

THE UNITY AND TRINITY OF GOD (continued from Lesson 6)

Are the three divine Persons perfectly EQUAL to one another?

The three divine Persons are perfectly equal to one another, because all are one and the same God.

The Father is all-powerful.

The Father is eternal.

The Son is all-powerful

The Son is eternal.

The Holy Ghost is all powerful.

The Holy Ghost is eternal.

The Father knows all things.

The Father is everywhere.

The Son knows all things

The Son is everywhere.

The Holy Spirit knows all things.

The Holy Ghost is everywhere.

How are the three divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, one and the same God?

The three divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God because all have one and the same divine nature.

If we wanted to show this, we would have to put the three circles one on top of the other, since all three have the same nature.

Can we full understand how the three divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God?

We cannot fully understand how the three divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God because this is a supernatural mystery.

What is a supernatural mystery?

A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we firmly believe because we have God's word for it.

There are two kinds of mysteries, natural and supernatural. A NATURAL mystery is something hidden or unknown here on earth. For example: the nature of electricity; what is in the center of the earth, what is beyond the last star, how old the earth is, and so forth.

A supernatural mystery is something about God or our soul that we could not find out for ourselves, but which God has made known to us. We can know some things about supernatural mysteries from what God has told us, but not everything about them. For example: the truths contained in the Apostles' Creed.

Discussion questions:

1. Does God have the same number of natures as we do?
2. What is the difference between saying "three persons" and "three gods"?
3. Is the Father older than the Son?
4. Can we love the Father if we do not love the Son?
5. The Holy Ghost is not the same Person as the Son.
6. If we study hard enough, we can know everything about the Blessed Trinity.

Read and discuss the Epistle and Gospel for the Mass of Trinity Sunday.

QUESTION: From whence come ALL things - the Father, or the Son, or the Holy Ghost?

Why do we pray to the Saints?