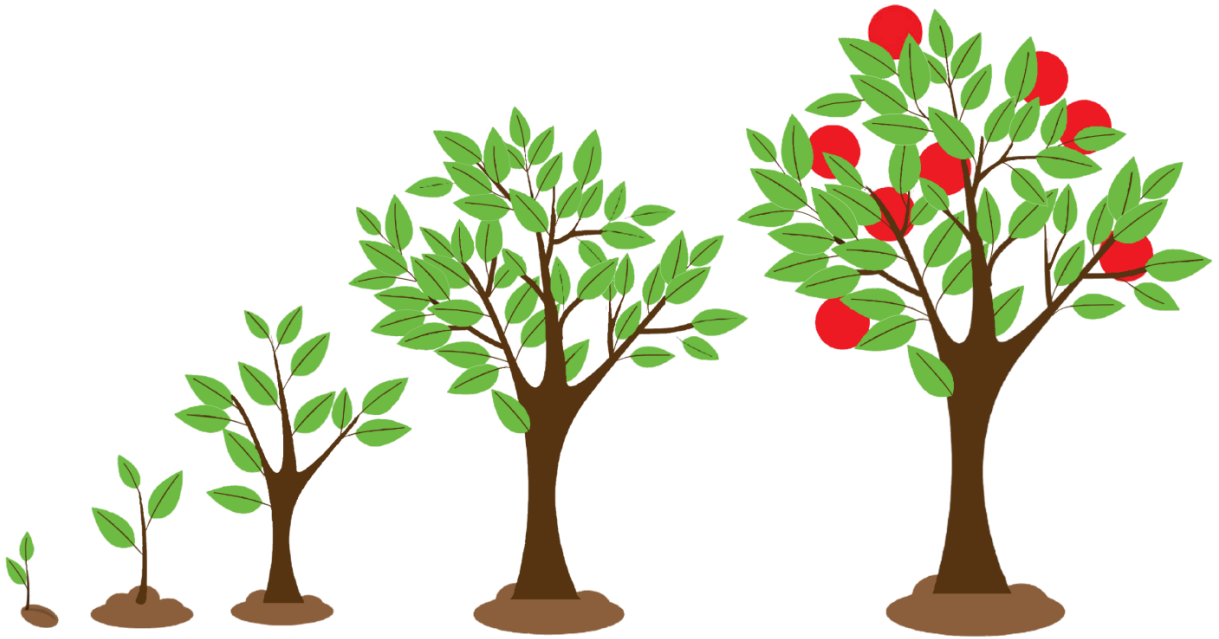


# Discipleship



**Growing in Christ together**



## WHAT WE BELIEVE – ARTICLE II

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**We believe there is only one true God**, who exists as three uncreated, co-eternal, co-equal, consubstantial persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (DEUTERONOMY 4:35; 4:39; 32:39; NEHEMIAH 9:6; PSALM 83:18; 86:10; ISAIAH 43:10; 44:6; 45:18; 2 SAMUEL 7:22; 1 CHRONICLES 17:20; JOHN 17:3; EPHESIANS 4:6; 1 CORINTHIANS 8:4; 1 TIMOTHY 1:17; DEUTERONOMY 6:4; MALACHI 2:10; MARK 12:29; ROMANS 3:30; GENESIS 1:1; MATTHEW 3:16-17; 28:19; MARK 1:10-11; LUKE 1:35; ACTS 7:55; 1 CORINTHIANS 8:4-6; 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14; HEBREWS 9:14; 1 PETER 1:2.)

**A. The God of the Bible is the Only True God** (DEUT.4:35; 4:39; 32:39; NEH. 9:6; PS. 83:18; 86:10; IS. 43:10; 44:6; 45:5; 2 SAM. 7:22; 1 CHR. 17:20; JN. 17:3; 1 CH. 8:4; 1 TIMOTHY 1:17)

DEUT. 4:35B, “... *the LORD is God; there is no other besides him.*”

DEUT. 32:39A, “*See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me;*”

IS. 43:10B, “*Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.*”

The Bible is consistently and uniformly monotheistic and when the Bible does refer to other ‘gods’ these gods are seen not as competing deities but as useless idols (EX. 20:23; 34:14; DEUT. 5:7-9; PS. 81:9; IS. 37:19; JER. 25:6; 35:15; GAL. 4:8; 1 THESS. 1:9-10;). Thus, KBC categorically rejects any and all forms of polytheism.

**B. There is Only One God** (DEUT. 4:6; MAL. 2:10; MK. 12:29; ROM. 3:30)

1. The Ontological Trinity - God is one in essence / being

When we say that each person of the Trinity is equal in nature and essence, we are speaking of what is called the Ontological Trinity (ontology - study of being and/or essence.)

Essence: the property or properties of something without which it would not exist or be what it is; the intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something.

God is a single being who is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Just as God is in His very being is holy, righteous, and good so He is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit in His being.

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### a. The Simplicity of God

The simplicity of God means that God does not exist in parts. He is not made up of various attributes. God is not a composite of parts or attributes. God is indivisible and cannot be broken down into constituent parts. All that God is, is God. For example, God is not composed of existence but rather it is God essence to exist. Thus, God exists necessarily.

Even so, we can make distinctions between God's various attributes without making God out to be a conglomerate of them. Likewise, we make the distinction between the person of God the Father, and the person of God the Son, and person of God the Holy Spirit without separating them from the One Being. Why do we make the distinction without making separation? Because, that is what the Bible does. The Trinity is taught in Scripture!

### b. The Bible makes the distinction

MT. 28:19, *"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,"*

MK. 1:10-11, *"Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; 11 and a voice (the father's voice) came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."*

LK 1:35, *"The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."*

ACTS 7:55, *"But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God."*

2 CO. 13:14, *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."*

HEB. 9:14, *"How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"*

1 PET. 1:2, *"According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood,"*

### c. Each person of the Trinity is called God

	FATHER	SON	HOLY SPIRIT
Called God	PHIL. 1:2	JOHN 1:1, 14; COL. 2:9	ACTS 5:3-4

### d. Each member of the Trinity is equal in omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, holiness, etc.

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	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>SON</b>	<b>HOLY SPIRIT</b>
Creator	ISAIAH 64:8	JOHN 1:3; COL. 1:15-17	JOB 33:4, 26:13
Resurrects	1 THESS. 1:10	JOHN 2:19, 10:17	ROM. 8:11
Indwells	2 COR. 6:16	COL. 1:27	JOHN 14:17
Everywhere	1 KINGS 8:27	MATT. 28:20	PSALM 139:7-10
All knowing	1 JOHN 3:20	JOHN 16:30; 21:17	1 COR. 2:10-11
Sanctifies	1 THESS. 5:23	HEB. 2:11	1 PET. 1:2
Life giver	GEN. 2:7; JOHN 5:21	JOHN 1:3; 5:21	
Fellowship	1 JOHN 1:3	1 COR. 1:9	
Eternal	PSALM 90:2	MICAH 5:1-2	
A Will	LUKE 22:42	LUKE 22:42	
Speaks	MATT. 3:17; LUKE 9:25	LUKE 5:20; 7:48	
Love	JOHN 3:16	EPH. 5:25	
Searches the	JER. 17:10	REV. 2:23	
We belong to	JOHN 17:9	JOHN 17:6	
Savior	1 TIM. 1:1; 2:3; 4:10	2 TIM. 1:10; TITUS 1:4; 3:6	
We serve	MATT. 4:10	COL. 3:24	
Believe in	JOHN 14:1	JOHN 14:1	
Gives joy		JOHN 15:11	
Judges	JOHN 8:50	JOHN 5:21, 30	

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