

# Seventh-day Adventist FUN-da-MENTALS 2

## ONE GOD: Three Persons

IS GOD REALLY THERE?



How do you know God is there? Here is some evidence:

- Something or Someone made the world. “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).
- Even in a sin-filled, evil world, we see awesome things designed by God. “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands” (Psalm 19:1).
- The world is built with design, pattern, and order. An Intelligent Mind created it. “The living God . . . made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them” (Acts 14:15).
- We can think about what is true, good, beautiful, and loving, which comes from Someone who is good, true, beautiful, and loving. “Love comes from God. . . . God is love” (1 John 5:7, 16).
- People have a built-in sense of right and wrong—a conscience. “[Non-Christians] who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law” (Romans 2:14).
- “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God’ ” (Psalm 14:1).



## WE CAN KNOW GOD

We can’t understand everything about God because we’re not smart enough. But we can know who the Three Persons are.

God said, “Let us make man in our image” (Gen. 1:26).

Who is “us”? The three Persons of God.

God is the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit



You can find out who God is:

- **Learn from the Bible**  
“Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself” (Luke 24:27).
- **Look at nature**  
“Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made” (Romans 1:20).
- **Listen to the Holy Spirit**  
“The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things” (John 14:26).

## THE GODHEAD’S CHARACTERISTICS

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are like this:

- **Immortal** – never born, have always existed, will never die. “From everlasting to everlasting you are God” (Psalm 90:2).



- **Infinite** – have no limits. “ ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty’ ” (Revelation 1:8).
- **All powerful** – can do anything. “With God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).
- **All knowing** – know everything happening in the universe. “The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good” (Proverbs 15:3).
- **In charge of everything** – rule the universe. “To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it” (Deuteronomy 10:14).
- **Always present** – are everywhere all the time. “ ‘Do not I fill heaven and earth?’ declares the LORD” (Jeremiah 23:24).
- **Never change** – all three are perfect. “ ‘I the LORD do not change’ ” (Malachi 3:6).
- **Source of life** – can put life into anything they choose. “The LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life” (Genesis 2:7).

## WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are:

Holy	Righteous	Just	Merciful	Kind	Gracious	Truthful	Pure	Loving
Psalm 99:9	Ezra 9:15	Revelation 22:12	Isaiah 55:7	Jeremiah 31:3	Titus 2:11	1 John 5:20	Habakkuk 1:13	1 John 4:8

## HOW DO WE KNOW FOR SURE?

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, all three members of the Godhead were there:

“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 alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased’ ” (Matthew 3:16–17).

Jesus gave instructions to the disciples about baptizing new believers:

“ ‘Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’ ” (Matthew 28:19).

The Bible preacher named Paul often finished his letters this way:

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (1 Corinthians 13:14).



## WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

God the Father gave us Jesus to save us from sin and eternal death:

“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him” (John 3:17).

Jesus promised the help of the Father and the Holy Spirit for His disciples:

“ ‘I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth’ ” (John 14:16–17).

Jude wrote down what all three Beings in the Godhead will do for us:

“Dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life” (Jude 1:20, 21).



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