



The vast majority of Christian churches and preachers teach that the Trinity doctrine is true, and is a vitally important Biblical message. On this basis, therefore many sincere Christians believe in the Trinity doctrine. Can a believer in the Trinity have a relationship with God?

“It is God who judges”—Psalm 75:7 NIV;

“God is a righteous judge”—Psalm 7:11 NIV

“He is a God of justice”—Psalm 50:6 NIV

“Why do you judge your brother or sister?”—Romans 14:10 NIV

“Be as wary as serpents, and as innocent as doves”—Matthew 10:16 NASB

Can someone who believes in the Trinity have a relationship with God and Christ?

GOD IS THE JUDGE

The short answer, based on the Bible, is: God is the judge of who has a relationship with God and Christ. Why? All human knowledge is partial, not total. God is the judge, not us humans. Still, we should be very “wary.”

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” (Romans 11:33-34 NIV)

While the Trinity doctrine is unscriptural and demonstrably false, probably the vast majority who believe in it only do so because they were told it was true. Since the Trinity doctrine makes no sense, these Christians simply assume they are supposed to believe it. How should we view them?

“For Yahweh your God is a merciful God.” (Deuteronomy 4:34 NJB)

“Will not the judge of all the earth do right?” (Genesis 18:25 NIV)

“With righteousness he will judge the needy.” (Isaiah 11:4 NIV)

“You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat”. (Romans 14:10 NIV)

While we can and should judge by the scriptures **“false doctrines” (1 Timothy 1:3 NIV)**, it’s not our place to judge individuals. We know that God’s judgment of each person will be perfectly right and fair, without pettiness over trivialities.

“I, Yahweh, examine the mind, I test the heart to give to each according to his way, according to what his actions deserve.” (Jeremiah 17:10 HCSB)

Please take note of the following scriptures which indicate that if one believes in Christ and is in Christ, that is a follower, a doer, then that person believes in, honors, and serves the Father also:

WHOEVER BELIEVES IN, KNOWS, AND HONORS GOD’S SON, HAS THE FATHER ALSO

“That all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.” (John 5:23 NIV)

“Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me.” (John 12:44 NIV)

“If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” (John 8:19 NIV)

“If you really know me, you will know my Father as well.” (John 14:7 NIV)

“Whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.” (1 John 2:23 NIV)

“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.” (1 John 4:15 NIV)

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves his child as well.” (1 John 5:1 NIV)

“We are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ.” (1 John 5:20 NIV)

“Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 9)

So while the Trinity doctrine is false, Christians whom God judges to be doing the best they can with what they have to work with, possibly may be able to have a relationship with God and Christ, although it would be weaker than would otherwise be possible through accurately **“knowing you as the only true God and knowing Jesus your messenger as the Christ’ (John 17:3 AAT)**. And we can be confident that God will do the right thing in his judgment.

CORRECT BELIEF IS IMPORTANT

Since the ‘road to eternal life is narrow, and only a few find it, whereas the road to destruction is wide, most people follow it’ (**Matthew 7:13-14**), and will not gain eternal life. **“They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved . . . all will be condemned who have not believed the truth” (2 Thessalonians 2:10,12 NIV).** Salvation depends on ‘believing and loving the truth.’ This should caution us to be extra sure that we’re not only living a godly lifestyle, but that we have the correct beliefs.

Jesus warned that, **“if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit” (Matthew 15:14 NIV)**, and said that one’s eternal life depends on ‘knowing God and the one he sent, Jesus Christ’ (**John 17:3**). The Trinity doctrine hinders one’s ability to know them. Therefore, all of us should beware, and **“keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment” (Colossians 1:9 CSB).**

THE MAIN IDENTITY OF CHRISTIANS

While correct belief is important, it isn’t the main identifier of Christians. Let’s see what Jesus said it is:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By the everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”—John 13:34-35 NIV

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”—John 15:12-13

We must love one another to be real Christians, and not expect everyone to have perfect knowledge, and that includes not condemning those whose knowledge on this subject is not perfect.