

What is the Trinity?



Key vocabulary

The mystery of the Trinity

- Christianity is **monotheistic**, believing in **one God**.
- Mysteriously, some Christian theologians say God is one but also three. This is called the **Trinity**.

The three persons of the Trinity of God are:

- **God the Father** (creator);
- **God the Son** (Jesus, the incarnation of God and saviour);
- **God the Holy Spirit** (God within, the helper, the friend).

The three persons of the Trinity have individual significance but are one whole.



- **ascended**: risen (went up) to heaven
- **belief**: something a person thinks is true
- **holy**: dedicated to God or religious purpose, deserving respect
- **interpret**: explain the meaning of something
- **monotheism**: a belief system involving one God
- **mystery**: a puzzle or something difficult to explain
- **resurrection**: the rising of Christ from the dead
- **symbol**: a thing used to represent something else
- **symbolism**: using symbols to represent ideas or qualities
- **the Trinity**: Christian belief of one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Pentecost



At **Pentecost**, Christians remember when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples. The Holy Spirit was described as sounding like a strong wind and looking like tongues of flame. The disciples could speak other languages.

The Holy Spirit – God within

Many Christians feel the presence of God the Holy Spirit inside them and in the good things in their lives today.

Love	Goodness
Joy	Faithfulness
Peace	Gentleness
Patience	Self-control
Kindness	

The Trinity in the story of Jesus' baptism

Jesus' baptism showed God the Father as a 'voice from heaven', God the Son as the person of Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit as being 'like a white dove'.



Some artists try to make sense of God as Trinity through their artwork. Some are inspired by words from the Bible, whilst others use their own ideas.

