

The Trinity

The central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life



Trinity:

In the Nicene Creed we say:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God

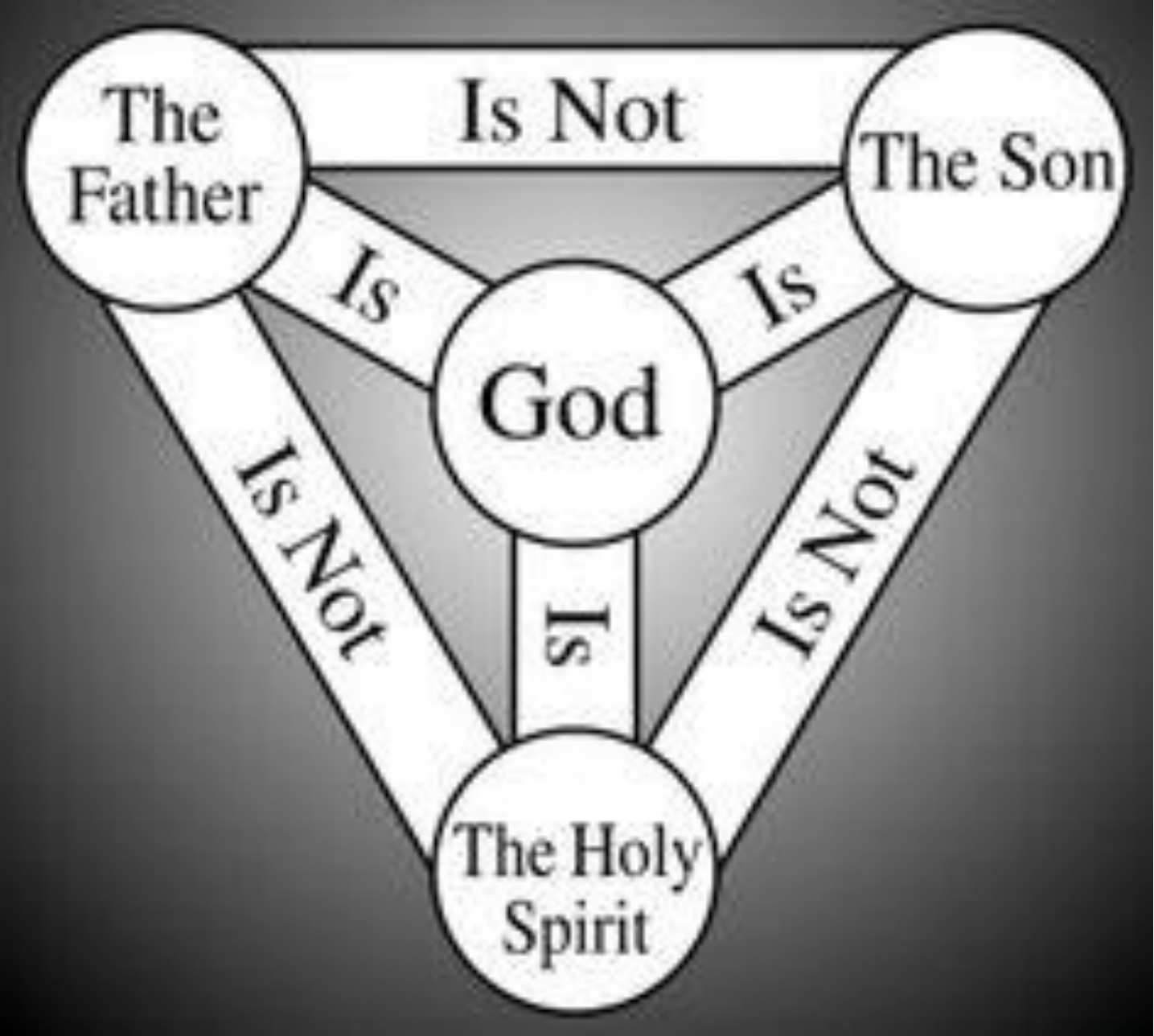
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

The Baptism of Christ











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The Hebrew Name for God - YHVH

Hebrew Names of God

The Sacred Name YHVH

יהוה

The Unutterable Name

Adonai
The LORD

Hashem
The Name

Ehyey ahser Ehyeh
I Am That I Am

Adonai Elohim
The LORD God

Adonai Ro'i
The LORD my Shepherd

Who is God?



