins of all mankind because He is the Son of Man.**

**28. Do not be so surprised! Indeed the time is coming when all the dead in their graves shall hear the voice of God's Son, 29. and shall rise again:- those who have done good, to eternal life; and those who have continued in evil, to judgment.”**

# **The Bible Teaches Us That There Is One God.**

**“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.”**

**Deut 6:4;**

**(Isa 44:6;) “Thus says the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me **there is no God.**”**

**(1 Cor 8:4;) “As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is **none other God but one.**”**

**Godhead – (Godhood or Deity)**

**is the **state of being God.****

**Merriam-Webster’s says :-**

**“**divine nature or essence.**” is not strictly true.**

# **The Bible teaches that there is a Godhead.**

**“Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that **the Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.” (Acts 17:29;)**

**“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power **and Godhead**; so that they are without excuse.” (Rom 1:20;)**

**“For in Him dwells all the **fullness of the Godhead** bodily.”  
(Col 2:9;)**



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**The Names of God Imply the Godhead:**

The first name of God used in the bible is **Elohim**  
**Elohim is “Plural”** even though it identifies one God.

Gen.1:26; Gen. 3:22; Gen. 11:7; Isaiah 6:8

Isaiah 54:5; (**Maher**) Hebrew name for God,  
it is Plural translated as **“Maker”** in the English.

**The Worship Formula indicates Deity:**

Isaiah's Vision includes threefold designation.

“Holy, Holy, Holy.” (3x)

Jacob blessed Joseph, in the name of God, three  
times He identifies God Differently. (Gen 48:15-16;)

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**Clearest Statement of all OT: Isaiah 48:16;**

**“Come closer and listen. I have always told you plainly what would happen so you would have no trouble understanding.**

**And now the Sovereign Lord and His Spirit have sent me with this message:”**

**God the Son is speaking in this verse  
He identifies the Father (Lord God)  
and His Spirit as having sent Him.**

**In the next verse the Son is  
more clearly identified as God.**

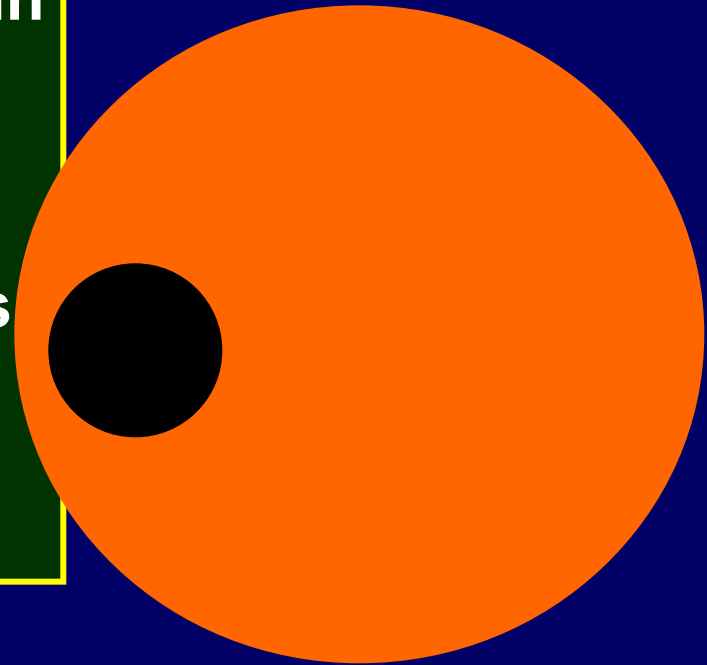
**Remember this when Speaking to a Jew.**

# The Bible Teaches that Three Beings are of this Godhead.

## Father.

(Eph 4:6;) “**One God and Father** of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

(1 Cor 8:6;) “But to us there is but **one God, the Father**, of whom are all things and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.”



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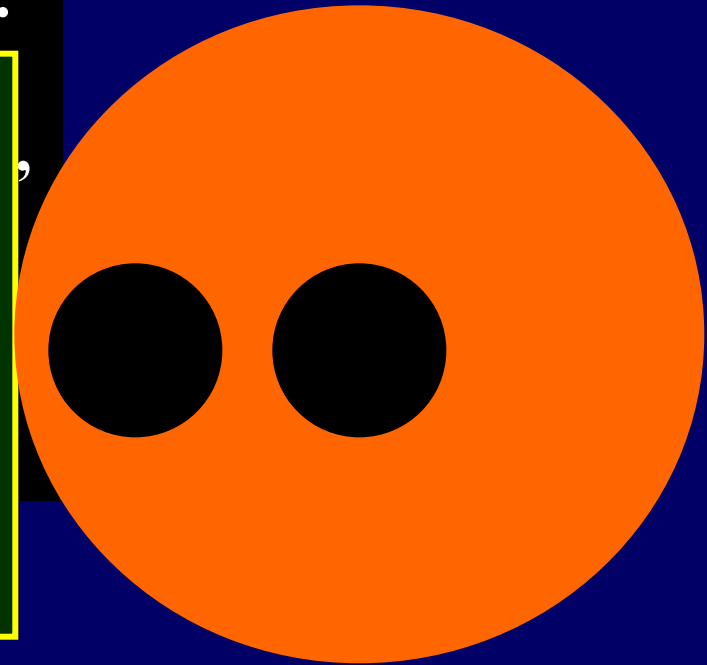
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## Son.

