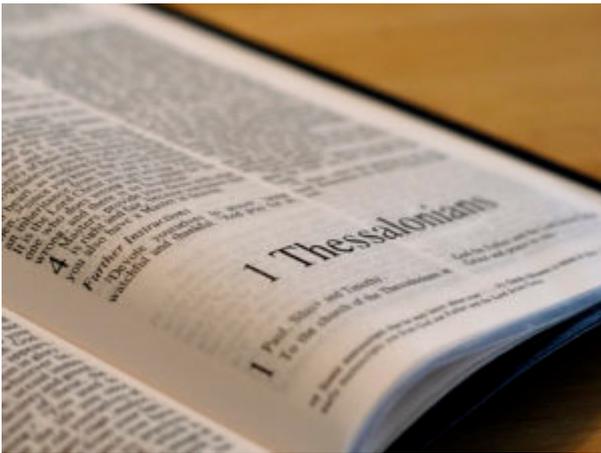


Is the Trinity in 1 Thessalonians? In the Bible book of 1 Thessalonians, are God and Jesus and spoken of as **separate and distinct**? Is the holy Spirit a person? Let's examine these questions in some of the verses in 1 Thessalonians.



“In God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:1) Here, God and Jesus are referred to as two separate and distinct individuals. Why are they not **“in”** the holy Spirit, if it is a person? Why aren't they in the Trinity?

“Before our God and Father... inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:3) God, the Father, is one person, and the Lord Jesus Christ is another person, entirely separate and distinct “beings”, who are not of the same “being”, “essence”, or “substance”. No mention of the holy Spirit, or hope in the holy Spirit. Why? Because it's not a person.

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“Beloved by God . . . also in power and in the Holy Spirit . . . you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 1:4-6 NRSV). The holy Spirit, in these verses, is twice qualified by **“the,”** which is indicative of the fact that it is not a person. God uses his holy Spirit to ‘inspire’ “joy” in Christian believers.

“They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10) These verses are very instructive. Notice God is called “the living and true God,” while Jesus is called “his Son,” “whom he” [God] “raised from the dead.” God is someone other than his Son. Jesus “was dead” ([Revelation 1:18](#)). “God” was alive, because he “never dies” ([Habakkuk 1:12](#) NJB), but had the power to bring him back to life. Without the

Son being eternal, and being God, the Trinity doctrine is exposed as an unscriptural 'false doctrine' (1 Timothy 1:3).

“God’s churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 2:14) Both God and Jesus are both mentioned separately, as entirely different “beings”. Where is the holy Spirit, if it is a person?

“Who killed the Lord Jesus.... They displease God.” (1 Thessalonians 2:15) Both God and Jesus are mentioned here, but only Jesus died. Jesus cannot be God, since God cannot die. **(Habakkuk 1:12 NIV)**

“Who is our brother and co-worker in God’s service in spreading the gospel of Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 3:2) God and Jesus are mentioned separately again here, as distinctive individuals, or “beings”.

“Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.” (1 Thessalonians 3:11) Once again, in this statement about both God the Father and the Lord Jesus coming, they are mentioned separately, as separate individuals, but the holy Spirit is conspicuously absent, which is strange, if it’s a person, and if the Trinity doctrine is true. This is another clue the holy Spirit is not a person, and there is no such thing as a Trinity of three divine persons in one divine being.

“So that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes . . . live in order to please God... and urge you in the Lord Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 3:14; 4:1). Notice **“God”** is referred to as **“the Father,”** who is someone other than Jesus. Both God and Jesus are mentioned in these verses as separate and distinct individuals. Jesus is not referred to as God. Why Christians not in the presence of the holy Spirit and the Trinity? Because the holy Spirit isn’t a person, and the Trinity doesn’t exist.

“God, who gives [also] gives his holy Spirit to you. Do not quench the Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 4:8; 5:19 NAB). The holy Spirit is described as *“his,”* that is, *God’s* holy Spirit. This possession of God is, yet again, another indication that the holy Spirit is not person. For the third time in 1 Thessalonians, the holy Spirit is qualified by *“the,”* or *“his,”* indicating that it is not a person. *“The holy Spirit” (Luke 12:12)* is *“the Spirit of your Father” (Matthew 10:20),* not a person.

“We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 4:14; 5:9) *“Jesus died,”* whereas *“Yahweh . . . God . . . never dies” (Habakkuk 1:12 NJB),* so Jesus cannot be God. God is obviously the one who is in control, and is entirely distinct from Jesus. God uses Jesus Christ to accomplish his purpose to help humans to gain salvation.

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23) God is someone other than Jesus, and God and Jesus are two entirely separate individuals, who are distinct from each other.

Is the Trinity in 1 Thessalonians? No! As we can see from 1 Thessalonians, God and Jesus are two separate and distinct persons. Jesus was resurrected by God, because he was dead. The holy Spirit is not a person. These facts completely dismantle the Trinity.

All Bible verses from 1 Thessalonians quoted from the New International Version (NIV), unless otherwise stated.