## TRIUNE GOD

Our God is the Triune God, referred to as the Trinity. In other words God is three distinct Persons. In essence, each person is equally God. But each Person of God has different roles and responsibilities. All Three Persons are equally God. In God's nature, He has for all eternity, had roles of <u>authority</u> and roles of <u>submission</u>. The Father is the Person who effects <u>authority</u>—He is the "Instigator". The Lord Jesus <u>submits</u> to the Father's <u>authority</u>—Jesus is the "Implementer". The Son does whatever the Father tells Him to do (all the way to death on the cross). When the Father said in the beginning, "Let there be light," the LORD (Jesus) did the work to make it happen. The Father is quoted in Hebrews speaking to His Son, Lord Jesus:

**Hebrews 1:10** "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands."

**Psalm 19:1** THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

**Psalm 102:25** Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens *are* the work of Your hands.

Our Lord Jesus also has <u>authority</u> as He is Head of the Church and everything else that has been created (Colossians 1:15-20).

The Father sends the Holy Spirit in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit submits and comes into the hearts and souls of every believer in God.

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." John 15:26a "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father..." (Another proof of equality of the Son and the Father. Who but God could send God? The Holy Spirit is the "Energizer"—the One who gives us believers spiritual strength (to avoid falling into temptations, for example).