**(John 1:1-2;)** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.”

**The Word (Son) was with God (Father)  
and the Word (Son) was also God (Deity.)**



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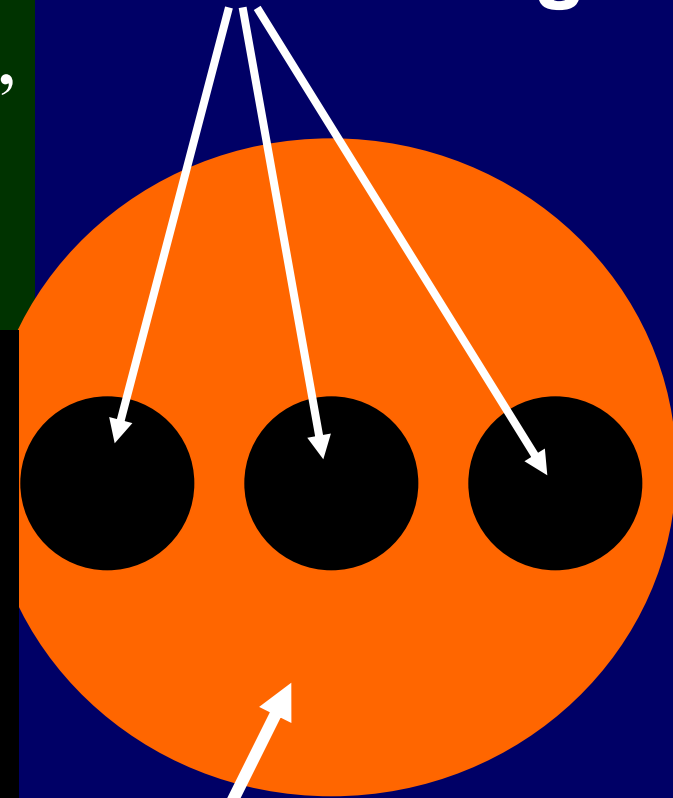
## Son.

(John 1:1-2) “In the beginning was the Word, and the **Word was with God**, and

## Holy Spirit.

(Acts 5:3-4;) “But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not your own? and after it was sold, was it not in your own power? why have you conceived this thing in your heart? you have **not lied unto men, but to God.**”

Divine Beings.



Godhead (Deity.)



**FATHER**

**REV. 7:10**

**SON**

**HEB. 8:1**

**SPIRIT**

**REV. 1:4**



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The word '**Godhood**' defines the state of being '**God, or 'Deity'**' (Incidentally, notice the difference in the words *divine* and *deity*.

*Theion or Theotes* = *deity*, denotes the **actual nature of God**.  
*Theiotes* = *divinity*, denotes **characteristics or qualities of Godhood**).



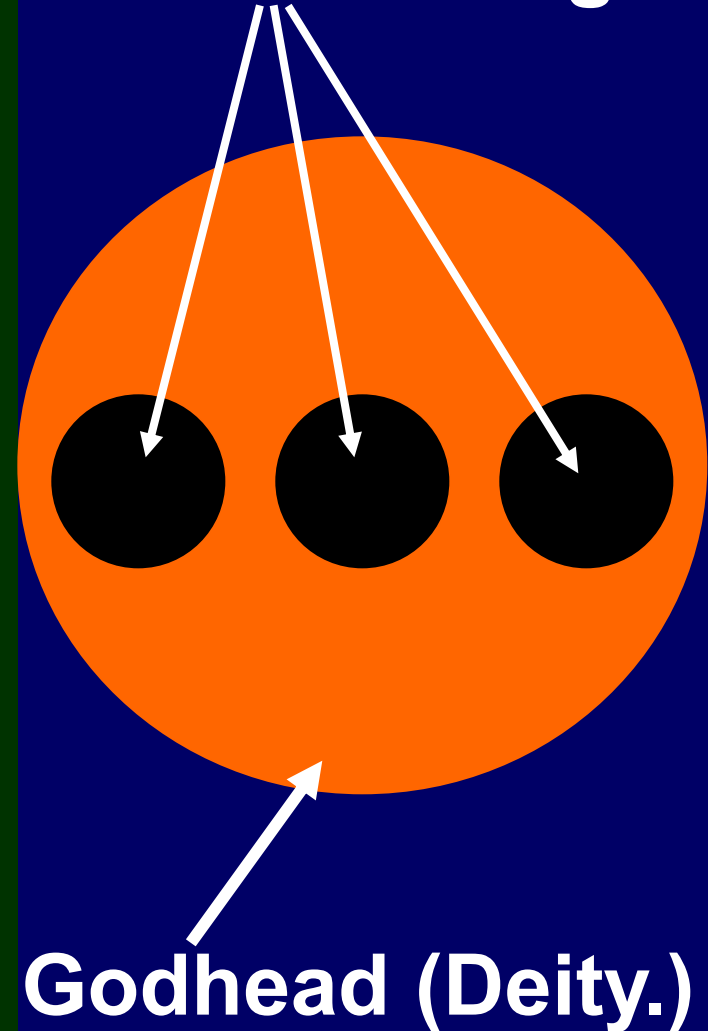
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**Father      Son      Holy Spirit**

