

Questions...Questions...Questions!
Answers Sought from God!

"We learn to listen...We listen to learn!"

"People question when they are puzzled at the answers God gives."

Bible Study Series, Questions and Answers in the Bible.

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Why Not Tonight?

Eliza Holmes Reed (1842)

1 O do not let the word depart And close thine eyes against the light;
Poor sinner, harden not your heart; Be saved, O tonight.

Refrain:
O why not tonight? O why not tonight?
Wilt thou be saved? Then why not tonight?

2 Tomorrow's sun may never rise To bless thy long deluded sight;
This is the time, O then be wise, Be saved, O tonight. [Refrain]

3 Our Lord in pity lingers still, And wilt thou thus His love requite?
Renounce at once thy stubborn will, Be saved, O tonight. [Refrain]

4 Our blessed Lord refuses none… Who would to Him their souls unite;
Believe, obey, the work is done; Be saved, O tonight. [Refrain}

Why Do You Wait, Dear Brother?

George F. Root (1878)

1 Why do you wait, dear brother, O why do you tarry so long?
Your Savior is waiting to give you…A place in His sanctified throng.

Refrain
Why not, why not, Why not come to Him now?
Why not, why not, Why not come to Him now?

2 What do you hope, dear brother, To gain by a further delay?
There's no one to save you but Jesus, There's no other way but His way.
[Refrain]

3 Do you not feel, dear brother, His Spirit now striving within?
O why not accept His salvation And throw off your burden of sin? [Refrain]

4 Why do your wait, dear brother? The harvest is passing away;
Your Savior is longing to bless you, There's danger and death in delay. [Refrain]

Why do we call God…God… When There are Three?

The Personality of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

- ***The human beings God created in the beginning had personality. That same trait/characteristic and qualities with human beings have been placed in every person since Adam and Eve.***
- ***Being called a "person" gives us a common sense understanding that all of us have personalities of our own. Just as our DNA is different than all the other human beings, our personality is different than all other persons.***
- ***Your personhood is distinct and unmatchable.***

Personality is defined as *"the combination of characteristics or qualities that form <u>an individual's distinctive character</u>."*

Since we all have personality, the next question we might ask, "Does God have a personality?" Is it obvious? Is it distinct?

The answer of course is "Yes…However, it is a little different than ours!"

- **God certainly has personality. How do we know? Because it is obviously seen in the Word of God, the Bible.**
  - ✓ **We don't have to just read about it; we can feel it, sense it, and observe it in our everyday activities throughout our lives.**
- **Why is it different than ours? It is seen in the deity of God, the Father, Jesus, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Three distinct persons of the Trinity; yet, One in existence since eternity began.**
- **God has always been. There is no beginning and there is no end with our God. Our minds are not able to comprehend this truth without faith to know it is true.**

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

"How can God have a personality?"

- **The Bible states or implies that God is an intelligent, sentient, living being. (Sentient = *Sentience* is the capacity to feel, perceive or experience subjectively; *aware of its own existence*, and *aware that there is a 'big picture'*).**
- **What is the personality of God, the Father?**

  GENTLE, LOVING, KIND, COMPASSIONATE, FAITHFUL, TRUE, LOYAL, TRUSTWORTHY, FORGIVING, MEEK, HUMBLE, MERCIFUL, HOLY, PERFECT,

GOOD, UNCHANGING, JUST, FAIR, IMPARTIAL… <u>HATES SIN, ANGRY AT SIN, JEALOUS, CAN BRING WRATH UPON HIS CREATION.</u>

JESUS, John 10:30, *"I and the Father are One." (NIV)*

"I and the Father are One." (Revised Standard Version)

"I and My Father are One." (KJV).

"I and the Father be one." (Wycliffe)

"I and the Father are one heart and mind." (The Message)

The above Bible verse means that Jesus has a personality like His Father. Since they are one, why would we want to distinguish between the two? Same traits, but different and distinct reasons for their existence and our existence. The Father gave, the Son gave, and the Holy Spirit gives. Our part is to "give" our lives to Him in accepting His offer of salvation.

The Father was willing to give the blood of His Only Begotten Son. The Son was willing to be obedient to His Father and fulfill the final act of salvation/redemption for mankind. The Holy Spirit brings knowledge and conviction to the recipient of God's grace.

Personalities many times conflict with one another. Not the Trinity! They are in One accord at all times. Since we need to be doing our best to be like Jesus, then we need to be trying, pressing toward the mark to having similar personality traits like Jesus. This would be most pleasing to the Father.

Since I want to please the Father and long to hear the Father tell me, "Well done, my good and faithful servant," when I cross the finish line, I am stretching for the finish line with all the gusto I can manage to obtain. It is not a physical thing; it is a spiritual thing. Therefore, I study the Word to show myself approved and to have confidence in knowing where I am going immediately when I depart from this life.

GOD IS ONE IN THREE!

Though not a complete list, here are some Scriptures that show God is one, in Trinity:

- "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!"[4]
- "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God."[5]
- There is no God but one.[6]
- And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon

Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."[7]

- "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
- Jesus said: "I and My Father are one."
- "He who has seen Me has seen the Father."
- "He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me."
- “If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”
- "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."
- And the angel answered and said to her [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason, the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God."
- [Jesus speaking to His disciples] "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you." ... "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him."

Luke 11:13, If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts [gifts that are to their advantage] to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask *and* continue to ask Him!

Romans 8:26-27 So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid *and* bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer *nor* how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication *and* pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings *and* groanings too deep for utterance. And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes *and* pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to *and* in harmony with God’s will.

The answer to the Why question is revealed! God’s Word is FAITHFUL!

God gives the final answer!

Prayerfully…Listen to the FINAL ANSWER!

WHY? I THINK YOU KNOW WHY!