

## 2—The Eternal Godhead

“What We Believe”

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We believe that there is but one true and living God;<sup>1</sup> maker of heaven and earth and all that is in them; the Alpha and Omega, who ever was, and is and shall be, time without end, Amen; that He is infinitely holy, mighty, tender, loving and glorious; worthy of all possible love and honor, confidence and obedience, majesty, dominion and might, both now and forever; and that in the unity of the Godhead there are three,<sup>2</sup> equal in every divine perfection executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.<sup>3</sup>

The Father—Whose glory is so exceeding bright that mortal man cannot look upon His face and live,<sup>4</sup> but whose heart was so filled with love and pity for His lost and sin-benighted children that He freely gave His only begotten Son to redeem and reconcile them unto Himself.<sup>5</sup>

The Son—Co-existent and co-eternal with the Father,<sup>6</sup> who, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary<sup>7</sup> took upon Himself the form of man<sup>8</sup>, bore our sins, carried our sorrows, and by the shedding of His precious blood upon the cross of Calvary, purchased redemption for all that would believe upon Him:<sup>9</sup> then, bursting the bonds of death and hell rose from the grave and ascended on high leading captivity captive, that as the great mediator between God and man,<sup>10</sup> He might stand at the right hand of the Father making intercession for those whom He laid down His life.<sup>11</sup>

The Holy Spirit—The third person of the Godhead, the Spirit of the Father shed abroad,<sup>12</sup> omnipotent, omnipresent, performing an inexpressibly important mission upon earth, convicting of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment,<sup>13</sup> drawing sinners to the Savior, rebuking, pleading, searching, comforting, guiding, quickening, teaching, glorifying, baptizing and enduing with power from on high those who yield to His tender ministrations, preparing them for the great day of the Lord's appearing.<sup>14</sup>

1. Isaiah 43:10-11  
*“Before me no god was formed,  
nor will there be one after me.  
I, even I, am the Lord,  
and apart from me there is no savior.”*

2. Matthew 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."*
3. 2 Corinthians 13:14  
*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
4. Exodus 33:20  
*"You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."*
5. John 3:16  
*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*
6. John 1:1-3  
*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*
7. Matthew 1:20  
*"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."*
8. Philippians 2:7  
*He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*
9. Romans 3:25  
*God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*
10. 1 Timothy 2:5  
*For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.*
11. Hebrews 7:25  
*Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*
12. John 15:26  
*"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me."*
13. John 16:8  
*"When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment."*
14. Ephesians 4:30  
*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*