

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Romans 11:33-36

Point : 1

The Trinity is a mystery but it is not unreasonable.

God is love

(1 John 4:8 NIV) Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

The Old Testament hints at the Trinity

*(Gen 1:1 NIV) In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth.*

*(Deu 6:4 KJV) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our
God is one LORD:*

God: elohiym; plural!

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*(Gen 1:26 NIV) Then God said, "Let **us** make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

us: plural!

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(Gen 18:2 NIV) The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

The LORD appeared as Three Men!

The Old Testament hints at the Trinity

(Psa 110:1 NIV) Of David. A psalm. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

The LORD says to my Lord!

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(Isa 45:21-23 NIV) Declare what is to be, present it-- let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

Check Out Phil 2:10!

Baptismal formula

(Mat 28:19 NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Jesus' Baptism

(Mat 3:16-17 NIV) As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Jesus said it

(John 8:58 NIV) "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

(John 10:30 NIV) I and the Father are one."

One with the Father yet distinct from the Father

(Mark 13:32 NIV) "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

(Mat 27:46 NIV) About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

God is not like us

(Isa 46:9 NIV) Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

Point : 2

Jesus has explained God.

Jesus has made God known

(John 1:18 NIV) No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

*(John 10:38 NIV) But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that **the Father is in me, and I in the Father.**"*

Exact representation

(Heb 1:3 NIV) The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

The very nature God

(Phil 2:5-8 NIV) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

Point : 3

There are roles in the Trinity

Jesus...

- Was sent from the Father (*John 1:14*)

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(John 1:14 NIV) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus...

- Was sent from the Father (*John 1:14*)
- Only did what He saw the Father doing (*John 5:19*)

Only does what He sees the Father doing

(John 5:19 NIV) Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

Jesus...

- Was sent from the Father (*John 1:14*)
- Only did what He saw the Father doing (*John 5:19*)
- Only spoke what the Father told Him (*John 8:28*)

Only speaks what the Father teaches

(John 8:28 NIV) So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

Jesus...

- Was sent from the Father (*John 1:14*)
- Did what He saw the Father doing
(*John 5:19*)
- Spoke what the Father told Him
(*John 8:28*)
- Only did what the Father commanded
(*John 14:31*)

Only does what the Father commands

(John 14:31 NIV) but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

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(Heb 5:8 NIV) Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered

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- Was Appointed as Judge (*Acts 10:42, Acts 17:31*)

Was appointed to judge

(Acts 17:31 NIV) For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

The Holy Spirit...

- Sent from the Father and the Son
(*John 15:26*)

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(John 16:13 NIV) But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

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- Brings glory to the Son
(John 16:14-15)

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(John 16:14-15 NIV) He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

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- Convicts the world *(John 16:8)*

Convicts the World

(John 16:8 NIV) When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

Conclusion