

# The Trinity: Possible Images in Scripture

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## ***Adam and Eve and their Fruitful Progeny***

So God created humankind<sup>e</sup> in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it (Gen. 1:27-28).

## ***The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob***

God told Moses that His name is I AM, “The LORD (YHWH) the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations” (Ex. 3:1%). Abraham, “the father of many nations,” and as the founding father of three major nations, there is no other man in history so closely associated with fatherhood than Abraham. Isaac is the long-promised son given over in sacrifice, as is Jesus, the Son of God. Jacob is the blessing seeker who became the blessing bestower. And the Holy Spirit, we now know is the promised blessing and gift to all baptized believers who ask Him (Lk. 11:13, Ac. 2:39).

## ***The Holy Family – Icon of the Trinity***

In the Holy Family we have the icon of the Trinity where Joseph imaged God the Father to young Jesus, God the Son, and no mortal has ever been closer to the Holy Spirit, also known as the Comforter, than Mary, whose lowliness drew the Holy Spirit down upon her as His spouse.

## ***The Transfiguration***

In the Transfiguration we have a double image with Jesus, the Son of God, the voice of God the Father and the Holy Spirit in a cloud like atmosphere. We also have Moses, the father of the Covenantal Law of the Hebrews, and Elijah, the miracle working prophet taken up by the Spirit in a chariot of fire; and we have Jesus in the flesh.

## ***Peter, James and John***

Among the disciples of Jesus, three were chosen to be part of his inner circle and indeed only those three accompanied him at the transfiguration. There was Peter, the father figure for the whole church; James, the first apostle executed for his faith as was Jesus, his master; and John, the beloved disciple whose writings soar with the Spirit.

## ***Past, Present, Future***

God the past Creator, God the present Sanctifier, and God the promised and returning Savior/Redeemer

**Three Witnesses** – the Spirit, the Water (and its creator), and the Blood (and the one who shed it)

**Three Main Creations** – the Sky above where dwells our heavenly Father, the flowing and mysterious Sea like the Spirit, and the Land where the God/Man lived and died