

# “God: The Unbegotten Father”

## *Trinity Revealed: A Biblical Blueprint*

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### I. God the Father Is God

#### A. The One Consubstantial God

1. **Deuteronomy 6:4** – *The Shema*: “The LORD is one.”
2. **John 10:30** – “I and the Father are one.”
3. **1 Corinthians 8:6** – “Yet for us there is but one God, the Father...”

#### B. Trinitarian Heresies Guardrails

1. **Augustine**: “One and the same simple (whole) nature”
2. **Modalism**: Collapsing the persons into one.
  - a) God’s not moody or puts on mask ≠ “Mood”alism
3. **Tritheism**: Dividing the one God into three.
  - a) ≠ pizza slice or pieces of pie

### II. The Immanent Trinity – The Unbegotten Father

#### A. Two ways to talk about the Trinity

1. Immanent Trinity = God in Himself (*Inside*)
2. Economic Trinity = God in redemptive history (*Outside*)

#### B. The Unbegotten Father

1. “Unbegotten” = The Father’s personal property
2. The Father is the fountain: He eternally begets the Son and breathes the Spirit
  - a) Not in time, not by choice: eternal and necessary

#### C. The Father Has Life in Himself

1. **John 5:26** – “The Father has life in Himself...”

2. Aseity: Self-existence (Exod 3:14, Ps 90:2, Isa 44:6)
3. Eternal Generation: “He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself”
4. Illustration: The Air Hockey Table – Already On

### III. The Economic Trinity – The Father Who Acts

#### A. The Father Who Creates – The Author

1. Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning, God created...”
2. Nicene Creed: “I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth”

#### B. The Father Who Redeems – The Planner

1. John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world...”
2. Galatians 4:4 – “God sent forth His Son...”
3. Ephesians 1:3–6 – “He chose us... He predestined us...”
4. 1 John 4:10 – “He loved us and sent His Son...”

#### C. The Father Who Completes – The Restorer

1. 1 Corinthians 15:24–25 – “Then comes the end...”
2. Romans 8:21–23 – “Creation will be set free...”
3. Revelation 21:3–4 – “He will wipe away every tear...”
4. Romans 11:36 – “From Him, through Him, to Him are all things”

#### New Terms:

- **Consubstantial:** Each person of the Trinity fully shares the one, undivided divine essence.
- **Immanent Trinity:** Who God is in Himself: Father, Son, and Spirit in eternal relationship, apart from creation.
- **Eternal Relations of Origin:** The way each divine person is eternally distinguished: the Father begets, the Son is begotten, and the Spirit proceeds.
- **Paternity:** The Father’s eternal identity as the one who begets the Son.
- **Eternal Generation:** The Son’s eternal origin from the Father - begotten, not made.
- **Economic Trinity:** How God acts in history: Father, Son, and Spirit in creation, redemption, and consummation.
- **Inseparable Operations:** All three persons act together in every work of God, each in their own way.