

# Doctrines Every Christian Should Know

## The Doctrine of Trinity

## NOTES

### What is the Trinity?

- God is a **Tri-Unity**, meaning “one God” but in three Persons.
- The Trinity is a **theological mystery**.
- Each Person of the Trinity have **3** essential characteristics of **Personhood** –
  - Intellect –
  - Emotion –
  - Will –
- Each person of the Trinity is able to **communicate** and gives evidence of a distinct Person.
- Trinity diagram



- The **Father** is God –
- The **Son** is God –
- The **Holy Spirit** is God –

### The Theology of the Trinity

- One God and **undivided** nature –
  - God is One **essence** (essence meaning nature)

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- **Essential** characteristics –

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- **Accidental** characteristics –

- The Father’s role –

- The Son’s role –

- The Holy Spirit’s role –

## Illustrations

- The equilateral **triangle** (image above)

- $1^3$  or  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$

## Heretical Views

- Tritheism (**3** persons and **3** natures)

- Modalism (**1** person and **1** nature)

- Binitarianism (**2** persons and **1** nature)

## Quote:

“The nature of God as revealed in Scripture is the most fundamental factor in our understanding of God; on it rest all other doctrines, either explicitly or implicitly. The God of the Bible is God of Trinitarian Monotheism. In short, God is tri-personal, indivisible, immutable, eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, all loving, and absolutely perfect and just. All the attributes of God are interrelated biblically and philosophically. An explicit or implicit denial or deviation from any of the attributes results in an unorthodox view of God.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Norman L. Geisler, The Doctrine of God, P. 40.