

# 1 John Series

## Lesson 12

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# The Trinity

Trinity	Nature, Person, and Personality
(1)	There are no more nor less than 3: back of the person a nature, merging into the lives of others a personality. One is not a personal being unless all three elements are present. ... each one of the three factors in man is so distinct that no one of the three can be either one of the others.
(2)	Each of the three factors is inevitable to the others. Without the person there is no nature or personality. Without the nature there is no person, no personality. And there is no person, no nature, without personality as a consequence. ... They are so much one that each is the whole man.
(3)	The three factors in personal human life ... are manifestly three things which man <i>is</i> ... not three things that he does. ... They are three modes of being.
(4)	<i>Nature is first</i> , the source of all that you are. <i>Person is second</i> , embodying the nature. <i>Personality is third</i> , proceeding from the nature through the person.
(5)	The person is begotten continually from the nature. ... The person sends out his personality. He sends out his personality ... from his inner nature.
(6)	The unseen nature reveals itself in the person. He who has really seen and known the person has seen the nature. The person is the visible embodiment of the whole being. The personality reveals the person and his nature.
(7)	There is the point of view of my essential, true nature. There is the simple, personal point of view—of me, the <i>person</i> . There is the point of view of me as <i>related to others</i> .

# Three Dimensions in Our Relationship with the Trinity

**1:5–2:2 With the Father: concern for approaching His Holy NATURE**

**2:3–8 With the Son: concern for obeying the verbal teaching He did in PERSON**

**2:9–11 With the Holy Spirit: concern for acknowledging His INFLUENCING WORK in other believers**

# The Spirit's Work in Other Believers

