

## Teaching Orthodoxy...using Bible Verses:

### Lesson 4: The Holy Trinity is One in Essence and undivided, and shares one Divine Will. Faith is needed for Salvation.

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

The Most Holy Trinity is **not three gods**, because They share the Father's **one Divine Will**. [IF there were three gods, each would have his own will...i.e. 3 gods = 3 different wills. They could disagree with each other and oppose each other. But with the Holy Trinity, the **three Divine Persons** share One Will, One Essence, One Power, One Life, One Kingdom, and are never separated, hence, a Three-in-One God.]

**Jesus said: I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me. John 5:30**

For **I did not speak on My own**, but the **Father** Who sent Me **commanded Me** to say all that I have spoken. John 12:49

Then said Jesus unto them, "When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that **I am**, and that **I do nothing of Myself**; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things." John 8:28

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the **Son can do nothing by Himself**; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. Yes, and He will show Him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom He is pleased to give it. John 5:19-21

For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent me. John 6:38

We need to **believe in Jesus** in order to be saved and have everlasting life.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whosoever believes** in Him should not perish, but have **everlasting life**. John 3:16

But these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by **believing you may have life** in His name. John 20:31

Therefore being justified **by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1

**Eternal life** is **IN** Jesus.

In Him was **life**; and the life was the light of men. John 1:4

**Jesus** is the **Lamb of God** Whom the Father gave to take away the sins of the world.

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, **the Lamb of God** Who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29