All the attributes of being God  
belong to each:-

**Eternal.  
Omniscient.  
Omnipotent.  
Omnipresent.  
Just.  
Holy.  
Good.  
Righteous.**

**Divine Beings.**



# ATTRIBUTES OF DEITY!

<b>ATTRIBUTES.</b>	<b>FATHER.</b>	<b>SON.</b>	<b>HOLY GHOST</b>
<b>Omni-presence.</b>	Jer 23:24;	Mt 28:20;	Psa 139:7-12;
<b>Omni-potence.</b>	Rom 1:16;	Mt 28:20;	Rom 15:19;
<b>Omni-science.</b>	Rm 11:33;	Jn 21:17;	Jn 14:26;
<b>Immutability.</b>	Mal 3:6;	Heb 13:8;	Hag 2:5;
<b>Eternality.</b>	Psa 90:2;	Jn 1:1;	Heb 9:14;
<b>Holiness.</b>	Lev 9:2;	Heb 4:15;	Name "Holy."
<b>Love.</b>	1 Jn 3:1;	Mt 9:36;	"comforter."

# Passages Verifying the Godhead

**Acts 17:39**

**Matthew 28:19**



**Romans 1:20**

**John 15:26**



**Colossians 2:9**

**1 John 5:7**



**Matthew 3:16-17**

**Ephesians 4:4-6**



# **Biblical Examples of Three Persons:- The Creation.**

**(Gen 1:1) “In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth.”**

**God – Hebrew “Elohim” plural form of “Eloha”**

**Showing that more than one  
was present in the Creation process.**

**“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.” (Eph 3:9;)**

**“And God said, Let us make man  
in our image, after our likeness.”**

**We see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
united in the creation. (Gen 1:26;)**

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# These Three are One.

“For there are three that bear record in heaven,  
**the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit:-**  
**and these three are one.** And there are three that bear  
witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the  
blood: and these three agree in one.” **(1 John 5:7-8;)**

## **Jesus says:-**

“I and my Father are one.” **(John 10:30;)**

“The Jews took up stones to stone Him.  
**They understood what He was saying.”**

# These Three are One.

**How can the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit  
be three and one at the same time?**

The Bible emphatically proclaims that there's One God.  
The Bible also proclaims Three have the same nature  
The Bible also proclaims that  
these Three are distinct Individuals.

**“I and my Father are one.” (John 10:30;)**

“And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother  
and is joined to his wife, and the **two are united into one.**'

6. Since they are **no longer two but one**, let no one separate them,  
for God has joined them together.” (Matt 19:5-6;)

**Same word ‘one.’**

**What does it mean to be “No longer two but one.”**



# **These Three are One. The Marriage.**

**The Husband and Wife are separate Persons  
God says that they're "One Flesh"  
How is the husband and wife one?**

**They're one in purpose, agreement, and life.  
They are one family.  
Just like the marriage or family.  
The Godhead is One  
in their plans and purpose.**

**These Three are One.**

**The Church is One Just as the Godhead is One.**

20 “I am not praying for these alone  
but also for the future believers who will  
come to me because of the testimony of these.

21 My prayer for all of them is that **they will be  
of one heart and mind, just as you and I are, Father.**  
**That just as you are in me and I am in you,**  
**so they will be in us, and**  
**the world will believe you sent me.**

22 I have given them the glory you gave me,  
the glorious **unity of being one, as we are--**  
23 **I in them and you in me, all being perfected into**  
**one,** so that the world will know you sent me  
and will understand that you love them  
as much as you love me.” (John 17:20-23;)

**In the creation of the New Testament Church.**

**The Father planned the New Testament church.**

“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:” (Eph 3:10-11;)

**It was part of God's eternal purpose.**

**The Son Built it (Created it).**

“And I say also unto you, That you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” **Matt 16:18;**

**The Holy Spirit gave the Law / Word.**

“When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.” **(John 16:13;)**

**In the creation of the New Testament Church.**

*There is **one body** and **one Spirit**;  
just as you were called to  
**one hope** when you were called.*

***One Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all  
and in all.***

**(Ephesians 4:4-6;).**



Sometimes we use the  
concept of the Deity  
expressed as  
**“Three in One.”**

As in **3 in 1 Oil.**  
or

A **3 leaf clover** each is an  
individual leaf but they all  
share the same stem  
or root of being.

