



# GOD THE FATHER: THE FIRST PERSON AND HIS WORK

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# Agenda

1. Review the Doctrine of the Triunity of God.
2. Observe the Person and Work of God the Father in the Old Testament.
3. Observe the work of God the Father in the New Testament.

# WHAT IS THE TRI-UNITY OF GOD (I.E. THE TRINITY)

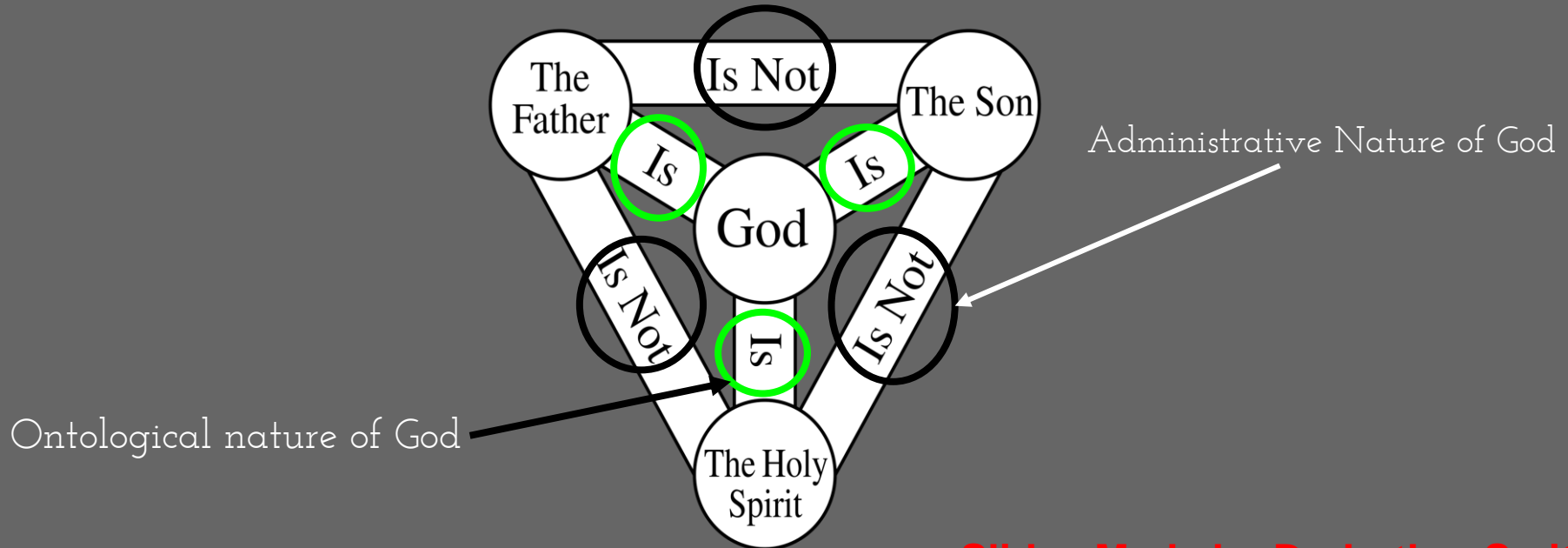
The Tri-unity (or Trinity) of God is defined as “God is one, [and] at the same time consists of three persons, without negating the unity of God.”

## THE WESTMINSTER CONFSSION

*III. In the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.*

Ontological Nature of God: All three persons are the one God because they share the same nature.

Administrative (Economical) Nature of God: All Three Persons, although they have the same nature, they have different functions in the Godhead.





# The Fatherhood of God

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Deut. 32:6

# THE "FATHERHOOD" OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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## Isa. 63:16/64:8

**16** For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us And Israel does not recognize us. You, O LORD, are our Father, Our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

**8** But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand.

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## Jer. 3:4

Have you not just now called to Me, 'My Father, You are the friend of my youth?

## Jer. 3:19

"Then I said, 'How I would set you among My sons And give you a pleasant land, The most beautiful inheritance of the nations!' And I said, 'You shall call Me, My Father, And not turn away from following Me.'

## Jer. 31:9

"With weeping they will come, And by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters, On a straight path in which they will not stumble; For I am a father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn."

## Mal. 1:6

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?"

# THE "FATHERHOOD" OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IMPLIED.

## Deut. 1:30-31

The LORD your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, **31** and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.'

