

We Believe: in God, part 2 (Various Texts)

EFCA Statement of Faith, Article 1, pt. 2

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, *and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit...*

Eternally Existing

- God is eternal
 - Time is a creation of God
 - And just like the rest of His creation, God is not bound by it (Ps. 102:25-27)

A Loving Unity

- Love is one of the defining characteristics of God because at His core God is love (1 John 4:8, 16)
- Within the Godhead there exists a relationship of a mutual love and giving to the others (John 3:35; 17:24; Luke 12:10)
- This love is so perfect that it results in a unity that makes the 3 persons of the Godhead 1: Trinity
 - Father (Dt. 32:6; Mt. 6:6; Rom. 8:15; 1 Cor. 8:6)
 - Son (Matt. 3:17; Jn. 1:14; 3:16; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 1:5)
 - Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Rom. 8:9, 26; Gal. 4:6)

3 Who Are 1

- All 3 persons of the Trinity are equally God (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2)
- All persons of Trinity are active in all aspects of the work of God
 - In Creation (Gen 1:1-2; John 1:1-3)
 - In Salvation (Gal 4:6)
 - In Prayer (John 14:13; Rom. 8:26)
- This oneness is reflected in God's desire for human relationships as well
 - As we were designed (Gen 2:24)
 - Which can be restored through the work of Trinity in us (John 17:11)

So What?

- Our God is a perfect, loving unity
- He asks us to be the same through the power of the Trinity at work in us

Meditation Verse: Galatians 4:6