**Water-Ice-Steam**  
**All = H<sub>2</sub>O.**

**WATER.**

FATHER  
(GOD)

Deity

**H<sub>2</sub>O.**

SON  
(Lord)

**ICE.**

Holy  
Spirit

**STEAM.**

3 beings manifested  
in three ways yet  
**ONE Godhood – Deity.**

**NOT BUT**

**FATHER  
Justice.**

**GOD**

**SON  
Love.**

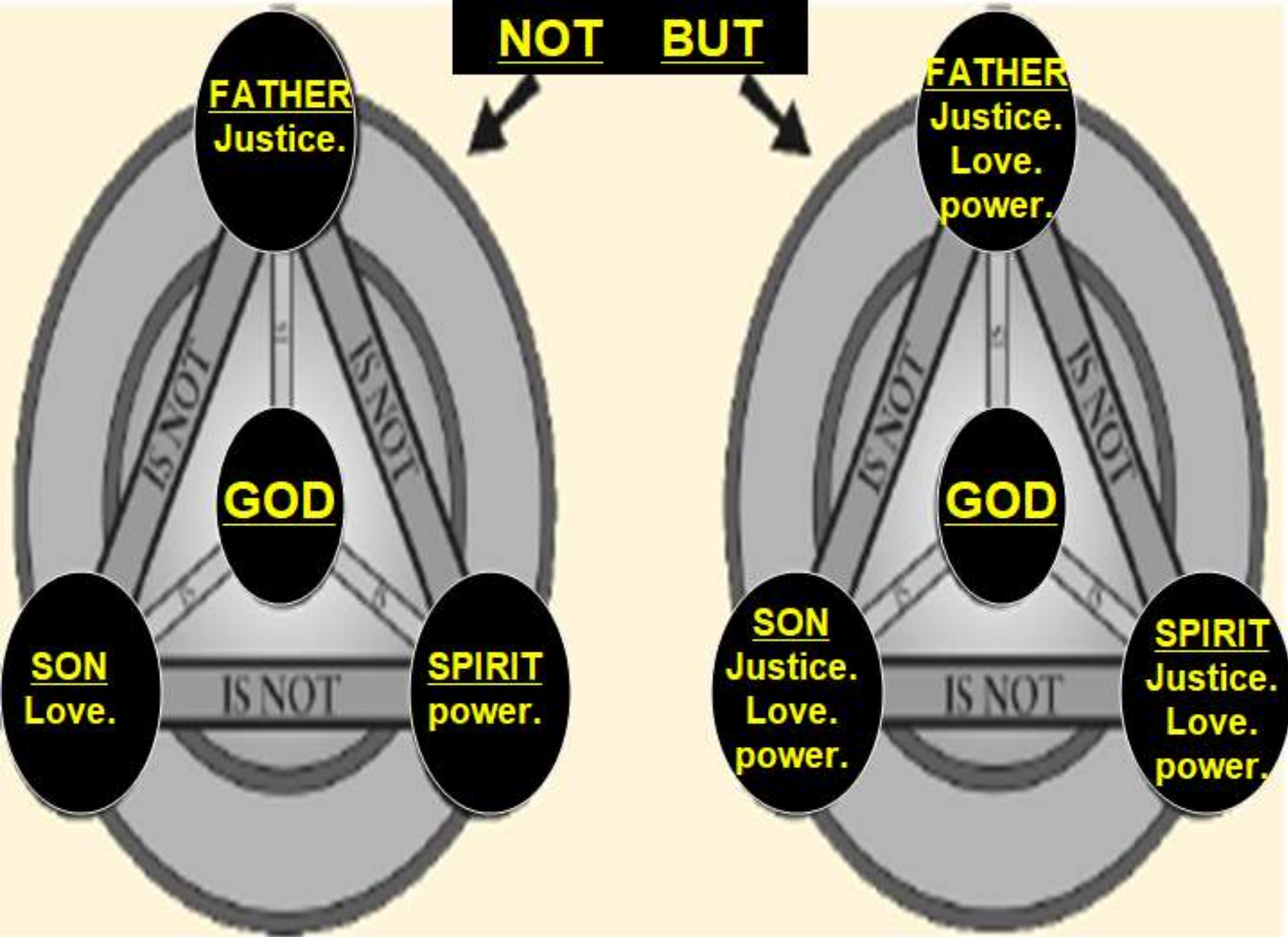
**SPIRIT  
power.**

**FATHER  
Justice.  
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**GOD**

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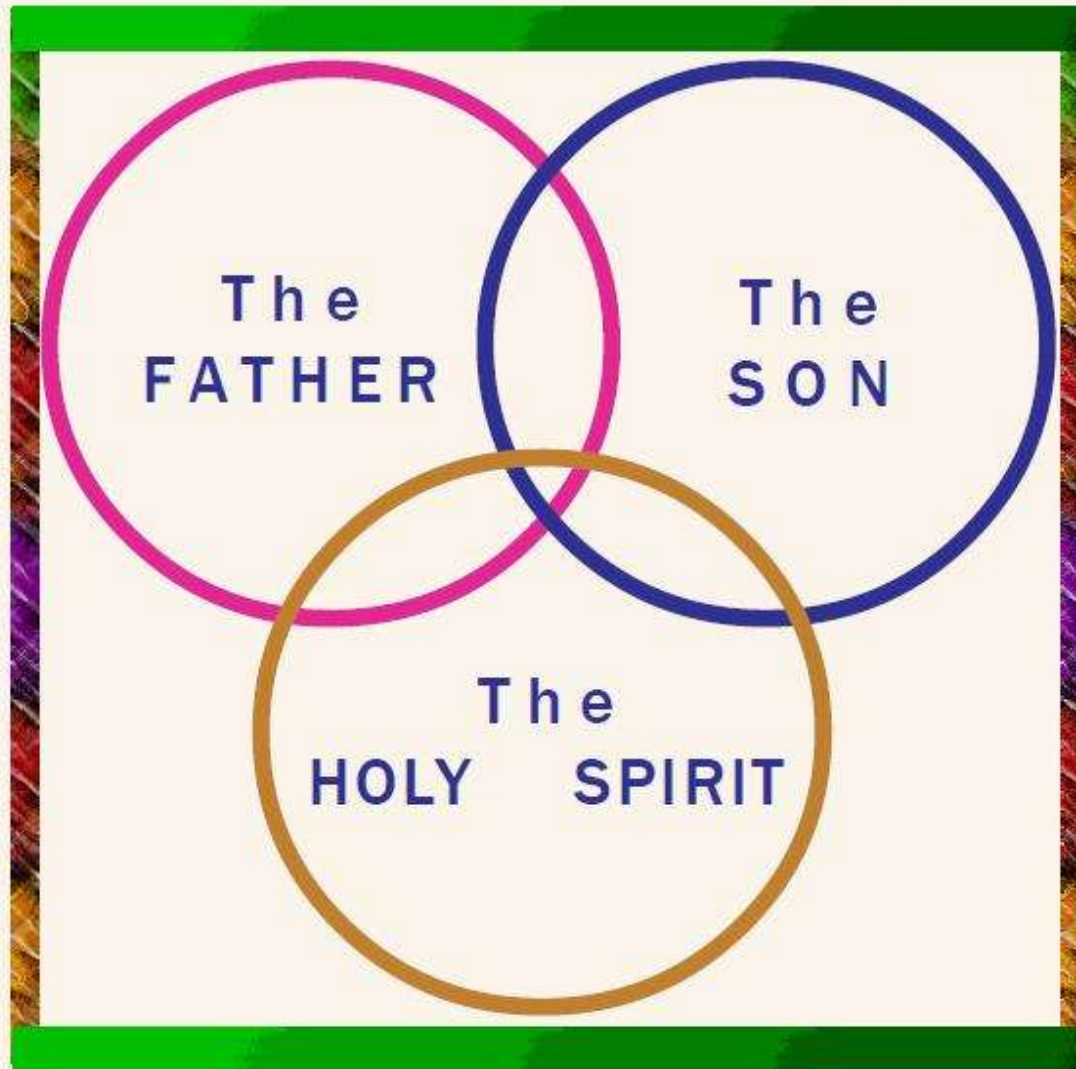
