

Teaching Orthodoxy...using Bible Verses:

Lesson 3: The Son and Holy Spirit are EQUAL to the Father.

All Three Divine Persons are **ONE in Essence (Nature)**

And All Three are **ONE by constant interpenetration (Undivided)**

God's Son is **eternally EQUAL** with the Father.

Jesus said: "And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with **the glory I had with You before the world began.**" John 17:5

Now we know that the Son of God is come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who *is true*; and we are in Him who *is true*, in His Son Jesus Christ. **He is the true God and eternal life.**
1 John 5:20

If we **fail to honor** the Son as **EQUAL** to the Father, **then we lose** the Father too.

that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent Him. John 5:23

Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. 1 John 2:23

Whoever hates Me hates My Father as well. John 15:23

is a **Third Person: the Holy Spirit.** He is **EQUAL** to the Father and the Son.

Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Matthew 28:19

But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit** of truth, which **proceedeth from the Father,** He shall testify of me. John 15:26

Now **the Lord is the Spirit.** 2 Corinthians 3:17

Then Peter said, "Ananias you have lied **to the Holy Spirit**...You have not lied to men but **to God**." Acts 5:3-4

The Father and Son and Spirit are **one** in Divine **Essence** (i.e. Nature), but are **three** in Person. As we say: "The Trinity, **one in essence**, and undivided."

Jesus said: I and the Father are **one**. John 10:30

Jesus said: And he who **sees Me sees Him** Who sent Me. John 12:45

For **in Him** [*i.e. Christ*] dwelleth **all the fulness of the Godhead bodily**. Col. 2:9 [For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. *NIV*]

The Father and Son and Spirit are also **one by interpenetration** (i.e. undivided because They always live inside each other). As we say: "...**and undivided**."

Jesus said: Believe Me when I say that **I am in the Father and the Father is in Me**. John 14:11

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father in Me**? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but **the Father Who dwells in Me** does the works. John 14:9-10