

House Feast Network

EN fundament baptism



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

"Religion" means that you serve a god. To properly do so, you do need to know all kinds of things about this god. In this program, we want to inform you about who God the Father is, and what He does. This is called "theology". Should you have an incorrect idea of God the Father, then this immediately affects your service to Him, and this also brings forth incorrect fruits. This is why it is of great importance for us to discuss all the important parts from the Bible about God the Father, so that you get to know God the Father so much better, that you will and may say: "Abba, Father". We earthly creatures are predestined to have a relationship with a great God. There are many names for God the Father, and also many descriptions of what He does. We will begin each question with one of them, so 24 in total. For this program you will also need several pens and sheets of paper.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go indepth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networkina

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the second fundament: baptism.

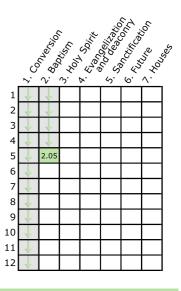
We recommend you to read the book of Deuteronomy while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament

Previous program: 2.04 Baptism

This program: 2.05 Trinity

Next program: 2.06 Old Testament

For an overview of all programs, see the Learnhouse.









Adonai (LORD)

1a. To get a good picture of who God the Father is, we must discover His Trinity. Three is a symbol of fullness, and both in the Bible and in the world, we often see that something has been secured by three. Name two examples.

(answer) There are several answers possible, such as:

- A human (body, soul, spirit).
- A testimony (two witnesses, one story).
- A cord of three (Ecclesiastes 4:12).
- The trias politica (legislative, judiciary and executive power).

The LORD provides

2a. The "all-seeing eye" is composed of a triangle with an eye in it. In Medieval times, it was used as a symbol for the Trinity. Now, this image is abundantly used by Freemasons. This is why this symbol is present in many places. Name an example of where it is depicted.

(answer) There are several possible answers, such as:

- Bank bills (1 American dollar; 50 Estonian kroon; 500 Ukrainian hryvnia).
- Coats of arms, either of countries (Great Seal of the United States), cities (Braslaw in Belarus), and groups (various fraternities).
- Seals (University of Mississippi, University of Chile)
- Religious objects (Aachen Cathedral; Kazan Cathedral in St. Petersburg, Russia; Cao Đài temple in Tây Ninh, Vietnam; posters of "The Way").
- Legislation (Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen; Constitution of Serbia).

Shekinah (fire)

3a. Imagine a man who is married, both of his parents are living, and he has children. This means he is a husband, a son and a father. The Jews often criticize Christians, that even though they say "God is one", they have three gods, which is forbidden by the Law. Explain how God the Father can still be one, using water as an example.

(answer) Water can exist in the form of ice, liquid and steam.

(comment) Of course, this example is not perfect: it is fallible when you realize that water is composed of several atoms.

The Beloved One

4a. Your spiritual life is divided into three phases. In each phase, you discover one side of God the Father. You start as a child, who has a relationship with the Father. Then you become a son or daughter, who has a relationship with King Jesus. What is the third phase?

(answer) That of a spiritually mature person, who has a relationship with the Holy Spirit.





The Unchanging One

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2.05 Trinity

5a. Is God the Father a man or a woman? Please explain.

(answer) Not applicable; in heaven there is neither male nor female.

(comment) Man and woman together are an image of who God the Father is. Genesis 1:27 says: "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." This was the first Adam.

In addition, we are commanded to follow King Jesus, the "second dam". About this, Galatians 3:28 says: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

What it boils down to, is that we cannot comprehend the full image of who God the Father is, because He is greater than our imagination can handle.

Son of man

6a. Why did King Jesus emphasize that He was the Son of man?

(answer) He is the Word that has become flesh, He is both the Son of God the Father as He is human.

(comment) To save someone from drowning, the person coming to the rescue will have to jump into the water. Similarly, King Jesus came into our world to rescue us out of sin.

I AM

7a. We first read the Name of God the Father when Moses stands by the burning bush in Exodus 3:14. Here, God the Father calls Himself: "I Am who I Am". In Hebrew, this is written as "Y-H-W-H".

