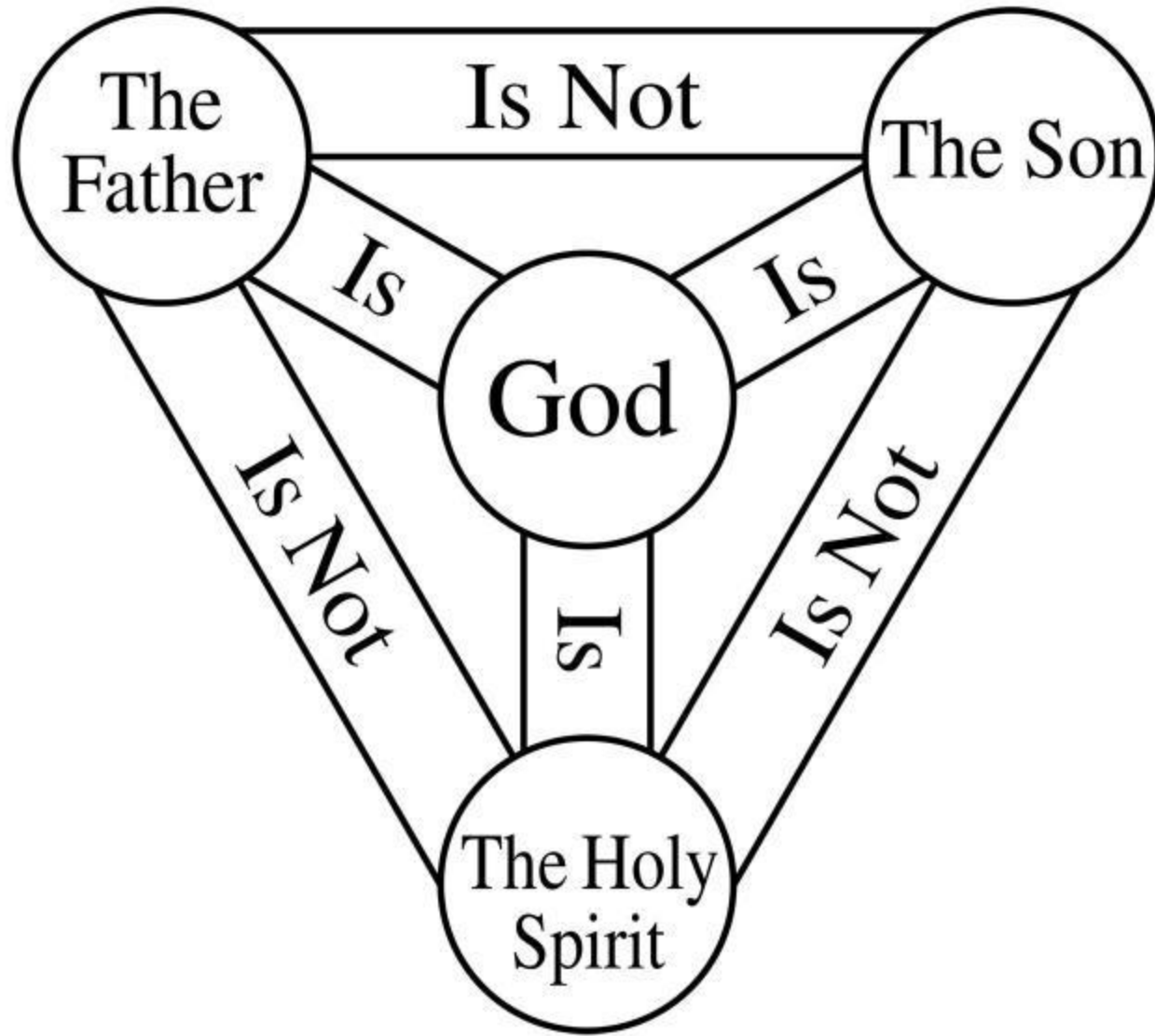


## Trinity

- God is three persons
- Each person is fully God
- There is one God



## Psychological Model

- Augustine (300-400 AD)
- Jonathon Edwards (1700's)

## Psychological Model

- Son of God as God's image

Colossians 1:15 - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

2 Corinthians 4:4 - whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Hebrews 1:3 - And He (*Son*) is the radiance of His (*Father*) glory and the exact representation of His nature...