**Three in One** is us trying to explain a difficult concept. 3 in 1 is OK for oil, but the **Deity is more than this!**

**They are  
Three Beings in  
Perfect Harmony and Unity.**

**Not just three personalities  
in one Being. John 17:20-21;**



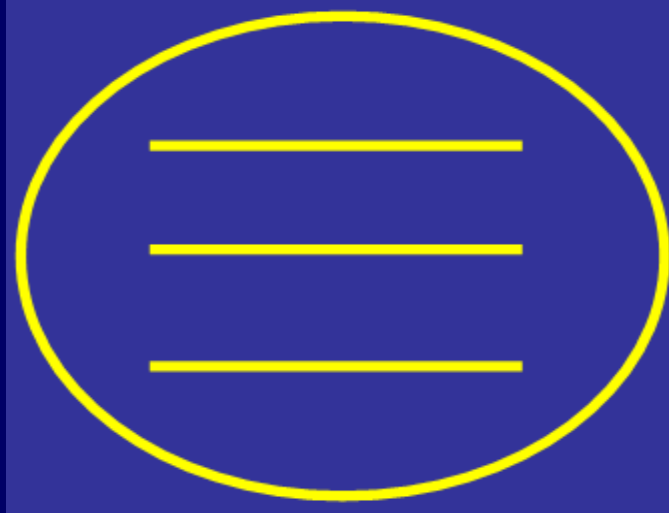
# Father - Son - Holy Spirit



# In Describing Deity.

We see **a contrast** between the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**.

