



ADDITIONAL NOTES

EFCA STATEMENT OF FAITH ON GOD

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

EVIDENCE OF GOD'S EXISTENCE

- ✧ **Nature** (Psalm 19:1-6 & Rom 1:18-20)
- ✧ **Conscience** (Romans 2:14-15)

Blaise Pascal in Pensees (1670)

What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself.

✧ Arguments for God's Existence

- The Cosmological Argument – *Since everything we see has a cause, the universe must have a first cause.*
- The Teleological Argument – *Since there is order, design, and harmony evidenced throughout the world, there must be a source behind the order, design, and harmony.*
- The Ontological Argument – *Since we can conceive of a higher being in our minds, there must be a higher being that exists. Since we have various levels of intellect, there must be an "Ultimate Intellect."*
- The Moral Argument – *Since people have a sense of right and wrong, and desire justice, there must be a God who is the standard of right and wrong and who exercises justice.*

THE TRINITY

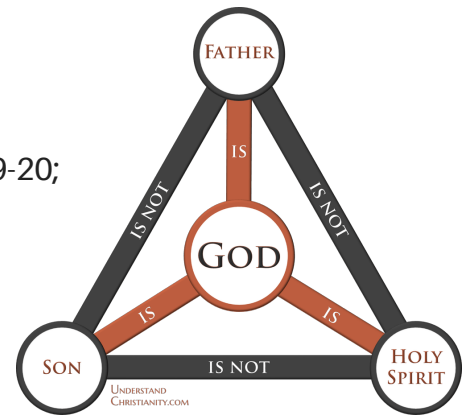
- ✧ **Definition** – *God is one being in three persons: Father, Son, Spirit. All are equally God, and God is unified in all He does.*

✘ **Proof of the Trinity in Scripture**

- God the Father & Spirit (Genesis 1:1-2)
- God the Father & The Word/Jesus (John 1:1-3)
- God the Father, Son, Spirit (Matt. 3:16-17; Matt. 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:4-6; Jude 1:20-21)

✘ **The Deity of Each Member** (each is fully God)

- God the Father (Genesis 1:1; John 1:14)
- God the Son/Jesus (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-3, 10:30; John 20:27-31; Col 1:15-20; Heb 1:3-4; Titus 2:13)
- God the Spirit (Ps 139:7-8; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor 2:10-11)



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GOD IS FAR (TRANSCENDENT)

✘ **Creator** (Gen 1:1; John 1:3)

✘ **Spirit** (John 4:24)

✘ **Holy** (Is. 6:3; Rev 4:8)

✘ **Other Attributes**

- Just (Ps 9:7-8; 2 Thess 1:6-10)
- Eternal (Ps 90:2, Rev 1:8)
- Sovereign (Eph 1:11; Ps 103:19)
- Omniscient (Ps 139:1-6; Is. 46:10)
- Omnipresent (Ps 139:7-12)
- Omnipotent (Ps 139:13-16; Matthew 19:26)
- Unchangeable (Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8)
- Truth (John 1:14, 14:6)

GOD IS NEAR (IMMANENT)

✘ **Relational** (John 1:12-14, 14:21; Romans 8:15-16)

✘ **Love** (1 John 4:7-10)

✘ **Other Attributes**

- Good (Ps. 100:5)
- Gracious (Ps 103:8; Eph 2:4-8)
- Merciful (Ps 103:8; Eph 2:4-8)
- Forgiving (Ps 103:3, 12)
- Patient (Ps 103:8; Rom 2:4)
- Sympathetic (Heb 4:15)

RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN OUR BOOKSTORE

- ✘ **God Is: A Devotional Guide to the Attributes of God** by Mark Jones
- ✘ **Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Bible Doctrine** by Wayne Grudem
- ✘ **The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism** by Timothy Keller