

God is ONE

The New Church teaches the unity of God in this way: There is one loving, personal God, and He is the Lord Jesus Christ. There is only one source of life, one source of love, one creator, one savior. Just as each of us has a soul, mind, and body and we are just one person, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is also just one God in one person. The “Father” symbolizes the invisible I AM, the innermost powerful creative force of God—God’s soul. The “Son” is a symbol of the body of God, how this invisible life force appears to humanity. The “Holy Spirit” is God’s influence in people’s hearts, minds and lives.

God Leads Us

The guidance of God, known as Divine Providence is at work in the smallest details everywhere. God leads good people and also evil people away from harmful desires and behaviors. People can be led away from evil to what is good when they let go of the belief that their own intelligence is everything and God’s Providence is nothing. God’s effort is constantly present and a person’s change of heart is always possible. God perpetually guards our freedom to choose, never forcing us to follow Him.

Human Beings

“And God said, “Let Us make human beings in Our image, according to Our likeness.”
Genesis 1:26

We were created in an image and likeness of God. The New Church teaches that this refers to our ability to love what is good, to understand what is true, and to become wise. To the extent that we become wise from God, we become more and more an image and likeness of God. When we become like this we live in heaven as angels after death.

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The New Church:

- Connect with a visible, personal God of love.
- Make sense of the Bible and find guidance and healing for your life.
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Who is God?



New Church Perspective Series

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We want to understand who God is and feel Him working in our lives. We want to know that God is guiding our way.

Is God angry and judgemental? Is God detached from the day to day events of our life? Can God really help us in times of need? It is hard to know the truth. But Jesus taught, *"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:32

Through New Church teachings God explains the deeper, inner meaning of the Bible, showing us His true nature.

God is Love.

Only good can come from God. God is *love* itself because God is *life* itself. Every created thing, from the largest to the smallest is a recipient or vessel of that life.



God loves everyone.

God is never angry with us and never punishes us. The New Church teaches that God cannot even look at us with a stern expression because He loves us so much. The New Church also teaches that God welcomes people of every faith into heaven if they have lived a good life according to their religion.

The goal of creation is an eternal union, or an intimate and loving relationship, between the Creator and the created universe. Because this is true, God is always drawing everyone as close to Him as they will allow.

"Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

God became visible.

God made Himself visible and approachable by coming to earth as Jesus. Because He did this, and endured graver temptations than any human ever has, He is now able to be with us in a very personal way. We know He has full understanding of us and compassion for us, because we know that God, the Creator of the universe, has felt the pain we feel. He has endured the temptations we endure. We can trust that He has the deep love to provide for us, the understanding to guide us, and the power to lift us up out of our harmful tendencies and behaviors. We can reach to God as both Divine and Human.

"Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."
Isaiah 53:4

Jesus is God.

While Jesus was on earth in the physical body of a man, He spoke of Himself as one and the same as God.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:58

"He that has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:9

"My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand ...I and my Father are one."
John 10:27-30

