

# Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Understanding the Trinity

## Reading Resources

Rose Publishing, Booklet on the Trinity – This is a really helpful, concise summary of the doctrine of the Trinity, utilizing bible verses, historical references, and diagrams, and addresses many common questions about the Trinity.

<http://www.rose-publishing.com/The-Trinity-pamphlet-P35.aspx>

“The Cruelty of Heresy” by C. Fitzsimmons Allison – This book is a summary of the various Christological debates in the early church, written in a very straightforward style by an Episcopal Bishop. He makes use of the Nicene Creed and surveys the development of Trinitarian theology and how it arose because of the need to correct false or incorrect understandings of God and Jesus Christ in the Early Church.

[http://www.amazon.com/Cruelty-Heresy-Affirmation-Christian-Orthodoxy/dp/0819215139/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1402931403&sr=1-1&keywords=cruelty+of+heresy](http://www.amazon.com/Cruelty-Heresy-Affirmation-Christian-Orthodoxy/dp/0819215139/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1402931403&sr=1-1&keywords=cruelty+of+heresy)

“On the Incarnation of the Word of God” by St. Athanasius – one of the greatest works in the Early Church on the Trinity. Athanasius was Bishop of Alexandria in the fourth century and a staunch defender of the full divinity of Christ at the [First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea](#) in 325 AD. [The Athanasian Creed](#) (BCP p. 864) attributed to him and bearing his name is the cornerstone of orthodox Trinitarian theology.

[http://www.amazon.com/Incarnation-Athanasius-Alexandria/dp/1626309957/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1402927137&sr=1-2&keywords=st.+athanasius+on+the+incarnation](http://www.amazon.com/Incarnation-Athanasius-Alexandria/dp/1626309957/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1402927137&sr=1-2&keywords=st.+athanasius+on+the+incarnation)

“On the Incarnation of the Word of God” and “Why God Became Man” Anselm of Canterbury – These two treatises, while written in an unusual dialectic style common in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, are key writings in establishing the connection between the doctrine of the atonement and the Incarnation. They can be found within a larger volume of Anselm’s collected works.

[http://www.amazon.com/Anselm-Canterbury-Oxford-Worlds-Classics/dp/019954008X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1402927281&sr=1-1&keywords=anselm+of+canterbury](http://www.amazon.com/Anselm-Canterbury-Oxford-Worlds-Classics/dp/019954008X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1402927281&sr=1-1&keywords=anselm+of+canterbury)

## Web Resources

St. Patrick’s Bad Analogies – a humorous but very informative presentation of all the various analogies for the Trinity that don’t work. Makes reference to the Athanasian Creed!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQLfgaUoQCw>

The Trinity Explained (with Reason) – a very well-crafted and straightforward explanation of the Trinity, intended for the lay person utilizing concepts of physics and dimensional space – and only 7 minutes!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUy-H5MmeGU>

The Trinity Explained 2 (With Reason) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1FIAC3hz5c>

Part 2 of this video series answers some of the questions and objections raised by the first video. It also makes references to additional educational videos by the same author, such as “[The Trinity in the Old Testament](#)”, “[The Trinity in the New Testament](#)” and “[Refuting Objections to the Trinity – Part 1](#)” and “[Part 2](#)” and the truth about the [Council of Nicaea](#).

The Trinity (Triunity) of God – a lengthy but comprehensive discussion of the doctrine of the Trinity. Beginning with the question of divine revelation (knowing God as Trinity) and then examining the historical development of the doctrine, the reader is brought to understand the various terms used in Trinitarian theology.

<https://bible.org/article/trinity-triunity-god>