

# Q & A BC/AD



Christ is in our calendar:

### **BC and AD**

The idea to count years from the birth of Jesus Christ was first proposed in the year 525 by Dionysius Exiguus, a Christian monk. **AD stands for Anno Domini, Latin for “in the year of the Lord”, while BC stands for “before Christ”.**

Some are trying to take Christ out of our calendar:

### **BCE and CE**

CE stands for “common (or current) era”, while BCE stands for “before the common (or current) era”. These abbreviations have a shorter history than BC and AD, although they still date from at least the early 1700s.

The following verse is the only verse in the Bible that explains the trinity. It lists the three persons of the Godhead and explains that they are one God. It is a good test when looking at any Bible to judge how accurate it is.

### 1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

There is one place in the Bible where all three persons of the Godhead are present in one place.

Matthew 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.

There are, however, many places in the Gospels that mention all three persons of the Godhead.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

John 14:16-17

**And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever; **Even the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:26

But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name**, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 15:26-27

But when **the Comforter is come**, whom I will **send unto you from the Father**, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according **to the foreknowledge of God the Father**, through **sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and **sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ**: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

2 Corinthians 13:14

The **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost**, be with you all. Amen. (The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.)

### Hebrews 9:13-14

For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who **through the eternal Spirit** offered **himself without spot to God**, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Paul explains that the “fullness of the Godhead” dwells in the body of Jesus Christ. This means that Christ represents the Godhead. All three persons dwell in one body.

### Colossians 2:8-9

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. **For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**

Wonderfully, we also have the fullness of the Godhead in our bodies! Paul spells it out for us. So the trinity is represented in every believer.

Christ dwells in our hearts.

Ephesians 3:17

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

God the Father is in each of us.

Ephesians 4:6

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

The Holy Ghost, the Spirit (capital "S") of God dwells in each believer.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?