The written Hebrew language only has consonants. Which vowels were supposed to be between the letters is no longer known, but it probably was "Yehovah". Out of respect, the Jews dare not speak the Name incorrectly, which is why in daily life, they call Him "Lord". In English, the Jews also do not write "God". How do they write it?

(answer) G'd.



He who was, who is, and who will come

8a. In addition to His "First Name", J-H-W-H, God the Father also wanted to have a "Last Name"; a family or family tree, that He was a part of, with a homeland. This is always set using one's last name.

Someone from the team asking the question will lip read, which complete Name He assigned to Himself. The other team will try and guess this. (answer) The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

(comment) He assigns this name to Himself in Exodus 3:6. Jacob would later be called Israel.



The LORD Zebaoth, LORD of hosts

9a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The devil is being compared with a monkey that always imitates. He does the same with the Trinity. Someone from the team asking the question will draw, what the trinity of the devil is composed of. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) The other team must name all three points:

- 1. The devil.
- 2. The antichrist.
- 3. The beast.

(comment) The devil is an imitation of God, the Father. The antichrist is an imitation of God, the Son. The beast is an imitation of God, the Holy Spirit.

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Prince of peace

10a. We are limited to the invisible God the Father. Even Moses, who was friends with God the Father, could not see his Friend out of safety reasons, because God the Father is so holy. We can get to know God the Father through the Bible and through the work of the Holy Spirit. What if you also don't have the Bible to get to know God the Father; how can you still get to know Him?

(answer) By believing in the God behind the all creation.

Raphael, Healer

11a. For us humans, it is very difficult to imagine the great God the Father. Words fail to describe Him. The prophets had this problem as well, like Isaiah and Ezekiel. After they had met God the Father, they were assigned to write down what they saw.

Someone from the team asking the question will read one of those descriptions from the Bible for about four minutes. In the mean time, the other team will collect various images that are named in this passage from the Bible, by taking notes and making drawings. After the passage has been read, they must name at least seven images that this Bible passage names.

The text that will be read by the team asking the question is from Ezekiel 1. You can find it on page 5 of this TXT Fondue, and it will be read in its entirity. (answer) The team asking the question decides if the other team has correctly answered the question.

Mighty God

12a. King Jesus says in John 14:28: "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I." Do you think that the elder who is supervising your house feast finds it more important to be called 'father' or 'child'? Please explain.

(answer) Father. Someone can gain more honor by being a father, than by being a child; it also requires more effort to be a good father.



2.05 Trinity

Ezekiel 1:1-28 (question 11a)

- ¹ In my thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. ² On the fifth of the month—it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin— ³ the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, by the Kebar River in the land of the Babylonians. There the hand of the Lord was on him.
- ⁴ I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north—an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, ⁵ and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was human, ⁶ but each of them had four faces and four wings. ⁷ Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf and gleamed like burnished bronze.
- ⁸ Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. All four of them had faces and wings, ⁹ and the wings of one touched the wings of another. Each one went straight ahead; they did not turn as they moved. ¹⁰ Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a human being, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.
- ¹¹ Such were their faces. They each had two wings spreading out upward, each wing touching that of the creature on either side; and each had two other wings covering its body. ¹² Each one went straight ahead. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, without turning as they went.
- ¹³ The appearance of the living creatures was like burning coals of fire or like torches. Fire moved back and forth among the creatures; it was bright, and lightning flashed out of it. ¹⁴ The creatures sped back and forth like flashes of lightning.
- ¹⁵ As I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the ground beside each creature with its four faces. ¹⁶ This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like topaz, and all four looked alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel. ¹⁷ As they moved, they would go in any one of the four directions the creatures faced; the wheels did not change direction as the creatures went.
- ¹⁸ Their rims were high and awesome, and all four rims were full of eyes all around. ¹⁹ When the living creatures moved, the wheels beside them moved; and when the living creatures rose from the ground, the wheels also rose. ²⁰ Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, and the wheels would rise along with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. ²¹ When the creatures moved, they also moved; when the creatures stood still, they also stood still; and when the creatures rose from the ground, the wheels rose along with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.
- ²² Spread out above the heads of the living creatures was what looked something like a vault, sparkling like crystal, and awesome. ²³ Under the vault their wings were stretched out one toward the other, and each had two wings covering its body.
- ²⁴ When the creatures moved, I heard the sound of their wings, like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty, like the tumult of an army. When they stood still, they lowered their wings.
 ²⁵ Then there came a voice from above the vault over their heads as they stood with lowered wings.
- ²⁶ Above the vault over their heads was what looked like a throne of lapis lazuli, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. ²⁷ I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him.
- ²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.