God is the only self-existent being, he is the uncaused first cause of everything.

9 qualities of God

In the CCC article 222

1) God is unique:

Is 45:18 For thus says the LORD, The creator of the heavens, who is God, The designer and maker of the earth who established it, Not as an empty waste did he create it, but designing it to be lived in: I am the LORD, and there is no other.

2) God is infinite and omnipotent:

God is everywhere, unlimited, and all powerful. God can do everything.

PS 135:5-6 For I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

Whatever the LORD desires he does in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all the depths.

3) God is eternal:

God is the only self-existent being, he is the uncaused first cause of everything.

Is 40:28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is God from of old, creator of the ends of the earth.

4) God is beyond measurement, He is not limited to space:

1 Kgs 8:27 “Is God indeed to dwell on earth? If the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain you, how much less this house which I have built!

5) God contains all things:

Wis-8:1 Indeed, wisdom spans the world from end to end mightily and governs all things well.

6) God is immutable, He does not change...ever:

Ps 102:26:28

Of old you laid the earth's foundations; the heavens are the work of your hands.

They perish, but you remain; they all wear out like a garment; Like clothing you change them and they are changed, but you are the same, your years have no end.

7) God is utterly simple, pure spirit:

The opposite of simple is complex, which implies divisible into parts. In God there are no divisions, no parts, he is one in three.

Ex 20:4 You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters beneath the earth;

God is not material, he is supernatural, so you can't really create an image of God.

8) God is personal:

God is the source of all life, knows all things, loves and cares beyond any sense of limit. This saving God manifested personal love through the compassionate acts in the history of the Israelites, and most supremely through sending The Son, Jesus Christ to all people.

Jer 31:3 With age-old love I have loved you; so I have kept my mercy toward you

9) God is supremely holy:

Holiness is a quality of being, God expresses it through his unlimited goodness and love.

Sir-43:28 Let us praise him the more, since we cannot fathom him, for greater is he than all his works;

God The Father



Fatherhood and Headship



Divine Providence





Guardian Angel

FROM THE CATECHISM

1. What does faith in God mean?

It means coming to know God's greatness and majesty. It means living in thanksgiving. It means knowing the unity and true dignity of all men. It means making good use of created things. It means trusting in God, even in adversity. (CCC, nos. 222-227)

2. Why does the Creed begin with God?

Our profession of faith begins with God, for God is the First and the Last, the beginning and the end of everything. The [Creed] begins with God the Father, for the Father is the first divine person of the Most Holy Trinity; our Creed begins with the creation of heaven and earth, for creation is the beginning and foundation of all God's works. (CCC, no. 198)

3. What is the importance of God's Revelation about creation?

Creation is the foundation of "all God's saving plans," the "beginning of the history of salvation" that culminates in Christ. Conversely, the mystery of Christ casts conclusive light on the mystery of creation and reveals the end for which "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth": from the beginning, God envisioned the glory of the new creation in Christ. (CCC, no. 280, citing the General Catechetical Directory, no. 51, and Gn 1:1)

IN BRIEF

44 Man is by nature and vocation a religious being. Coming from God, going toward God, man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God.

