



# God: What Every Catholic Should Know

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## Chapter Six: God as Trinity in the Bible

Read: Pages 37 through 46

### Reflect:

- God is One (Deuteronomy 6:4) but is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Jesus is revealed as acting in a very human manner and in a Divine manner within the context of the same narrative.
- Can you see how people can be confused as to the nature of God, the nature of the Trinity, and the nature of Jesus Christ?
- To help understand the Trinity, consider the definition of these words:
  - ✓ A “being” is a unified entity
  - ✓ A “person” is “who someone is”
  - ✓ A “nature” is “what someone [or something] can do.”
- The Catholic Church teaches that God is one BEING who exists as three PERSONS, each of whom possesses the same Divine NATURE
  - ✓ The three PERSONS are consubstantial, coequal, and coeternal
  - ✓ We profess this in our Creed
  - ✓ Jesus taught this truth in the Great Commission: “baptizing in the NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (not names, plural) (Matthew 28:19)
- Where else in the Bible do we see the Trinity revealed?
  - ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blanks)
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### Respond:

- I see now how the doctrine of the Trinity is revealed in Sacred Scripture. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- I better understand the doctrine of the Trinity. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- I could explain the doctrine of the Trinity to others. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- The discussion on the differences between a Being, a Person, and a Nature has been helpful to me. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No