

We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

These three beings make up the Godhead. They preside over this world and all other creations of our Father in Heaven.

Joseph Smith stated "It is the first principle of the gospel to know for a certainty the character of God"

President Hinckley Book:

Nature

- Separate, distinct people/personages
- **Baptism of Jesus:** **Matt 3:16-17** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased
- **Stephen the Martyr:** **Act 7:55-56** But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.
- **First Vision:** But, exerting all my powers to call upon God to deliver me out of the power—just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me. It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other— This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!
- **Direct Revelation:** **D&C 130:22** The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us.

Roles:

- **God the Father** is the Supreme Being in whom we believe and whom we worship. He is the ultimate Creator, Ruler, Author of the Plan of Salvation, and Preserver of all things
- **Jesus Christ** is the Only Begotten Son of God the Father in the flesh. He was the Creator, He is our Savior, and He will be our Judge, and Advocate to the Father.
- **Holy Ghost:** Only member of the Godhead that we have contact with. Witnesses of the Father and the Son" (2 **Nephi** 31:18) and reveals and teaches "the truth of all things" (**Moroni** 10:5). He is the Comforter. **Paul** teaches us that without the

Holy Ghost we can not know that Jesus is the Christ (1 **Corinthians** 12:3)

Purpose:

Not separate. They are unified. Tug of War.

John 6:38-40

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 14:7-9

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Result:

Moses 1:37-39

37 And the Lord God spake unto Moses, saying: The heavens, they are many, and they cannot be numbered unto man; but they are numbered unto me, for they are mine.

38 And as one earth shall pass away, and the heavens thereof even so shall another come; and there is no end to my works, neither to my words.

39 For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

President Gordon B. Hinckley: “I believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost. I was baptized in the name of these three. I was married in the name of these three. I have no question concerning their reality and their individuality. ... Miracle of miracles and wonder of wonders, they are interested in us, and we are the substance of their great concern. They are available to each of us. We approach the Father through the Son. He is our intercessor at the throne of God. How marvelous it is that we may so speak to the Father in the name of the Son. I bear witness of these great, transcendent truths. And I do so by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost” (“The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,” *Ensign*, Mar. 1998).