# TRINITY doctrine Is it Scriptural?

The correct translation for "God" from the root language of Scripture (Hebrew) is **ELohim**. This is not a singular noun, it is a *plural* noun. Strong's Concordance notes that ELohim is the plural of ELoah [GOD]. This is why ELohim refers to "<u>us</u>" in the Book of Genesis. He refers to Himself (themselves) in the *plural*.

Gen 1:26 And ELohim said, Let [us] make man in [our] image, after [our] . . .

The Hebrew word ELohim is a uni-plural noun. Examples of English uni-plural nouns would be group, church or family. In **one family, there is more than one member.** 

Father and Son are **NOT** the same person, even though they are One. (Joh 15:16; Joh 17:11)!

The Almighty is a **deity** and NOT a trinity! The Spirit or Set Apart Spirit (Ruach Ha'Qodesh) that Scripture teaches, is in fact the Spirit of YHUH (Gen 6:3; Isa 11:2).

The "breath" or "wind" of YHUH and the "Spirit" or Ruach of YHUH are synonymous terms. (Job 4:9; Psa 33:6; Psa 104:29-30; Joh 3:8; Job 27:3).

The Father and Son are ONE, yet they have different functions!

They (Elohim (plural)) cannot be separated from one another, just as your soul and spirit are one, yet have different functions!

Yahusha (Son) prayed to YAHUAH (Father) when He went up the mountain. He criedout to YAHUAH when He was hanging on the tree! How can He pray to Himself or cryout to Himself?

#### Let's go to creation . . .

Read carefully what it says . . .

**Gen 1:26** And Elohim (plural, meaning more than one) said, "Let **US** (plural, more than one) make man in **OUR** (PLURAL, more than one) *image*, according to **OUR** likeness . . .

**Father and Son** [and the **Spirit of ELohim**] were part of the creation process! Father and Son are <u>ONE DEITY</u> (meaning they are ONE and can never be separated), but they have separate functions and attributes!

Father **YAHUAH** is the <u>author</u> of **His plan** to unite His people to Himself through His Son, **Messiah Yahusha** (Whom He sent as a man in the flesh [as the <u>executor</u> of **YAHUAH**'s **plan**], demonstrating to YAHUAH's people HOW to guard and observe His Torah and be united to Him]).

Yohn 14:9 יהושע (Yahusha) said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father, and how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Yoh 10:30 "I and My Father are [one].

Yoh 17:22 "And the esteem which You gave Me I have given them, so that they might be one as **We are one**.

Yoh 17:23 "I in them, and You in Me, so that they might be perfected into one, so that the world knows that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Yoh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

Yoh 1:2 He was in the beginning with Elohim.

Yoh 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

(See also Eph 3:9, Col 1:16, Heb 1:2, Heb 11:3, 2 Pet 3:5, Ps 33:6).

The above Scriptures, along with many others, define Yahusha as being the only begotten Son of the Father, sent as the Messiah to earth to save us from our sins, and Whom existed eternally with YAHUAH from the beginning (Yoh 1:1-3).

See also the account of creation referring to "us" (plural) – Gen 1:16; Gen 11:7.

YHUH (Yahuah) the Father, and Yahusha (Messiah) <u>are one</u> as we established from all the Scriptures quoted above. They are <u>eternal beings</u> that make up the "Almighty" family and they give mankind the opportunity to join them in eternity as members of <u>their family</u>. The "Trinity" doctrine teaches a closed "Godhead" that excludes humans. The Ruach (Spirit) is not a person, but is the power of ELohim, as can be clearly seen through this study, confirmed by sound Scripture.

satan tried to take over heaven. He wanted to be The Almighty. The doctrine of the "Trinity" also applies to him. At the beginning, before his rebellion, **satan was part of a Trinity**. Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer were the three ArchMessengers (angels), a closed triad that executed the government of ELohim among His Messengers. By deceiving the world into believing that The Almighty is a Trinity, satan is blocking mankind from understanding the awesome divine destiny awaiting everybody. A Trinity of Eternal "God-persons" is closed and cannot be expanded like a family can. satan was part of a closed triad, but ELohim is not. How did the doctrine of the Trinity become part of Christianity today? Is it Scriptural?

Was this doctrine taught in the early "church"? Many authorities contend that the doctrine of the "Trinity" is NOT of Scriptural origin.

