

The doctrine of the Trinity is difficult to grasp even for Christians that have known the Lord for years. Nothing in our existence quite compares to it so it cannot be adequately explained in human terms. We can see in scripture the Trinity, which can be thought of as Tri-unity.

The Trinity in the Old Testament

Isaiah 12& 13 "Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last. Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out the heavens; when I call to them, They stand up together.

Clearly, the speaker is the God of Israel.

Isaiah 48:16 "Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me."

The "Lord God refers to the Father, His Spirit, referring to the Holy Spirit and "Me" which it the speaker who later Himself in verse 17 as the "Redeemer."

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I [am] the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.

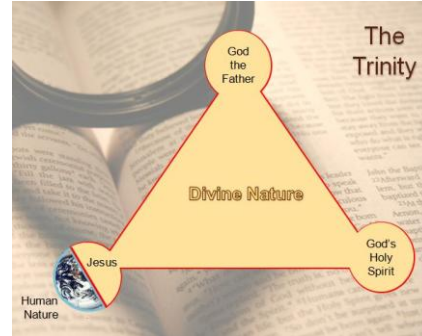
This is the suffering Servant we later see in Isaiah 52 and 53.

The Trinity in the New Testament

Matthew 3:16-17 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 4:4-6 - There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.



While all three entities share the Divine nature, only Jesus had both the Divine nature and the human nature.



You can see in the above the different attributes of Jesus' life we can see both His Divine and Human Natures.



We as believers in Jesus, can choose whether or not we live out the attributes of our fleshly nature or the works of the Holy Spirit. Clearly, it is God's desire that we live lives that are as righteous as we possibly can.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Eph 5:25-27

Since the church is made up of people, the people of the church should strive to be holy.



I can grasp mentally and understand the ocean when I stand at the shore and look at it butI cannot fully comprehend everything that is going on in that ocean.

This is similar to our incomplete understanding of the Trinity.

Fleshly Nature	Holy Spirit
<p>Gal 5:21 I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.</p>	<p>Gal 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.</p>

The Apostle Paul warns us about the consequences of living according to our fleshly natures.

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<p>But outside (the gates) are dogs * and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.</p> <p>* Dogs: men of impure minds, an impudent man</p>	<p>"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city."</p>

In Revelation 22:14, we see the endgame for those who the unsaved and those that live by the spirit.