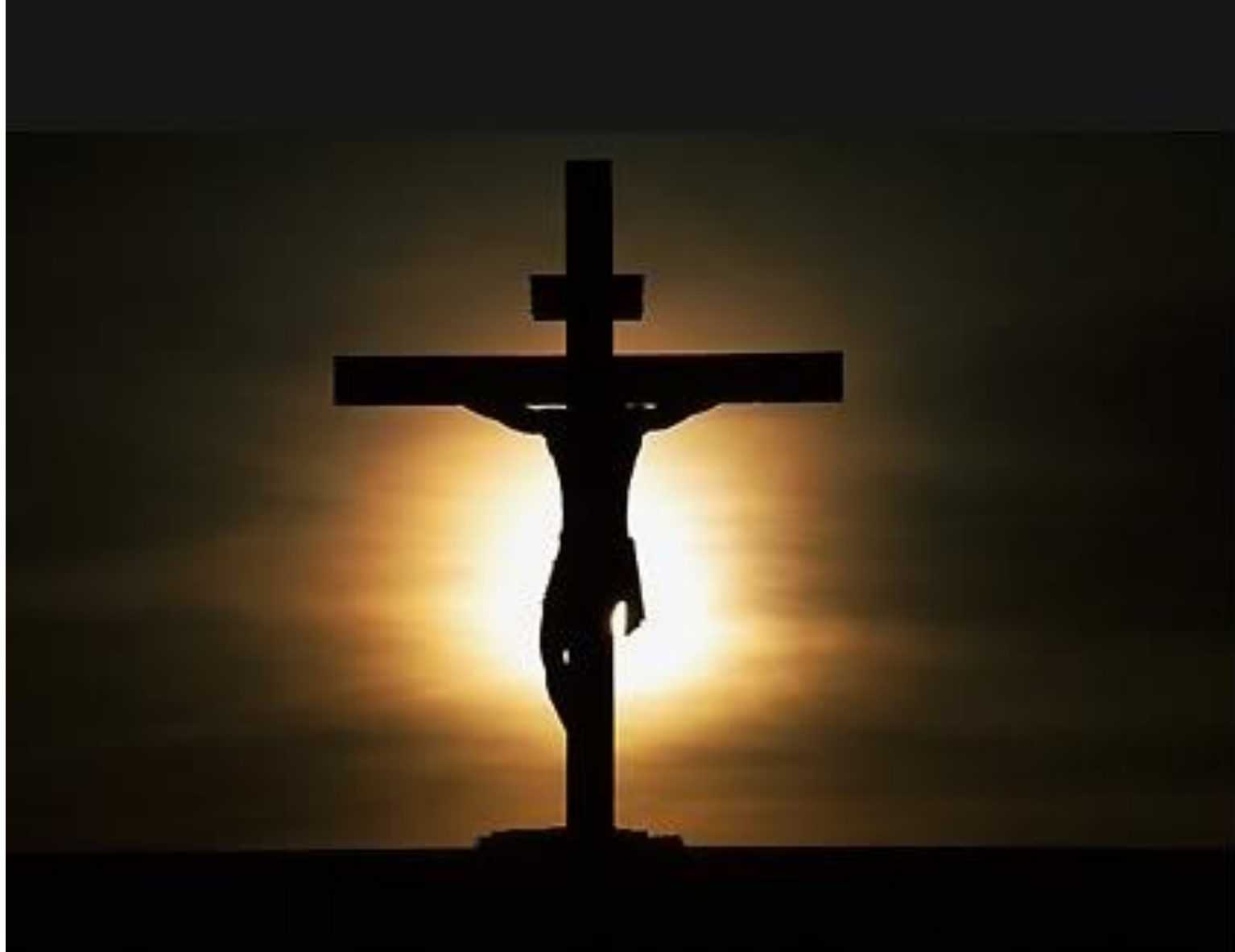
45 Man is made to live in communion with God in whom he finds happiness: “When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrow or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete” (St. Augustine, Conf. 10, 28, 39: PL 32, 795).

46 When he listens to the message of creation and to the voice of conscience, man can arrive at certainty about the existence of God, the cause and the end of everything.

47 The Church teaches that the one true God, our Creator and Lord, can be known with certainty from his works, by the natural light of human reason (cf. Vatican Council I, can. 2, § 1: DS 3026).

48 We really can name God, starting from the manifold perfections of his creatures, which are likenesses of the infinitely perfect God, even if our limited language cannot exhaust the mystery.

49 “Without the Creator, the creature vanishes” (GS 36). This is the reason why believers know that the love of Christ urges them to bring the light of the living God to those who do not know him or who reject him.



We present these things to shepherd you to the author of unmitigated mercy, the flawless advocate of the insignificant, whose death on the cross brings eternal consequence to the word Savior, Jesus The Christ. Amen

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**SO GOD DOES HAVE A
SENSE OF HUMOR AFTER ALL**