

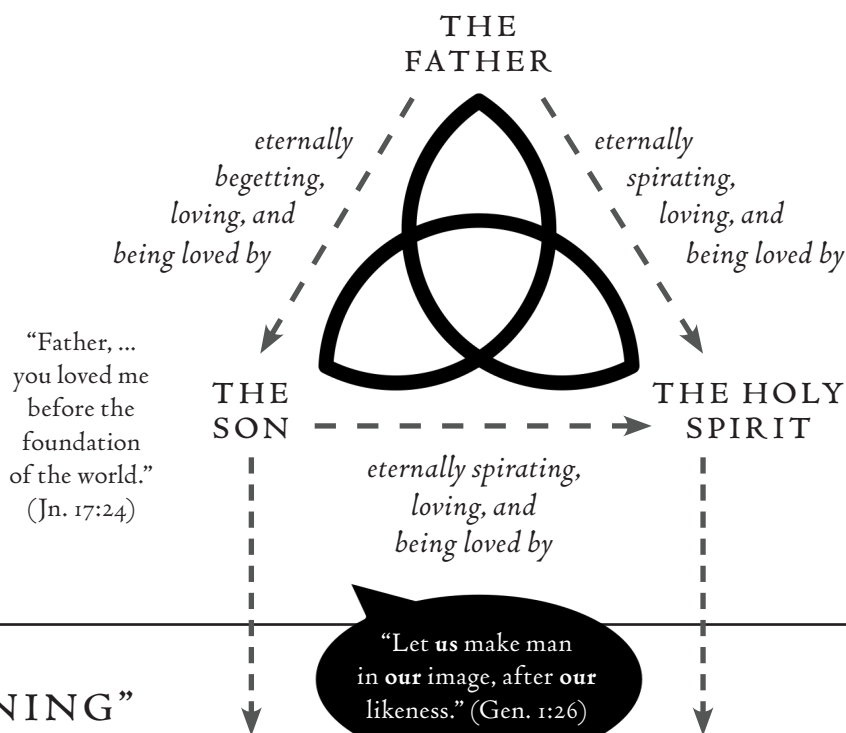
TRINITY IN CREATION

FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

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BEFORE “THE BEGINNING”

Before the creation of the world, nothing existed except the Triune God—an eternal communion of loving persons, mutually indwelling one another, existing in their eternal relations, infinite, spiritual, and incomprehensibly blessed.

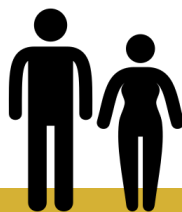


God eternally decreed to create the world and to unite a people to himself through his Son, not because it was necessary or because he needed anything, but because it pleased him (Eph. 1:4–5).

IN “THE BEGINNING”

God the Father, who eternally begets the Son and breathes or spirates the Holy Spirit, created all things through the Son and the Spirit.

“And God said...” (Gen. 1:3); “In the beginning was the Word ... the only Son of the Father” (Jn. 1:14); “all things were created through him and for him” (Col. 1:16).



Human beings were created in God’s image—rational and holy—so that they could know God, share in his goodness, and participate in the holy, happy fellowship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



“And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Gen. 1:2).

God is infinite in goodness, and so everything that he created was “very good”—free of sin or defect.

God created all things out of nothing (ex nihilo), because before “the beginning” there was nothing out of which to create.

Creation reflects and points to the power, goodness, and love of its Creator.

