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A Few Background Thoughts On the Trinity:

1. The term trinity is not used in the Bible.
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3. The teaching of the doctrine of the trinity has been around since the beginning of the church.
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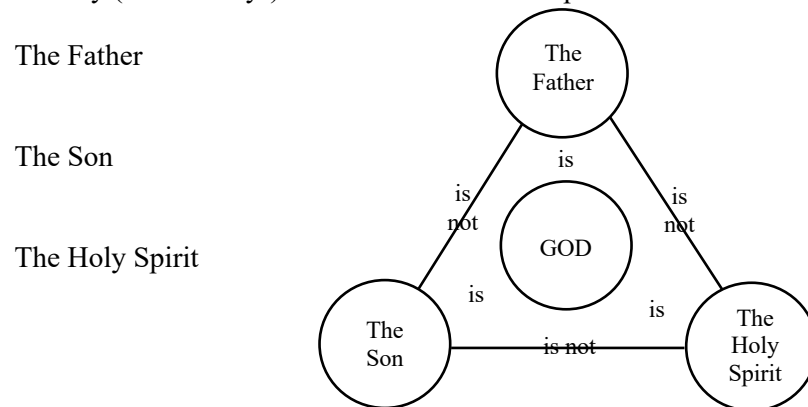
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- Commonly used illustrations:

- God’s illustration:

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- Seeing the trinity as one person in three forms.
- Seeing the trinity as three separate gods.

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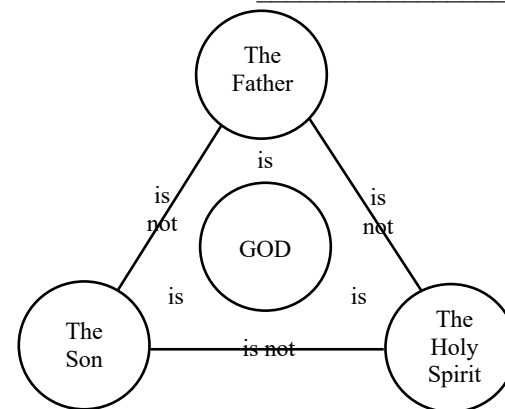
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