

Understanding the Trinity

Christian Israelites believe that God is a Spirit:

“He [Jesus] saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him.” Matthew 3:16.

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:24.

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:17.

We also believe that God is the creator of all things, including man and woman:

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.” Colossians 1:16-20.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” Genesis 1:27.

We look to Him as the only God:

“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things.” 1 Corinthians 8:6.

However, we also believe that God is a part of a Trinity (or Godhead) – three beings working as one – and that each part of the Trinity has a different role to offer humanity:

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word [Jesus] and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” 1 John 5:7.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14.

After God, the second person in the Trinity is His son, Jesus Christ, who’s sacrifice on the cross and victory over death redeemed us from our sins and allowed us to have direct access to God:

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“For by grace are ye saved through faith ... That at that time ye were without Christ ... having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ ... And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby ... For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” Ephesians 2: 8, 12-13, 16, 18.

All our communications with God must pass through Jesus:

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me ... And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.” John 14:6, 13-14.

The third being in the Trinity is the Holy Ghost or Spirit, who dwells with those who believe in God and Jesus Christ, and who brings us comfort, guides us, and makes intercession to God for us:

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” Romans 8:26-27.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26.

The Spirit also gives us the power to live according to God’s will, thereby becoming His children:

“If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye *through the Spirit* do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God ... The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” Romans 8:13-14, 16 (emphasis added).

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Jesus teaches us that to do his work and live our lives according to God's will, we require all three parts of the Godhead:

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”
Matthew 28:19.

Christian Israelites look to have a relationship with all three persons of the Trinity by accepting that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, praying to God in His name, and by living a life that is as sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as possible.