

**The Attributes of God**  
***Attribute 28***

1. Unity – The Unity of the persons in the Godhead consists of the identity of essence. In the Trinity there is a oneness in essence. The three persons are of the same divine nature and substance, so that there are no degrees in the Godhead; one person is not God more than another.
  - A. The Unity of the persons in the Godhead consists in the mutual in-being of them, or their being in one another. The three persons are so united that one person is in another, and with another (John 17:21).
    1. The first person in the Trinity is God the Father. He is called the first person, in regard to order, not dignity, for God the Father has no essential perfection, which the other persons have not; He is not more wise, more holy, or more powerful than the other persons are.
    2. There is a priority, not superiority
  - B. The Trinity of persons can be seen in Matt. 3:16. Here are three names given to three persons.
    1. He who spoke with a voice from heaven was God the Father.
    2. He who was baptized in the Jordan was God the Son.
    3. He who descended in the likeness of a dove was God the Holy Spirit.
2. Take away the distinction of the persons in the Trinity and you overthrow man's redemption:
  1. For God the Father being offended by man's sin, how shall He be pacified without a mediator?
  2. Christ having died and shed His blood, how shall His blood be applied without the Holy Spirit?
  3. If there be not three persons in the Godhead, man's salvation cannot be ordained; if there be no second person

in the Trinity, there is no redeemer; if no third person, there is no comforter

- a. The essence of the Spirit is in heaven, and everywhere, but the influence of the Spirit is in the hearts of believers.
- b. Though Christ merits grace for us, it is the Holy Spirit that works grace in us.
- c. Though Christ purchases our salvation, it is the Holy Spirit that gives us assurance and seals us to the day of redemption.

### 3. Applications of the Unity of the Godhead

1. Since there is only one God, then He excludes all other gods
  - a. Matt. 22:29 – err not knowing the scriptures
  - b. 2 Thess. 2:11 – they believe a lie
2. Since there is only one God, there can be only one true religion
  - a. Eph. 4:5 – One Lord, one faith
  - b. There are many ways to Hell but only one way to heaven
  - c. It is absurd to image that God who is One is essence should appoint several religions in which He can be worshipped – it would violate His Unity.
3. Since there is only one God, then there is only one God who we need to know and to please.
  - a. We please Him when we comply with His will
  - b. We please Him when we complete the work He gives us to do.
  - c. We please Him when we dedicate our hearts to give Him the best of everything

### 4. The Unity of God is:

- A. A ground for obeying him exclusively. De 4:39,40.
- B. A ground for loving him supremely. De 6:4,5; Mr 12:29,30.
- C. Asserted by
  1. God himself. Isaiah 44:6,8; 45:18,21.
  2. Christ. Mark 12:29; John 17:3.
  3. Moses. Deut. 4:39; 6:4.

4. Apostles. 1Co 8:4,6; Eph 4:6; 1Ti 2:5.
- D. Consistent with the deity of Christ and of the Holy Spirit. John 10:30; 1John 5:7; John 14:9-11.
- E. Exhibited in:
1. His greatness and wonderful works. 2 Sam. 7:22; Ps 86:10.
  2. His works of creation and providence. Isaiah 44:24; 45:5-8.
  3. His being alone possessed of fore-knowledge. Isaiah 46:9-11.
  4. His exercise of uncontrolled sovereignty. Deut. 32:39.
  5. His being the sole object of worship in heaven and earth. Neh. 9:6; Mt 4:10.
  6. His being alone good. Matt 19:17.
  7. His being the only Savior. Isaiah 45:21,22.
  8. His being the only source of pardon. Micah 7:18; Mark 2:7.
  9. His unparalleled election and care of his people. Deut. 4:32-35.
- F. The knowledge of, necessary to eternal life. John 17:3.
- G. All saints acknowledge, in worshipping him. 2 Sam. 7:22; 2 Kings 19:15; 1Ch 17:20.
- H. All should know and acknowledge. Deut. 4:35; Psalm 83:18.
- I. May be acknowledged without saving faith. James 2:19,20.