All Pagan religions from the time of Babylon have adopted in one form or another "a Trinity doctrine" or a triad or trinity of "gods". In <u>Babylon</u> it was *Nimrod, Semiramus, and Tammuz*. In <u>Egypt</u> it was <u>Osiris, Isis, and Horus</u>. Within <u>Israel-paganism</u> it was <u>Kether, Hokhmah, and Binah</u>. In <u>Plato's philosophy</u> it was the <u>Unknown Father, Nous/Logos, and the world soul</u>.

In the book, A Statement of Reasons, Andrews Norton says of the Trinity:

We can trace the history of this doctrine, and discover its source, not in the "Christian" revelation, but in the Platonic philosophy ... The Trinity is not a doctrine of Messiah and His Messengers, but a fiction of the school of the later Platonists.

The concept of the "Trinity" is not taught in Scriptures and wasn't taught by 1st century Ekklesia leaders! It is an invention due to the impetus of Constantine, but many "Trinities" existed in Pagan religions for centuries before this concept was adopted in 325 at the First Council of Nicaea. This was the beginning of the end of separation of Ekklesia and state, where the Catholic Church began persecuting those that would not adhere to their false doctrines, thus heralding in the age of the false Ekklesia, which began to perpetually persecute, torture and murder those who chose to obey the commandments of Messiah, rather than succumb to the commandments of men.

The Father and Son is ONE, but two separate "persons"

If the Father and Son are <u>two Persons</u> [REMEMBERING that <u>THEY are ONE]</u>, where did the third one come from? Since Scripture do not teach, nor mention a Trinity, and since there aren't any writings by early church fathers or laity concerning this concept, it essentially was started by a man named Tertullian, who lived in North Africa and died around 220 AD.

The **earliest Ekklesia Fathers**, (within two generations of the Apostles of Messiah) are usually called the Apostolic Fathers and include Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch and Polycarp of Smyrna they do **not speak of the Ruach Ha'Qodesh (Set-Apart Spirit) as a person.** In addition, the Didache, or "Teaching of the Twelve Disciples," and a strange allegory called the "Shepherd of Hermas" **do not teach of a Trinity.** 

It wasn't until 325AD, when Constantine (a pagan syncretist and Roman catholic emperor) convened the Council of Nicaea in order to develop a statement of faith that could unify the Roman Catholic church, that the doctrine of the Trinity became popularized, declaring that the Father and the Son are of the same substance (homoousios), thereby taking a decidedly anti-Arian stand. Arius was then exiled to Illyria.

And then in 381AD, the First Council of Constantinople, convened by Roman emperor Theodosius, then emperor of the East and a recent convert to early Catholicism, drew up a dogmatic statement on the Trinity and defined the Ruach Ha'Qodesh (Set-Apart Spirit) as having the same divinity expressed for the [Son] by the Council of Nicaea 56 years earlier.

So, let's summarize what happened concerning the development of the Trinity:

The Trinity doctrine is not taught anywhere in Scripture, but trinities were common in Paganism and were prominent in Egypt and Babylon.

The beginnings of recognition of this doctrine started at the **Council of Nicaea** approximately 325 AD, hundreds of years after the last book in the Bible were written.

The Council of Nicaea was organized by the Roman Emperor Constantine in which he had the final say on matters that he had little understanding of.

Creed followed creed, and eventually idols were accepted as forms that we can worship YHUH (YHWH) through, and Mary was exalted to be the Mother of YHUH, and worship of the saints was sanctioned.

The organized Ekklesia was built on top of these creeds, which are the foundation for many of today's Ekklesia's/denominations. These denominations are different than the Body of Messiah spoken of in the Scriptures, proving that most denominations are still rooted in a creed and in the Trinity doctrine, with most denominations still having the Trinity Doctrine as a foundation, of which originally came from Babylon.

The mother of these denominations is the Roman Catholic Church, which has banned access to the Scriptures to Believers, which also is known today as the Dark Ages.

**During the Reformation**, the teachings and authority of the Catholic Church was challenged, with some truths becoming popular once again to the Body of Messiah.

As a result many new denominations started up, but unfortunately they held onto some of the creeds, and in particular the Trinity doctrine.

Now let's take a look at the **Ruach Ha'Qodesh of Elohim**:

The Hebrew word for "Spirit," or "Ruach," is breath, wind, breeze, spirit, air, and strength.

Act 2:1 And when the Day of the Festival of Weeks had come, they were all with one mind in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from the heaven, as of a rushing *mighty WIND* (Ruach), and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and settled on each one of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all <u>filled with</u> the **Set-apart Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them to speak.

Yoh 20:22 And having said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Setapart Spirit.

Eze 37:4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and you shall say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of YAHUAH יהוה!

Eze 37:5 'Thus said the Master יהוה to these bones, "See, I am *bringing into you a spirit*, and you shall live.

