

what we believe

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WE BELIEVE ... THERE IS ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS

Deuteronomy 6:4 – Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

TRIPARTITE: A mathematical term which means the **WHOLE** is EQUAL to the **SUM OF THE PARTS**

Psalm 139:6 – Such knowledge is too wonderful for me! I cannot attain unto this!

SPACE has 3 Dimensions:

LENGTH, WIDTH & HEIGHT

Each DIMENSION is distinct, yet the whole.

TIME has 3 Tenses:

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Each TENSE is distinct, yet is whole.

MATTER is composed of 3 Things:

ENERGY, MOTION & PHENOMENA

Here we see 3 modes of existence distinct, yet each one is the whole.

1 John 5:7 – For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

TRITHEISM: This view followed the ORIGINAL APOSTOLIC DAYS and believed in 3 separate gods.

ARIANISM: This errant view was named after Arias, a 3rd Century Church leader who believed Christ was created, therefore not eternal or divine. These folks are the modern day JEHOVAH'S Witnesses.

SABELLIANISM: Named after the 3rd century Bishop and Priest Bishop Sabellius. They believe that the Father, Son & Holy Ghost are all expressions of God. These are the “Jesus ONLY” folks.

UNITARIANISM: They hold only to the ONENESS of God, but only accept Jesus Christ for his ethical teaching.

1st

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

1 Timothy 2:5 – For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

2nd

GOD IS THREE PERSONS

The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 13:14 – May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

3rd

WE BELIEVE THE FATHER IS GOD

John 6:27 – Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life. Which the Son of Man will give you on whom God, the Father has placed his seal of approval.

4th

WE BELIEVE THE SON IS GOD

Hebrews 1:8 – But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever. And righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.”

5th

WE BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD!

1 Corinthians 3:16 – Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?