

# The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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## Explanation

On several occasions and in many ways, the New Testament teaches clearly that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are three distinct beings who function with absolute unity of purpose as the Godhead. Chart 12-1 identifies key passages in the New Testament that describe in detail the divine greatness and the infinite atonement of Jesus Christ. This chart should be read in conjunction with chart 8-16, a listing of the divine names and titles of Jesus. Chart 12-2 collects references that focus on the attributes and activities of God the Father, especially noting his concerns, gifts, love, and relationships. Chart 12-3 gives attention to the Holy Ghost, perhaps the least understood member of the Godhead. His roles in the process of revelation, church leadership, spirituality, daily life, and eternal salvation are gathered and classified. These charts show how the members of the Godhead work closely together in their common cause of bringing to pass the immortality and eternal life of all the human family.

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# Key Passages on the Divine Greatness and Atonement of Christ

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Christ is the head of all creation	Col 1:15–20
Prophets of old knew of Christ	1Pt 1:10–12
The greatness of the incarnate Son of God	Heb 1:1–4
The Son is greater than the angels	Heb 1:5–14
Christ’s greatness and condescension	Heb 2:5–18
Witnesses of the Son	1Jn 5:6–12
Christ atones for our sins	1Cor 6:9–11
The fall and the atonement: caused by one but apply to all	Rom 5:12–21
The mystery of the spiritual life	1Tm 3:15–16
Songs of praise to the Lamb	Rev 5:9–13
The marriage supper of the Lamb	Rev 19:5–10
The rider on the white horse	Rev 19:11–16
The coming of the Alpha and Omega	Rev 22:12–17