

Who is God and How Much Does He Love Each Person

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

(Sign of the Cross)

Consider the following statement: God has revealed to us that He is one God in three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit.

Keeping the above statement in mind, read and meditate on the following passages:

Scripture:

Mt 3:13-17	The Trinity is revealed at Jesus' Baptism
Mt 28:19	The Trinitarian formula for baptism reveals coequality of the three Persons.
Luke 1:30-35	The Trinity is revealed at Jesus' conception
John 8:58	Jesus claims divinity by claiming God's name: "I AM."
John 10:30	Unity of Jesus with the Father
John 14:16-17, 15:26	The Father loves us so much that He sent God the Holy Spirit to be with us always, the Spirit of Truth.
John 15:9-13	Greater love has no one than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
Romans 8:38-39	Nothing will separate us from the love of God... except our choices
2 Corinthians 13:14	Trinitarian blessing
1 John 3:1; 4:7-16	God is love, and in His love He sent His Son to die on the Cross for our sins and then sent His Spirit to abide with us.
Psalms 139:1-18	God knows me and loves me.

Catechism:

CCC 222-227	The Implications of Faith in One God
CCC 232-237	"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
CCC 238-242	The Revelation of God as Trinity
CCC 243-248	The Father and the Son revealed by the Spirit
CCC 249-256	The Holy Trinity in the Teaching of the Faith
CCC 257-260	The Divine Works and the Trinitarian Missions
CCC 268-274	God is almighty and infinite; nothing, is impossible to God

Key Terms:

<u>Attribution</u> -	Speaking of the activities of all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity as the activity of only one Person (for example, God the Father as Creator).
<u>Mystery</u> -	A truth of faith that we could not know unless God revealed it; once it is known, it is understandable and reasonable, but is never fully comprehensible.
<u>Nature</u> -	What a being is.
<u>Person</u> -	Who a being is, that is, the one responsible for actions.
<u>Property</u> -	Something that belongs to one Person of the Blessed Trinity alone; for example, only the Son is begotten of the Father.
<u>Transcendent</u> -	God is above and outside all of creation, and yet He knows and cares about everything regarding each individual person.