John 14:7 - If you have known me, you will know my Father too. And from now on you do know him and have seen him.

## Psychological Model

- Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and Son
  - The Father and the Son are many times shown in the Bible to love each other and us.
  - Although the Bible often connects the Holy Spirit to God's love and joy, the Spirit is never said to love the Father, Son, or us.
  - Edwards explains this as the Spirit **IS** the love between the Father and Son.

## Psychological Model

- Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and Son

Romans 5:5 - Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

1 John 4:12-13 - No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

The absence of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of every epistle.

- Maybe because the Spirit IS the grace and peace that flows from the Father and Son to us.

## Social or Family Model

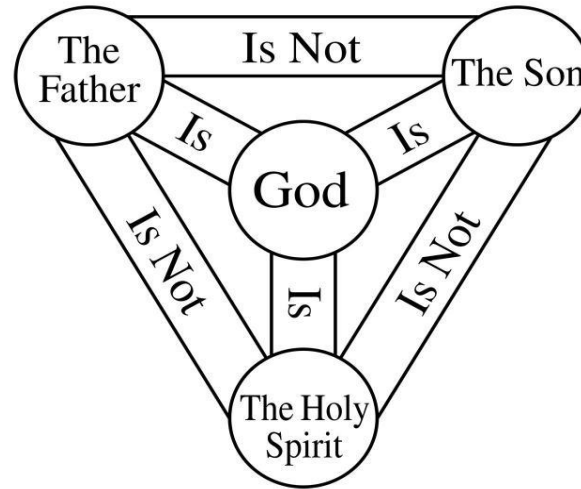
- God the Father
- God the Son

1.) The Father chooses a people for Himself and sends the Son

2.) The Son obeys the Father and accomplishes His work

3.) The Father and Son send the Holy Spirit as a down payment for our inheritance

Before the world was created, it was just God. Three persons existing as one God, totally indwelling and loving each other, without crowding the other out.



The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit knowing, loving, and rejoicing in each other from all eternity is the glory of God.



What is the glory of God?

- It's God's holiness, put on display

Isaiah 6:3 - "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of His glory!"

- It's God...being revealed!
- The glory of God is the way you describe the infinite beauty and infinite greatness of the one who was here before anything else was here.

Glory is talked about a lot in the Bible

Isaiah 43:7 - everyone who belongs to me, whom I created for my glory,

1 Corinthians 10:31 - So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

Psalms 96:3 - Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

Glory is talked about a lot in the Bible

It's what we long to see...

Romans 5:2 - rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 9:22-24 - But what if God, willing to demonstrate his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath prepared for destruction? And what if he is willing to make known the wealth of his glory on the objects of mercy that he has prepared beforehand for glory—even us, whom he has called...

Titus 2:13 - looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

But there's a problem...

Although creation is from God, it's corrupt. But it's still God's way communicating His infinite glory in a finite way

Romans 8:22-23 - the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.  
(fallen world)

1 Corinthians 13:12 - For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.  
(limited understanding)

But there's a problem...

“All created greatness and beauty comes from it, and points to it, but does not comprehensively or adequately reproduce it.” – John Piper speaking of God’s glory

“Nothing in this world will ever truly, completely satisfy” - Ryan Cherry

But that’s ok...

Because we have a future

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 - So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 - This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

(What we'll do in heaven)

God invites us to participate in the glory that the Trinity had

1 Peter 5:1 - So as your fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings and as one who shares in the glory that will be revealed

2 Peter 1:3-4 - His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Romans 8:30 - And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.