

An aerial photograph of a cityscape featuring a large river, a multi-lane highway bridge, and various urban buildings. The text "FOREVER FRIENDS" is superimposed in a large, bold, yellow font with a dark blue outline. The word "FOREVER" is positioned above "FRIENDS".

**FOREVER  
FRIENDS**



## John 15:9-15

“I have loved you even as the Father has loved Me. Remain in My love. When you obey My commandments, you remain in My love, just as I obey My Father’s commandments and remain in His love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with My joy.



## John 15:9-15

Yes, your joy will overflow! This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command.



## John 15:9-15

I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are My friends, since I have told you everything the Father told Me.

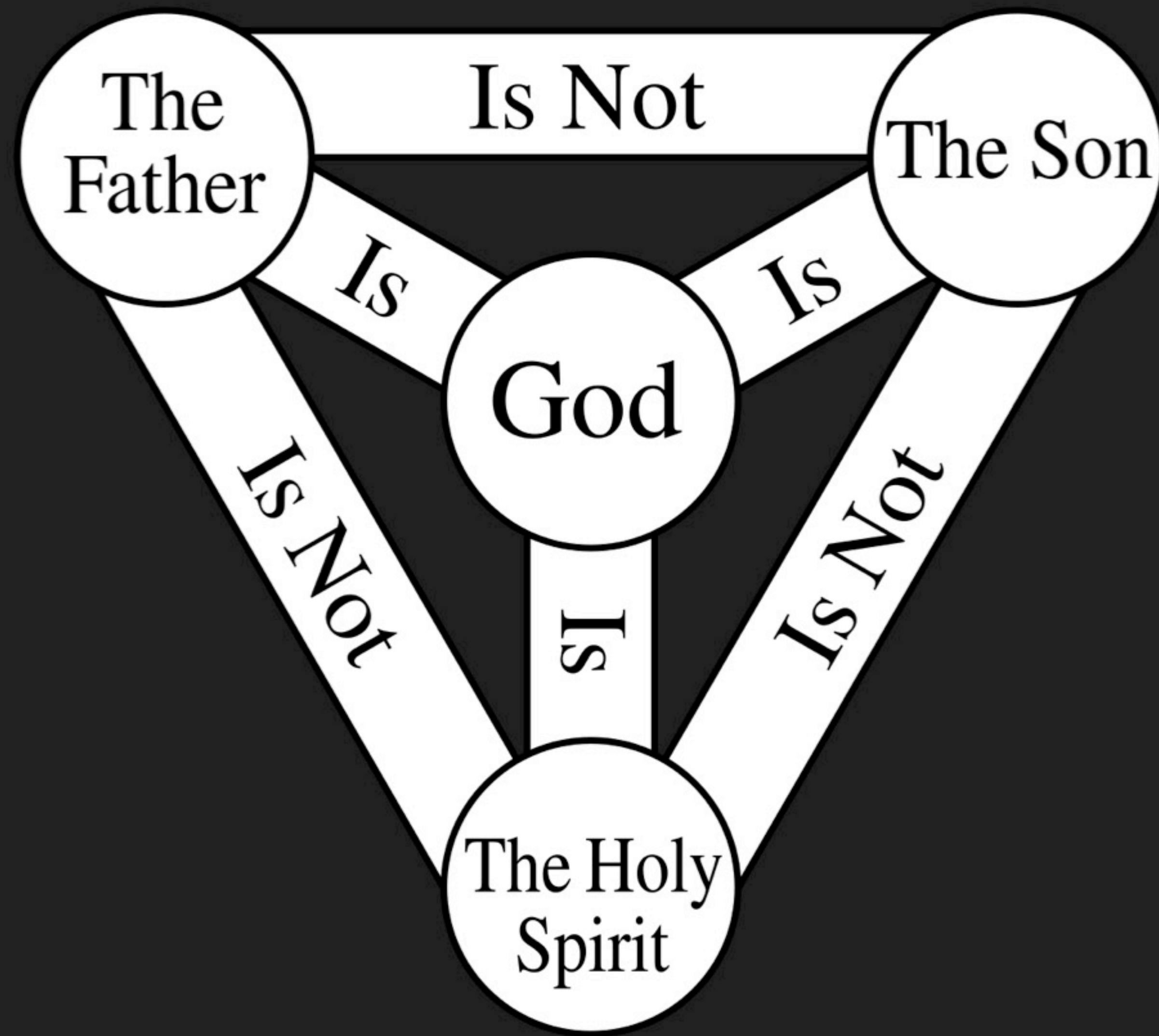
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## **Practical Questions**

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## 1 John 4:8-10

God is love. God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.



## 1 John 4:16-17

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face Him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.



## John 1:1,14

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## John 14:6-7

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.



## John 15:5

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing.”



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