## Psalms 103:13

"Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

## Jer. 3:22/31:20

"Return, O faithless sons, I will heal your faithlessness." "Behold, we come to You; For You are the LORD our God."

"Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly still remember him; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him," declares the LORD."



# THE "FATHERHOOD" OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IMPLIED CONT.

## Hosea 11:1-4

When Israel *was* a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.<sup>2</sup> The more they called them, The more they went from them ; They kept sacrificing to the Baals And burning incense to idols.<sup>3</sup> Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them in My arms; But they did not know that I healed them.<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of a man, with bonds of love, And I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from their jaws; And I bent down *and* fed them.

## Mal. 3:17

"They will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."



# The Work of God the Father

"But now, O LORD, You are our  
Father, We are the clay, and You our  
potter; And all of us are the work of  
Your hand."

Isa 64:8

# THE WORK OF THE FATHER CONCERNING THE CHRISTIAN

- The Father foreknew the Christian (Rom. 8:28; 1 Pet. 1:2).
- The Father chose the Christian before the foundation of the world (Luke 18:7; Rom. 8:29, 33; Eph. 1:5, 11; 1 Thess. 1:4; Titus 1:1; 1 Peter 1:2).
- The Father gives the believer to Christ (Jn. 6:37, 44; 10:29).
- The Father has called the Christian (Rom. 8:33).
- The Father has justified the Christian in Christ (Rom. 8:33).
- The Father has sealed the Christian with His Spirit (Eph. 1:13; 4:30).
- The Father prepared the Christian's works beforehand (Eph. 2:10).

# THE WORK OF THE FATHER IN THE CHRISTIAN CONT.

- The Father sends His Spirit to dwell in the Christian's heart (Jn 14:23).
- The Father reveals truth to the Christian (Matt. 11:25; 16:17; Eph. 1:17).
- The Father provides our needs (Matt. 6:32-33; Phil. 4:19).
- The Father blesses the Christian with spiritual blessings (Rom. 8:33).
- The Father is glorified by our fruitful works (Jn. 15:18).
- The Father loves the Believer (Jn. 14:21, 23; 2 Thess. 2:16).
- The Father honors the Christian (Jn. 12:26).

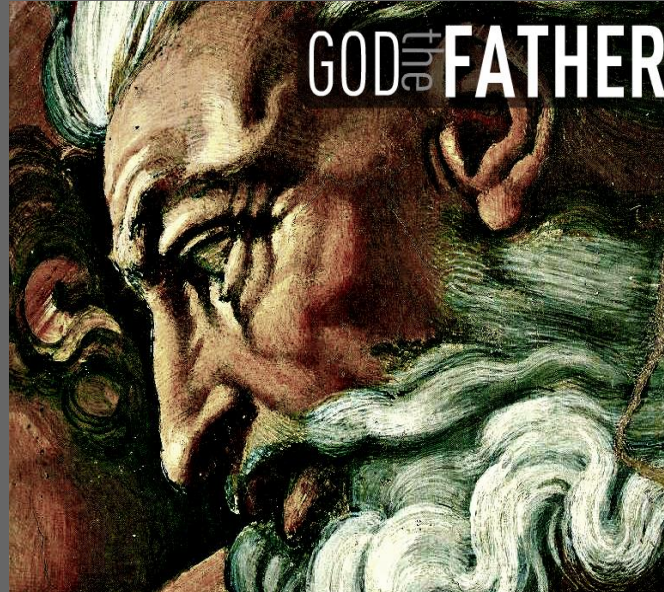
# THE WORK OF THE FATHER IN THE CHRISTIAN CONT.

- The Father comforts the Christian (2 Cor. 1:3-7; 2 Thess. 2:16).
- The Father keeps the believers (Jn. 10:29; 17:11).
- The Father chastens the believers (Heb. 12:5-11).
- The Father restores the believer (Lk. 15:21-24).
- The Father gives the believer victory from temptation (1 Cor. 10:13).
- The Father makes the believer holy (Jn. 17:17; Jude 1).
- The Father seeks the believer's worship (Jn. 4:23).

# THE WORK OF THE FATHER IN THE CHRISTIAN CONT.

- The Father will gather all believers together in Christ (Eph. 1:10).
- The Father will reward us (Matt. 6:1; Heb. 11:6; 2 Tim. 4:8).
- The Father will bring Israel and the church into His kingdom (Matt. 13:43; 25:34; 26:29; Luke 12:32).

# Lets Discuss



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