

## TRINITY Quiz

*Pick the best / correct answer(s). Pay attention to the words! Answer to follow next weekend.*

### 1. The Trinity can be properly expressed as:

- One divine person who reveals himself to humans as three persons Father, Son or Holy Spirit
- One God, three persons, separate but not distinct from one another
- Three Gods, three persons, separate and distinct from one another
- One God, one person, who manifests himself to humans in three ways
- One God, three persons who are distinct but not separate from each other
- Three Gods, one person, distinct but not separate
- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three different modes or aspects of one Person, one God, as perceived by the believer.

### 2. The relationship between the persons is correctly characterized by

- The Father and Son are superior, the Spirit is subordinate in hierarchy
- The Father is superior, the Son and Spirit are subordinate in power and majesty
- The Father is the Source and Origin of all things. Without Him, the Son and Spirit would not exist

### 3. Identify the true statements:

- They are a unity of natures in one divine person
- The Divine Persons are distinct from each other, they are not three appearances or modes of God,
- Each person of the Trinity is fully God in a way that is separate from the others.
- We do not speak of three Gods but one God.
- The Divine Persons exist in relation to each other. The distinction of each is understood ONLY in their relationship to the others.
- The Father cannot be the Father without the Son
- The Holy Spirit is only related to the Father who sends him forth

### 4. Which are useful metaphors for describing the Trinity? Why?

- The Trinity is like someone who wears three hats.
- The Trinity is like water in three states: liquid, gas, solid
- The Trinity is like the Sun, the light of the Sun, the heat of the Sun
- The Trinity is like an egg: shell, yoke, egg white

### 5. Which are true about the persons of the Trinity

- The Son is begotten of the Father
- The Spirit is begotten of the Son
- The Father proceeds from the Son and the Spirit
- The Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son
- The Father is not begotten but proceeds
- The Spirit proceeds only from the Father and not the Son.

### 6. God is one in substance, essence, nature. Select the true statements.


- Substance is the "Who" of Trinity relationship
- Substance is the "What" of Trinity unity
- The Substance is referenced as consubstantial in the Creed

### 7. How does God act in the Persons of the Trinity?

- Each has his own job: Father/Creator, Son/Redeemer, Spirit/Sanctifier and can and does act independently when fulfilling that role
- Each person shows forth what is proper to him in the Trinity, but they act in unison in all things.

*\*\*For more info about the Holy Trinity, see Deacon Rick's online resources found on the homepage of our website—[stmaryblacksburg.org](http://stmaryblacksburg.org)*

**ANALOGY**



**ONE vs. THREE**  
**What vs. Who**  
Substance · Essence · Nature  
**VS.**  
Father · Son · Holy Spirit

**DISTINCT not SEPARATE**

This picture helps illustrate some of the attributes of the Holy Trinity.