

One in Three, Three in One

The word *trinity* does not appear in the Scriptures. It is a theological shorthand for the fact that Scripture describes God as one (Exod 3:13–15, 20:2–3; Deut 6:4; 1 Cor 8:4,6; 1 Tim 2:5–6; James 2:9) and yet, three persons are called God and are all *equally* credited with the works of God. “The Father” is universally recognized to be God (Matt 6:26; Mark 12:17). The issue is that Jesus Christ (the Son) is described as God (Phil 2:5–11; Heb 1:1–3), and the Holy Spirit is also called God and said to possess divine attributes (John 3:8, 16:8–11; Acts 5:3–4; 1 Cor 12:4–11).

In the first two centuries, the church leaders had no problem with the tension of this and simply used formulae borrowed from Scripture to describe this “divine community” (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pet 1:2). The word comes from the Greek *triados*, first used by Theophilus of Antioch around AD 200 in describing God before man was created. He actually describes the *triados* as “the God, His Word, and His Wisdom” (Theophilus *ad Autolyicum*, 2.15).

It was only necessary to formalize a doctrine of the nature of God after Christianity was legalized in AD 313, and it became clear that because church leaders could not meet to discuss these issues, some odd views had cropped up. A debate erupted between Arius, a church leader in what is now Libya, and other leaders from the major cities of the eastern Roman world. Eventually, what is considered the orthodox statement was established at the Councils of Nicaea (AD 325), Constantinople (AD 381), and Chalcedon (AD 451). Like so much of doctrine, the articulation was not meant to be *dogmatic definition* but rather a *declaration of reality*.

Financial Summary

2023 Budget	\$224,885	Budget to Date	\$8,650
Weekly Budget	\$4,325	Giving to Date	\$7,989

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**BEDFORD ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Welcome

Creating environments where people
encounter Jesus and journey together

Today's Worship

"How Great Is Our God"

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"Jesus Saves"

Public Domain, William James Kirkpatrick and Priscilla J. Owens, CCLI# 56053

"Redeemed"

Public Domain, Fanny Jane Crosby and William James Kirkpatrick, CCLI# 30622

- Join us at the Lord's Table -

- Missions Update -

"To God Be the Glory"

Public Domain, Fanny J. Crosby and William H. Doane, CCLI# 23426

- Exploring the Scriptures Together -

News and Notes

Group Bible Studies

Tues, 7pm (Ray Pouliot, Mike Trask), begins again January 25

Wed, 7pm (Bob Bragdon), begins again January 19

Wed, 7pm (Doc Delisi), still ongoing, 82 Cross Rd, Hooksett

January

15 Covenant Member Workshop (Fellowship Hall)

17 Aperture Sessions Begin, 7:00pm

21 Ladies' Ministry, 9:15am

29 Music Team Planning Meeting

February

4 Southern NH Rescue Mission

18 Ladies' Ministry, 9:15am

22 Beginning of tessarakoste, the 40 days before Resurrection.

Exploring the Scriptures Together

Text:

The Big Idea:

Nursery is provided 9:30-11:30am for children ages 0-3.
There is an age-appropriate teaching time for children ages 4-10.
Children are dismissed right before the message.