

**Understanding the Trinity**  
**3. The Trinity and God**

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**Introduction**

- Why is this important?
- Getting to know God as he has revealed himself

**God's CHARACTER – who he is**

- Different roles (John 5:26-27, Eph. 1:11, 1:3, Phil. 2:11, John 6:38, 4:34, 8:29, 14:16, 15:26)
- Eternal relationships (John 3:16-17, 1 Cor. 15:24, 28)

**God's ACTIONS – what he does**

- Creation (John 1:3, Col. 1:16, Gen. 1:2)
- Revelation (1 Tim. 6:16, John 1:18, Eph. 1:17)
- Salvation (Eph. 1:3-6, 7-12, 13-14)

**Conclusion**

- Worship Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

**Ephesians 1v3-14 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

<sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.