

BCC Essentials

What is essential at BCC?

**We believe the Bible,
consisting of the Old and
New Testament, to be the
only inspired, inerrant,
infallible, authoritative
Word of God written.**

**Is the Father of Jesus the
God of Muhammad?**

**We believe there is one
God, eternally existent in
three persons: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father
Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son
our Lord; ...**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; ...

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father
Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth, and of all things visible and
invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made;

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life, who
proceedeth from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the
Son together is worshipped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

The Oneness of God

Mark 12:28-31

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The Eternal Nature of God

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John 1:1

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God.**

Acts 5:3-4

But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?

While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Triune God (Three-in-One)

Matt. 28:19

**Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”



**God's whole and undivided
essence belongs equally,
simultaneously, and fully to each
of the three persons of the
Godhead.**

Groups that deny the doctrine of the Trinity have historically been considered cults. Why is believing in God as Trinity such a big deal? What would happen if you denied either the oneness of God or the deity of the Father, Son, or Spirit?

**How do you personally experience
each person of the Trinity?**

An ordinary Christian kneels down to say his prayers. He is trying to get into touch with God. ... God is the thing to which he is praying – the goal he is trying to reach [Father]. God is also the thing inside him which is pushing him on – the motive power [Spirit]. God is also on the road or bridge along which he is being pushed to that goal [Son].

So that the whole threefold life of the three-personal Being is actually going on in that ordinary little bedroom where an ordinary man [or woman] is saying his [or her] prayers.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

**Does viewing God as Trinity change
your view of God in any way?**

**In some ways we can say that “God is community” (eternal three-in-one relationship of giving to others).
What does God’s being community say about the importance of fellowship or community for us?**

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