

LORD'S DAY 8

Q24. How are these articles divided?

A. Into three parts: God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; and God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

Q25. Since there is only one divine being,¹ why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A. Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word:² these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.

1. Deut. 6:4 – “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.”

2. Isa. 61:1 – “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners”

Ps. 110:1 – “The Lord says to my lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.’”

Matt. 3:16–17 – “And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Matt. 28:19 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

1 John 5:7–8 – “There are three that testify:[a] 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.”