

## New Life Discipleship Course Episode 1

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### Who is God? Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Welcome to Episode 1 of our NewLife online discipleship courses. We are aiming to answer some questions about Christianity and faith, and then equip you with the tools to grow in your walk with God.

**Our \_\_\_\_\_ of God determines how we \_\_\_\_\_ him.**

“I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

**2 Corinthians 6:18**

People see God as...

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ God.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ God.

### **HERE’S THE GOOD NEWS: GOD IS NONE OF THOSE THINGS.**

#### **The Correct View of God:**

God’s true self can be seen in the Trinity. This just means that there is **one** God and he exists as **three** persons at the same time.

#### **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

*16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”*

**Matthew 3:16-17**

Here we see the **one God**, as revealed in **three persons**:

1. the \_\_\_\_\_ speaking as “a voice from heaven.”
2. the \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus, being baptized and coming up out of the water.
3. and \_\_\_\_\_ “descending like a dove” on the Son with the love of the Father.

#### **This is a clear picture of God:**

*God the Father who loves us.*

*God the Son who came to save us.*

*God the Holy Spirit is with us everyday .*

#### **3 Things God Wants each of us to Know as we Approach Him.**

1. You are \_\_\_\_\_ child.

God assured us, “I’ll never let you down, never walk off and leave you.”

**Hebrews 13:5 MSG**

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ you.

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

**1 John 3:1 NLT**

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And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love.

**Romans 8:38 NLT**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 5:8**

God \_\_\_\_\_ us because of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I am \_\_\_\_\_ of you.

*Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.*

**1 John 3:2**

God is proud of you – not just because of who you are – but who you could be through the power of \_\_\_\_\_!

*For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**Ephesians 2:10**

God is \_\_\_\_\_ because He sees our \_\_\_\_\_.

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV**

**God is not Authoritarian, Distant or Critical**

**He is Father who loves us, Jesus who came to save us, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.**

TALK IT OVER

1. How did you view God before you discovered who he really was?

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2. If you could use 3 words to best describe who God (Father, Son, & Spirit) is what would they be?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. How does knowing God Calls you his child, that he loves and is proud of you change how you approach him in prayer?

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