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“Introducing The Orthodox Church”

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Chapter Four

What We Believe About The Holy Trinity

1. What does “Theophany” mean?

2. When did our Lord’s public ministry begin?

3. How was this also a manifestation of the Holy Trinity?

4. Compare the troparion to the Scripture, had you realized how closely it tracked the Gospel text?

5. What fingers do we use to make the sign of the cross?

6. Do we believe in three Gods?

7. Name some things we do in the name of the Holy Trinity.

8. Do the Jewish and Muslim faith traditions accept the concept of the Holy Trinity?

9. Is the Trinity the name of a phase that God went through?

10. Identify attempts at explaining the Holy Trinity that have been rejected by the Church.

11. How can God be one and three at the same time?

12. We tend to accept monotheism as the norm. Has this always been the case throughout history? Does polytheism still exist today? Where?

13. What precious truth did God teach the ancient Israelites to advance their understanding towards maturity?

14. Is the word “Trinity” used in Scripture?

15. Then what did the early Christians base their understanding on?

16. Is the Holy Spirit as necessary for our salvation as Christ?

17. Who brought Jesus to us through the person of Mary?

18. Who brings Jesus to us in the Divine Liturgy changing the bread and wine into His Body and Blood?

19. St. Paul spoke of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the what of the Holy Spirit?

20. Name three aspects of our experience with God as Orthodox Christians.

21. How did Christ allude to the Holy Trinity when He gave us the great commission?

22. To be a Christian, one has to do what and believe what?

23. Do Jews, Muslims, and Mormons believe in the Holy Trinity? Are they Christians?

24. Does the Old Testament offer any glimpses of the Holy Trinity?

25. In the Orthodox Church, when we say something is a mystery, what do we mean?

26. Do you know anyone who refuses to accept the mystery of the Holy Trinity, but accepts other things they cannot explain? Why do you think that is?

27. Which of the analogies for the Holy Trinity speaks most powerfully to you?

28. Did we discover the concept of the Holy Trinity or was it revealed to us? Why might that matter?

29. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity tells us God is what?

30. When we say three persons of the Holy Trinity, do we mean three human beings? What are we trying to express?

31. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity presents God in His what?

32. The next time you witness a non-Orthodox Christian service, listen for how often they refer to the Holy Trinity. You may be surprised by the lack of a consistent reference to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

33. How did St. Irenaeus beautifully describe the Holy Trinity?