If we were to **draw this contrast** perhaps it will help us understand that **Jesus was not a created being but pre-existed as God**. Perhaps we would draw the concept like this! **In the Beginning:-**

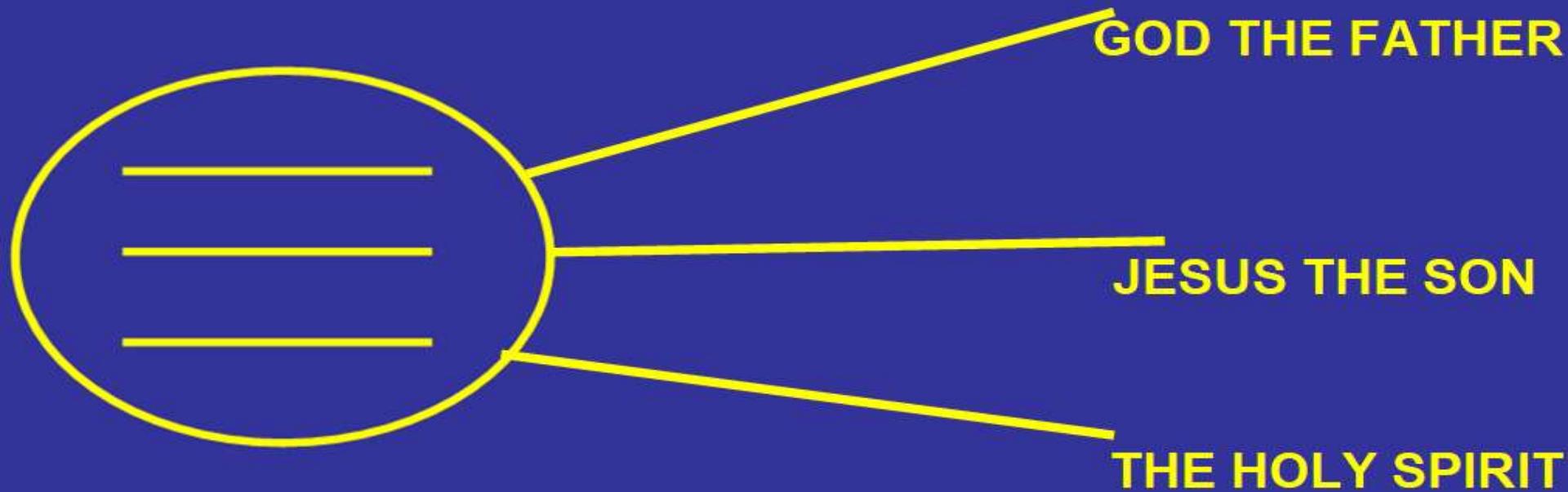


**GOD / DEITY / /GODHOOD / ETERNAL ESSENCE  
THREE YET ONE / ALL EQUAL**

When we come to the **New Testament**.

We see a different picture of:-

**The Father, The Son and Holy Spirit**,  
performing **different roles** in the scheme or plan  
of redeeming man:-



**STILL GOD / DEITY / GODHOOD**  
**PERFORMING DIFFERENT ROLES IN MAN'S REDEMPTION,**  
**THE EMPHASIS IS ON SHARING RELATIONSHIP WITH MAN.**

