

# *NBC Proposed Confession of Faith*

## **Sunday School Class**

*October 31, 2010*

### **Class Outline**



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12. Baptism and the Lord's Supper
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# The Tri-une God

## The Trinity:

“We believe in **one God**, eternally existing in three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who know, love, and glorify one another. This **one true and living God** is...”

*“Scripture testifies from beginning to end that God is one, but it also presents three persons who are God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. . . . This fact is difficult to understand, but it is quite unavoidable in Scripture and central to the gospel.”*

– John Frame, *The Doctrine of God* (pg. 621-22)

## Read Matthew 28:19

*“The important point is not whether we can understand the Trinity, even with the help of illustrations, but whether we will believe what the Bible has to say about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and about their relationship to each other.”*

– James Montgomery Boice ([View this article](#))

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## Attributes of God:

“We believe in one God, eternally existing ... This one true and living God is **infinitely perfect** both in his *love* and in his *holiness*. He is the **Creator** of all things, visible and invisible, and is therefore *worthy to receive all glory and adoration*. Immortal and eternal, he **perfectly and exhaustively knows** the end from the beginning, **sustains** and sovereignly **rules** over all things, and *provisionally brings about his eternal good purposes to redeem a people for himself and restore his fallen creation, to the praise of his glorious grace.*”

Who He is...

- Eternal/Immortal
- Perfect in Character
- All Knowing
- Creator/Sustainer ... Glory

*What He is doing...*

- Ruling ... Eternal, good purposes
- Redeem a People...
- Restore Creation
- For his Glory

Read **Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Timothy 6:13; Ephesians 1:3-14**

## *Revelation*

### **How God has Communicated to Us:**

“God has graciously disclosed his existence and power in the created order, and has supremely revealed himself to fallen human beings in the person of his **Son**, the incarnate Word (Heb. 1:1-3; John 1:1ff). Moreover, this God is a speaking God who by his Spirit has graciously disclosed himself in **human words**: we believe that God has inspired the words preserved in the Scriptures, the *sixty-six books* of the ***Old and New Testaments***, which are both record and means of his saving work in the world. These writings alone constitute the *verbally inspired Word of God...*”

Read **2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Eph. 2:19-21; John 14:25-26**

*Is it True?*

[\*The Holy Spirit: Author of Scripture \(John Piper\)\*](#)

### **Since the Holy Spirit Wrote the Bible:**

“...which is *utterly authoritative* and *without error* in the original writings, *complete* in its revelation of his will for salvation, *sufficient* for all that God requires us to believe and do, and *final* in its authority over every domain of knowledge to which it speaks. We confess that both **our finitude** and **our sinfulness** preclude the possibility of knowing God’s truth exhaustively, but we affirm that, *enlightened by the Spirit of God*, we can know God’s revealed truth **truly**.”

### **Practical Implications:**

“**The Bible** is to be *believed*, as God’s instruction, in all that it teaches; *obeyed*, as God’s command, in all that it requires; and *trusted*, as God’s pledge, in all that it promises. As God’s people hear, believe, and do the Word, they are *equipped* as disciples of Christ and witnesses to the gospel.”