

The Holy Trinity in Scripture

Old Testament

- ❖ Genesis 1:26 - “And God said, Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.” The plural number here indicates that God is not one Person.

This verse is found within the story of the creation. The author of the book of Genesis (Moses) has always spoken about God in the singular form. God is usually referred to as one person.

Genesis 1:5 - God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night

This changes when Moses suddenly quotes God saying that He is an “US”.

Genesis 1:26 - “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness!”

Here we see a different side to God. He is one, and yet He is all three persons of the trinity.

- ❖ Genesis 3:22 - “And the Lord God said, Behold, Adam has become as one of us, to know good and evil.”

This Bible verse is in reference to the moment that Adam ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God references the trinity again. Adam was likened to the Persons in the trinity because he now had access to the range of knowledge the Trinity had. This is the knowledge of “good and evil.”

- ❖ Genesis 11: 6-7 - “Let us go down, and there confound their language.”

This verse refers to the story of the Tower of Babel. The people began to build a tower to reach the heavens, and they did so with bad intention and with pride. Once again, the word “us” is referring to the three Persons of the Trinity.

Genesis 11:9 - Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

New Testament

- ❖ Matthew 3:16-17 - When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

This verse is drawn from the Baptism of Christ.

St Augustine says, *“Here then we have the Trinity presented in a clear way: the Father in the voice, the Son in the man, the Holy Spirit in the dove. This only needs to be barely mentioned, for it is so obvious for anyone to see. Here the recognition of the Trinity is conveyed to us so plainly that it hardly leaves any room for doubt or hesitation.”*

- ❖ Matthew 28:19 - “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

This bible verse highlights God’s insistence that they baptize in the name of all three – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a clear demonstration as to how you cannot come to know the One God unless you know Him as three Persons.