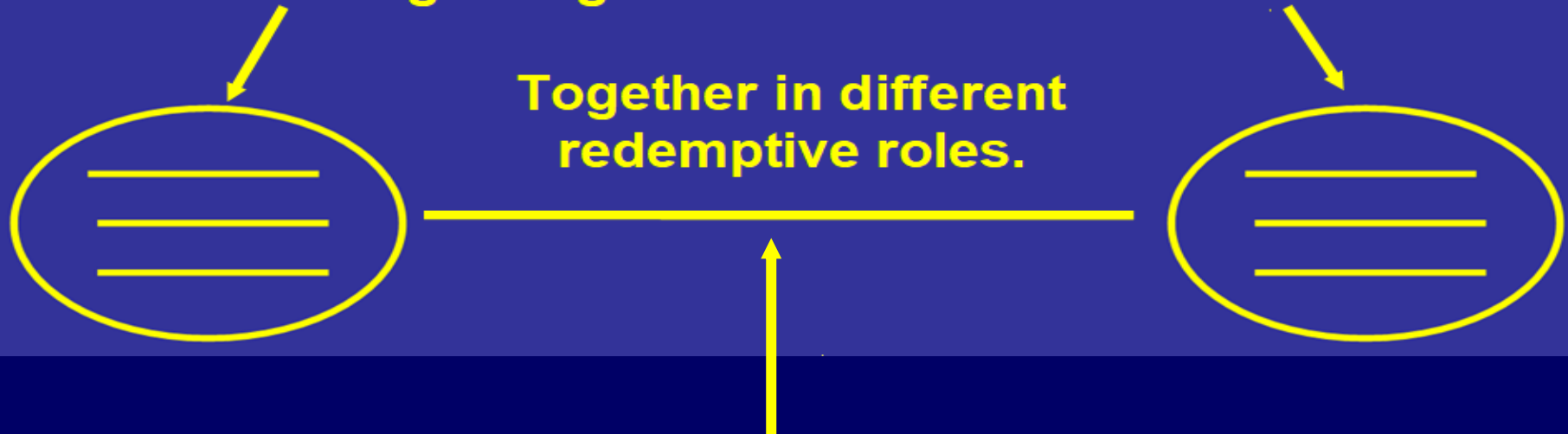
# New Jerusalem with Apocrypha

John 17:5; “Now, Father, **glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world existed.**”

New King James John 17:5; “And now, O Father, **glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**”

Glory of Deity / Godhood  
Essence in Beginning.

Glory of Deity / Godhood  
Essence in the end

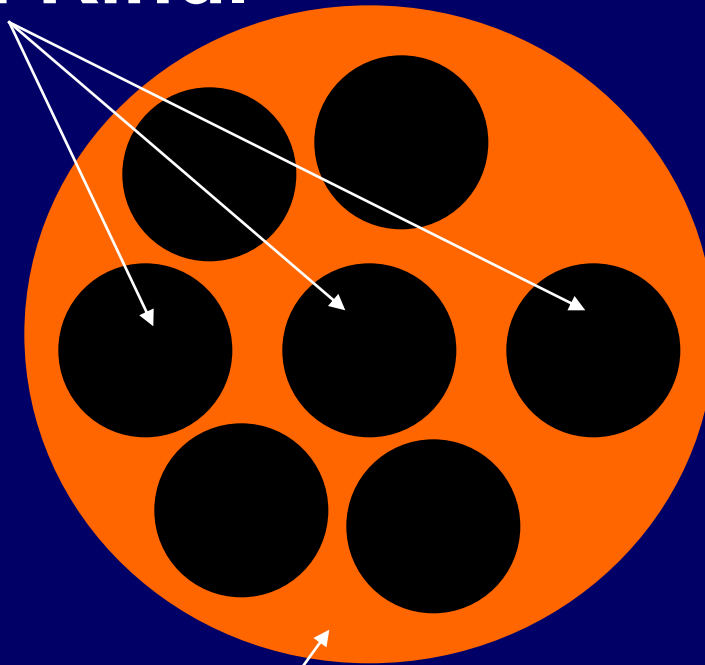


**FATHER / SON / HOLY SPIRIT  
ALL DEITY / GOD, BUT PLAYING DIFFERENT ROLES  
IN MANS REDEMPTION.**

# The Godhead compared to Humanity.

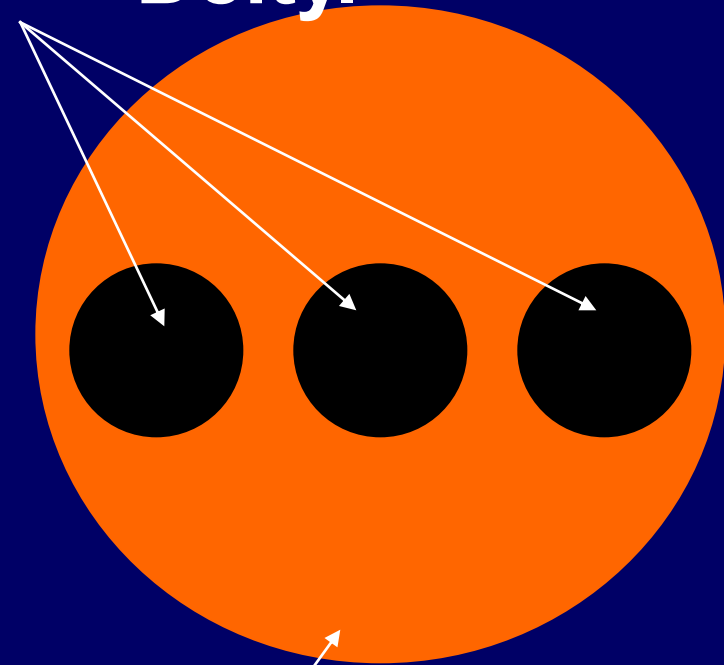
These Three (Divine Persons) make up **One Godhead** (Deity).  
In the same way all humans make up **One Humanity**.

Human Kind.



Humanity.

Deity.



Godhead.

