

God: The Unbegotten Father

*The One Who Eternally
Begets the Son and Breathes the Spirit*

1. God the Father is
God

""Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,"

- Mat 28:19 NASB95

“Within the one Being that is God,
there exist eternally three co-equal
and co-eternal persons, namely, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit.”

— James R. White, The Forgotten
Trinity

“Hear, O Israel!

The LORD is our God,
the LORD is one!”

- Deut 6:4 NASB95

"I and the Father are
one."

- Jhn 10:30 NASB95

“The Father is God, the Son is God,
and the Holy Spirit is God... not
three gods but one God, because
they are of one and the same
simple nature.”

— Augustine, De Trinitate, Book
VII.4

"Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him."

- 1Co 8:6 NASB95

- Modalism: Collapsing the persons into one.
 - God's not moody. ≠ "Mood"alism
- Tritheism: Dividing the one God into three.
 - ≠ pizza slice

2. The Immanent Trinity

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- The **Immanent Trinity** refers to who God is in Himself
 - From all eternity, apart from creation.
 - *God for God*
- The **Economic Trinity** refers to how God acts in redemptive history.
 - How Father, Son, and Spirit work in creation, salvation, and consummation.
 - *God for Us*

2a. The Unbegotten Father

Eternal Relations of Origin: Personal Properties

- The **Father** is unbegotten—He is the fountain, the source.
- The **Son** is eternally begotten of the Father—not made, not created, but generated from the Father's own being.
- The **Spirit** eternally proceeds from the Father and through the Son

2b. The Father Has Life in
Himself

"For just as the Father has
life in Himself, even so He
gave to the Son also to have
life in Himself;"

- Jhn 5:26 NASB95

“From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.” - Psalm 90:2

“I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no God.” — Isaiah 44:6

“I AM WHO I AM” - Exodus 3:14

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life in Himself, even so He
gave to the Son also to have
life in Himself;"

- Jhn 5:26 NASB95

“The Father is He who from eternity
begets the Son and breathes the
Spirit.”

- Augustine, De Trinitate, Book I.15

- **Paternity** is the *personal property* of the **Father** within the Godhead.
- This *eternal act* is called **Eternal Generation.**



3. The Economic Trinity

The Father Who Acts

Economic Trinity (God for Us)

How the one Triune God
carries “**OUT**” the work of
creation, redemption, &
consummation in the world.

External Works of the Trinity (Economic)

- The **Father** plans, initiates, and sends.
- The **Son** joyfully obeys and accomplishes
- The **Spirit** applies and perfects.

Operations

“In every external work of the Trinity,
the *three persons act inseparably*
according to their distinct personal
properties: from the **Father**, through
the **Son**, by the **Spirit**.”

- Scott Swain, The Trinity: An

3a. The Father Who Creates

The Author

"In the beginning God
created the heavens and
the earth."

- Gen 1:1 NASB95

"When I consider Your heavens,
the work of Your fingers, The
moon and the stars, which You
have ordained;"

- Psa 8:3 NASB95

"Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all stars of light!
Praise Him, highest heavens,
And the waters that are above
the heavens!"

- Psa 148:3-4 NASB95

"Lift up your eyes on high And see who
has created these stars, The One who
leads forth their host by number, He
calls them all by name; Because of the
greatness of His might and the
strength of His power, Not one of them
is missing."

Isa 40:26 NASB05

"It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens."

- Jer 10:12 NASB95

"20 For since the creation of the world
His invisible attributes, His eternal
power and divine nature, have been
clearly seen, being understood through
what has been made, so that they are
without excuse."

- Rom 1:20 NASB95

3b. The Father Who Redeems

The Planner

“For God so loved the world
that He gave His only
begotten Son...”

- John 3:16a NAS95

"3 Blessed be the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places in Christ,

- Eph 1:3 NASB95

4 just as He chose us in Him
before the foundation of the
world, that we would be holy and
blameless before Him. In love

- Eph 1:4 NASB95

5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, **6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."

"In this is love, not that we loved
God, but that He loved us and
sent His Son to be the
propitiation for our sins."

- 1Jo 4:10 NASB95

3c. The Father Who Completes

The Restorer

"14 Then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. **15** For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet."

- 1Co 15:24-25 NASB95

"21 That the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

- Rom 8:21-22 NASB95

"3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

- Rev 21:3-4 NASB95

4 and He will wipe away every tear
from their eyes; and there will no
longer be any death; there will no
longer be any mourning, or crying, or
pain; the first things have passed
away.""

- Rev 21:3-4 NASB95

"For from Him and through
Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever.
Amen."

- Rom 11:36 NASB95

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