

# The Father as Source and Origin

God the Father · The Trinity

Within the Trinity, the Father holds a certain primacy—not of time, essence, or dignity, but of order and origin. He is the 'fount of deity' (fons divinitatis), the unbegotten source from whom the Son is eternally begotten and from whom the Spirit eternally proceeds. This does not make the Father 'more God' than the Son or Spirit, for all three share the identical divine essence. Rather, it speaks to the eternal relations of origin within the Godhead. The Father initiates, sends, and gives; the Son is sent and reveals the Father; the Spirit proceeds and applies. This order reflects the inner life of God from all eternity.

## Key Verses

### **John 5:26**

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

### **1 Corinthians 8:6**

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

### **Ephesians 4:6**

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **John 1:14**

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

### **John 6:57**

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

### **1 John 4:14**

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

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