## **Divine Division of Activity.**

**These Three make up One God or a United Godhead.  
Each Being has His role.**

**God the Father is the architect of the universe.  
He planned all things.**

**The Son is the one that created the things  
planned by the Father.**

**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with  
God. All things were made by him; and without him was not  
any thing made that was made.” (John 1:1-3;)**

**The Holy Spirit is the Lawgiver or organizer.**

**“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was  
upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon  
the face of the waters.” (Gen 1:2;)**

**The Spirit of God – the Holy Spirit gave the natural law.**

## **Conclusion.**

**(Deut 6:4) “Hear, O Israel:-  
The Lord our God is one Lord:”**

**One as in United.  
United in Purpose.  
United in Plan.**

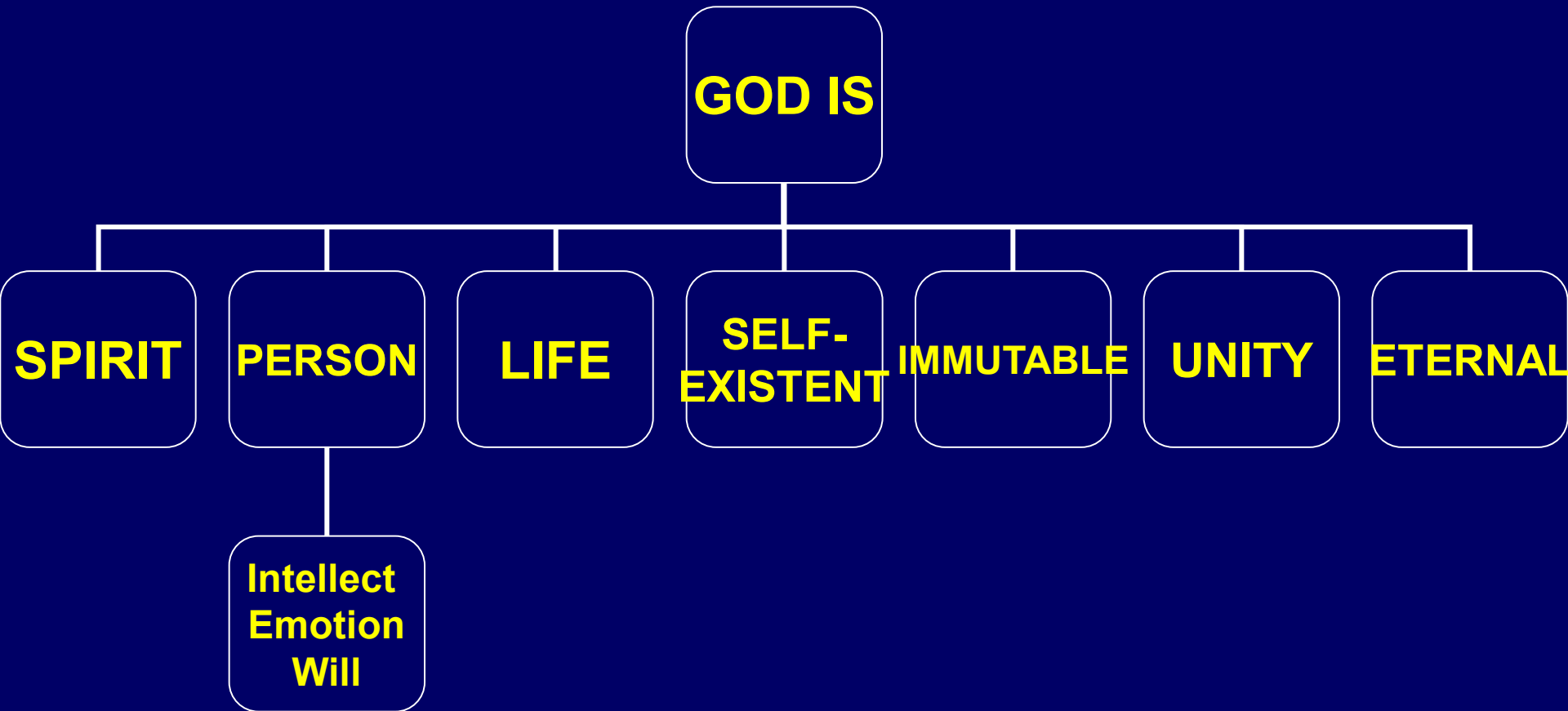
**Almighty God works through His Son.  
His Son works through The Holy Spirit.  
The Holy Spirit Works  
through the word of God.**

**There is one true God or Godhood  
in the sense that there is one humanity.  
The Godhead is composed of Three Beings:-  
Father.  
Son.  
Holy Spirit.**

**These Three Work as one:-  
in unity and harmony  
to accomplish the work of Creation.  
The sustaining of the universe.  
and Salvation of our souls.**



# CONCLUSION.



**No matter what way we try to describe  
the Godhood. (Deity).**

**No matter what illustrations  
we come up with.**

**We will never be able to explain it in full,  
because in reality.**

**A God who can create a Universe.**

**Is far greater than our understanding  
or imagination which is why.**

**We live by FAITH.**

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