

Trinity Belief At All-time Low

Commentary for April 15, 2025 — Few Know or Care About the Trinity

The website "Protestia" published an article titled "[New Barna Survey: Only 16% of Christians Believe In The Trinity?](#)" I reprint the article with permission. A black line is on the left.

In a new nationwide survey released by George Barna for the Arizona Christian University, only 16% of self-proclaimed Christians believe in the Trinity.¹ While impossible to fully comprehend, simply put, [Christians believe](#) in the

"one living and true God, eternally existing in perfect unity as three equally and fully divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each member of the Godhead, while executing distinct but complementary roles in redemptive history, has precisely the same nature, attributes, and being, and is equally worthy of the same glory and honor and obedience."

Barna notes, **"The trinity is one of the central theological foundations of Christian churches. However, that teaching is widely misunderstood, often rejected, and rarely acted upon..."** and the numbers show:

How Faith Segments Perceive the Trinity (Percentage who believe in the existence and human influence of each Person of the Trinity)						
Person in the Trinity	All Adults	Self-identified Christians	Theologically-identified, Born-Again Christians	Integrated Disciples	Attend a Protestant Church	Attend a Catholic Church
God of the Bible	40%	53%	60%	100%	58%	44%
Jesus Christ	59	78	82	89	81	78
Holy Spirit	29	30	42	69	35	22
All 3	11	16	24	62	20	9

Source: *American Worldview Inventory 2025*, conducted by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, January 2025; N=2,100 adults 18 and older.

Note: Integrated Disciples possess a biblical worldview.

Only 16% of self-identified Christians have a proper understanding of the Trinity, which makes sense as most "self-identified Christians" are anything but. Only 24% of self-described born-again Christians understand the Trinity, which also isn't saying much, but the real number is 62% of Integrated disciples, which are people with a "biblical worldview."

¹ The survey is titled "[Most Americans—Including Christian Churchgoers—Reject the Trinity.](#)" DWS

Barna defines "biblical worldview" as believing that absolute moral truth exists; the Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches; Satan is considered to be a real being or force, not merely symbolic; a person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or do good works; Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today.

Notably, people who attend a Roman Catholic church have the worst understanding of the Trinity, with 91% of them holding an erroneous view. George Barna concludes:

"It could be argued that the primary theologians influencing the spiritual views of America these days are figures such as Tucker Carlson, Joe Rogan, Russell Brand, Jordan Peterson, Megyn Kelly, and Bill Maher, They mix practical and sometimes unbiblical theology and philosophical points of view into their commentary on life and world events."

Meanwhile, many Christian churches are focused on delivering multi-part series that are not effectively developing or bolstering an integrated, biblical worldview that congregants can rely upon to counteract popular, secular takes on reality."

The surveys by George Barna have been respected by Christian groups around the world. He has done surveys for denominations, growing churches, declining churches, and his work has been respected for over 40 years. With Frank Viola, Barna co-authored a very good book that I highly recommend: *Pagan Christianity?: Exploring the Roots of Our Church Practices.*"

This survey indicates that very few people care about the "trinity." It is a doctrine that no one can understand, and is contradicted in Scripture. Note what the apostle Paul wrote to the ekklesia at Corinth. The context is about "gods" verses the true God:

"For even if so be that there are those being termed gods, whether in heaven or on earth, even as THERE ARE MANY gods and many lords, nevertheless FOR US THERE IS ONE GOD, THE FATHER, out of Whom all is, and we for Him, AND ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST, through Whom all is, and we through Him. But not in all is there this knowledge."

• **1 Corinthians 8:5-7 CLV**

Note also what Paul wrote later to his chief assistant Timothy in a personal ministerial letter:

"For THERE IS ONE GOD, and ONE MEDIATOR OF GOD and mankind, a Man, Christ Jesus, Who is giving Himself a correspondent Ransom for all (the testimony in its own eras) ..."

• **1 Timothy 2:5-6 CLV**

But note especially what Jesus said in John 20:17 to Mary Magdalene soon after His resurrection, but before He went to put His own blood on the Altar in heaven:

"Jesus is saying to her, 'Do not touch Me, for not as yet have I ascended to My Father. Now go to My brethren, and say to them that I said, 'Lo! I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and MY GOD and your God.'"

• **John 20:17**

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