Eze 37:9 He then said to me, "Prophesy to the spirit, prophesy, son of man, and you shall say to the spirit, 'Thus said the Master YAHUAH יהוה, "Come from the four winds, O *spirit*, and *breathe* on these slain, so that they live." '

Eze 37:10 And I prophesied as He commanded me, and the spirit came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, a very great army.

Yoh 3:8 "The Spirit{1} breathes where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who has been born of the Spirit."

Footnote: {1} Or wind.

# The "breath" of YAHUAH and the "Spirit" or Ruach of Yahuah are <u>synonymous terms</u> (Yob 4:9; Ps 33:6; Ps 104:29 and 30; Yoh 3:8; Yob 27:3).

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There are many ways the Scriptures define the Ruach [OF] Elohim as impersonal:
It is referred to as a gift (Act 10:45; 1Tim 4:14).
We are told that the Ruach Ha'Qodesh can be guenched (1Thes 5:19).
It can be poured out (Act 2:17, 33).
It is shed (Act 2:33).
We are immersed with it (Mat 3:11).
People can drink of it (Yoh 7:37-39).
People partake of it (Heb 6:4).
People are filled with it (Act 2:4; Eph 5:18).
It renews us (Tit 3:5).
It must be stirred up within us (2Tim 1:6).
It is called "the Ruach Ha' Qodesh of promise."
It is called "the quarantee of our inheritance."
It is called "the Ruach of wisdom and revelation." (Eph 1:13-14, 17).
It is a wind (Act 2:2).
It is fire (Mat 3:11).
It is water (Yoh 4:14; 7:37-39).
It is oil (Ps 45:7; also Act 10:38; Mat 25:1-10).
It is a dove (Mat 3:16).
It is a down payment on eternal life (2Cor 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14).
We pray in it (Jude 1:20).
The "Ruach of Yahuah" is synonymous with the "hand" and "the finger" of Elohim (Eze 3:14;
Yob 26:13; Ps 8:3; Luk 11:20).
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## Let's look at the Qodesh Ruach (Ruach Ha'Qodesh) of ELohim from Scripture:

**Gen 1:2** And the earth came to be formless and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the **SPIRIT OF Elohim** was moving on the face of the waters.

CLEARLY NOTE that Scripture says SPIRIT [OF] . . .

Spirit = Hebrew Strongs 7307
ruach: breath, wind, spirit
Part of Speech: Noun Feminine
Word Origin
from an unused word

Definition

breath, wind, spirit

#### **More Scriptures from the First Covenant (Old Testament)**

**Gen 6:3** And YAHUAH יהוה said, "*My Spirit* shall not strive with man forever in his going astray. He is flesh, and his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." Here we CLEARLY SEE that YAHUAH calls it HIS SPIRIT!

So, the Spirit is not a third person, but the Spirit of YAHUAH!

**Gen 41:38** And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Could we find another like him, a man in whom is the **Spirit of Elohim**?

Again we see the mention of the SPIRIT OF ELOHIM!

**Isa 11:2** The **Spirit of YAHUAH** יהוה shall rest upon Him – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YAHUAH.

Isa 11:3 and shall make Him BREATHE IN the fear of YAHUAH יהוה.

Scripture says that the SPIRIT of YAHUAH (not YAHUAH Himself) shall rest upon Him!

### **More Scriptures from the Re-newed Covenant (New Testament)**

1Thess 4:8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but Elohim, who also gives us His Set-apart Spirit.

**Eph 4:30** And do not grieve the **Set-apart Spirit of Elohim**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**1Cor 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is the Dwelling Place of the **Set-apart Spirit** who is in you, which you have from Elohim, and you are not your own?

2Tim 1:14 Watch over the good deposit that was entrusted to you, by the **Set-apart Spirit** dwelling in us.

Rom 5:5 And expectation does not disappoint, because the love of Elohim has been poured out in our hearts by the **Set-apart Spirit [which] was given to us**.

**1Thess 1:6** And you became imitators of us and of the Master, having received the word in much pressure, with **joy of the Set-apart Spirit.** 

**2Pet 1:21** for prophecy never came by the desire of man, but men of Elohim spoke, being **moved by the Set-apart Spirit**.

**1Pet 1:2** chosen according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father, **set apart by the Spirit** unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of יהושע Yahusha Messiah: Favour and peace be increased to you.

Heb 10:15 And the Set-apart Spirit also witnesses to us, for after having said before.

**Titus 3:5** He saved us, not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His compassion, through the washing of rebirth, and **renewal by the Set-apart Spirit.**