

The Tri-Unity of God in First John

What God reveals through John about God the Father

- 1) Who He is
 - a) He is the Father—1:2, 3; 2:1, 13, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24; 3:1; 4:14
 - b) He is social
 - i) The Son was continually with [πρός] Him—1:2
 - ii) We can fellowship [κοινωνία] with Him—1:3
 - iii) We are represented before [πρός] Him by our Advocate—2:1
 - iv) We can have confidence toward [πρός] Him—3:21; 5:14
 - c) He is light [φῶς]—1:5
 - i) There is no darkness [σκοτία] in Him at all
 - d) He is in the light [φῶς]—1:7
 - e) He is faithful [πιστός]—1:9
 - f) He is just/righteous [δίκαιος]—1:9
 - g) He is true [ἀληθινός]—1:10; 5:10, 20
 - h) He is knowable [γινώσκω]—2:3, 4, 13; 4:6-8; 5:20
 - i) He is loveable [ἀγάπη, ἀγαπάω]—2:5, 15; 3:17; 4:19-21; 5:1-3
 - j) He is greater than our heart—3:20
 - k) He is love [ἀγάπη]—4:8, 16
 - l) He is one with the Word and the Spirit—5:7
- 2) What He does
 - a) He reveals something to be heard and declared—1:5
 - b) He forgives [aor. act. subj. ἀφίημι] and cleanses [aor. act. subj. καθαρίζω] believers who genuinely acknowledge their sins—1:9
 - c) He issues authoritative commands [ἐντολή]—2:3-4; 3:22-24; 4:21; 5:2-3
 - d) He forgave [pf. pass. ind. ἀφίημι] sinners at salvation for His name sake—2:12
 - e) He has promised [ἐπαγγέλλω] us eternal life—2:25
 - f) He gives the Holy Spirit to genuine believers—2:27; 3:24; 4:13
 - g) He has given [pf. act. ind. δίδωμι] love [ἀγάπη] to genuine believers—3:1; 4:7
 - h) He begets [γεννάω] spiritual offspring—3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18, 19
 - i) He knows [γινώσκω] all things—3:20
 - j) He responds to the prayers of genuine believers—3:22
 - k) He expresses pleasure [ἀρεστός] toward certain actions of genuine believers—3:22
 - l) He manifested [aor. pass. ind. φανερώω] His love [ἀγάπη] in us when He sent [pf. act. ind. ἀποστέλλω] His only begotten [μονογενής] Son into the world—4:9, 14
 - i) He loved [aor. act. ind. ἀγαπάω] before we became genuine believers—3:1; 4:9-11, 16, 19
 - ii) He sent [aor. act. ind. ἀποστέλλω] His Son—4:10
 - m) He abides [μένω] in genuine believers who love one another—4:12, 13, 15, 16
 - n) He bears witness [pres. act. ptc. μαρτυρέω]—5:7
 - i) He has witnessed [pf. act. ind. μαρτυρέω] concerning His Son—5:8, 10-11
 - o) He has given [aor. act. ind. δίδωμι] eternal life to genuine believers in the person of His Son—5:11-12

What God reveals through John about God the Son

- 1) Who He is
 - a) He is real—1:1, 2
 - b) He is eternal life—1:1, 2
 - c) He is Jesus—5:5
 - d) He is social
 - i) He was continually with [πρός] the Father—1:2
 - ii) We can have fellowship [κοινωνία] with Him—1:3
 - iii) He is our Advocate before [πρός] the Father—2:1
 - e) He is Jesus Christ—1:3, 7; 3:23; 5:6
 - f) He is the Christ (Messiah)—2:22; 5:1
 - g) He is the Son of God—1:3, 7; 2:22-24; 3:8, 23; 4:15; 5:5, 10, 12, 13, 20
 - i) He is the only begotten [μονογενής] Son of God—4:9
 - h) He is our Advocate [παράκλητος] with [πρός] the Father—2:1
 - i) He is the propitiation [ἱλασμός] for [περί] our sins—2:2; 4:10
 - i) And also for [περί] the whole world
 - j) He is knowable—2:13a, 14a; 3:6
 - k) He is the Holy [ἅγιος] One—2:20
 - l) He is righteous [δίκαιος]—2:1, 29; 3:7
 - m) He is pure [ἄγνος]—3:3
 - n) He is sinless—3:5
 - o) He is the Savior [σωτήρ] of the world—4:14
 - p) He is one with the Father and the Spirit—5:7
 - q) Eternal life is in Him—5:11-12, 20
 - r) He is the true God—5:20
- 2) What He does
 - a) He was manifested [aor. pass. ind. φανερώω] to people—1:2; 3:5, 8
 - i) To take away [aor. act. subj. αἴρω] our sins—3:5
 - ii) To destroy [aor. act. subj. λύω] the works of the devil—3:8
 - b) His blood cleanses [pres. act. ind. καθαρίζω] us from all sin—1:7
 - c) He will be manifested [aor. pass. subj. φανερώω] at His coming [παρουσία]—2:28; 3:2
 - d) He demonstrated genuine love [ἀγάπη] by laying down [aor. act. ind. τίθημι] His life for [ὑπέρ] genuine believers—3:16
 - e) He has been sent [ἀποστέλλω] by the Father—4:10, 14
 - f) He came [aor. act. ptc. ἔρχομαι] by water and blood—5:6
 - g) He bears witness [pres. act. ptc. μαρτυρέω]—5:7
 - h) The Father has witnessed [pf. act. ind. μαρτυρέω] concerning Him—5:8, 10-11
 - i) He hears and responds to the “according to His will” prayers of genuine believers—5:14-15
 - j) He has come [pres. act. ind. ἔκω] and has given [pf. act. ind. δίδωμι] us understanding [διάνοια] that we may know [γινώσκω] the Father—5:20

What God reveals through John about God the Spirit

- 1) Who He is
 - a) He is the anointing [χρῖσμα] from the Father—2:20, 27

- b) He is greater than the spirit that is in the world—4:4
 - c) He is truth [ἀλήθεια]—5:6
 - d) He is one with the Father and the Word—5:7
 - e) He is knowable [γινώσκω]—4:2, 6
- 2) What He does
- a) He abides [pres. act. ind. μένω] in genuine believers—2:27
 - b) He teaches [pres. act. ind. διδάσκω] genuine believers concerning all things—2:27
 - c) He has been given [aor. act. ind. δίδωμι] by the Father to genuine believers—3:24
 - i) Note the pf. act. ind. δίδωμι—4:13
 - d) He acknowledges [pres. act. ind. ὁμολογέω] that Jesus Christ has come [pf. act. ptc. ἔρχομαι] in the flesh—4:2
 - e) He bears witness [pres. act. ptc. μαρτυρέω]—5:6-8