LORD of lords

1b. Where in the Bible is the word "Trinity" mentioned?

(answer) Nowhere.

The Almighty One

2b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) The first commandment of the Ten Commandments is actually not a commandment, but an announcement. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what this announcement says. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) Hear, Israel, the Lord your God is one.

(comment) King Jesus supports and repeats this in Mark 12:28–30:

"One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?'

'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.""

Immanuel (God with us)

3b. Which part of God the Father is currently active here on Earth? (answer) The Holy Spirit.

Alpha and Omega

4b. In each of these phases, you can address God the Father with different names. The team asking the question will divide a sheet of A4 paper into three columns:

- Write down on top of the left column: "God, the Father".
- Write down on top of the middle column: "God, the Son".
- Write down on top of the right column: "God, the Holy Spirit".

The team asking the question will now read six names. The other team will try to write down each name int he right column. Every column will have two names. The names are:

- King
- Abba, Father
- Beloved One
- Lord
- Almighty One
- Creator

(answer) The other team must have divided the names as follows:

God, the Father	God, the Son	<u>God, the Holy Spirit</u>
Abba, Father	King	Lord
Creator	Beloved One	Almighty One



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Paraclete



5b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) King Jesus was active on Earth for 33 years, first in the Israeli province of Galilee, and later in Judea and Perea. In John 16:7, King Jesus says: "But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime, why it is

better for the Holy Spirit to succeed King Jesus here on Earth. (answer) The Holy Spirit is omnipresent (always and everywhere). (comment) As human being on Earth, King Jesus was not.

Abba, Father

6b. Why do we, as humans, have to emphasize that we are children of God the Father?

(answer) It is because of this, that we obtain the same status as King Jesus. He is the Son of God the Father, and a human. We are human, and children of God the Father.

God of Israel

7b. Why are our Jewish brothers so anxious about speaking the Name of the Lord?

(answer) Using the Name of the Lord disrespectfully is punishable by death. (comment) Leviticus 24:16 says: "Anyone who blasphemes the name of the Lord is to be put to death. The entire assembly must stone them. Whether foreigner or native-born, when they blaspheme the Name they are to be put to death."

Righteous One

8b. When Abraham had to sacrifice his son Isaac, God the Father intervened and spoke from heaven: "Stop! I have seen your obedience." The Holy Spirit provided a substitute sacrificial lamb.

This is an image that also applies to us. Because we should be condemned for our sins. But God the Father intervenes when He sees our obedience, and the Holy Spirit provides in another sacrificial lamb, namely: King Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins. Describe how the three parties of the Trinity were involved with this act. (answer) The other team must name all three points:

- 1. God, the Father gave the assignment.
- 2. God, the Son carried it out in obedience.
- 3. God, the Holy Spirit enabled it to happen.







Comforter

9b. Many people wonder: "If God the Father is love, then why is there so much misery in this world?" By this, they mean: "If there is a God who has created Earth, that subsequently became a mess, then this God should also intervene; He doesn't, so God does not exit."

But that is not what it is like. God the Father does not intervene collectively, and He does not intervene coercively. How does God the Father intervene? (answer) Individually and voluntarily.

The Word

10b. If you love someone, you want to find out everything about this person. In the New Testament, King Jesus teaches us how to know God as "Father". In what three ways do you get to know God in the Old Testament?

(answer) The other team must name all three points:

- 1. God the Creator.
- 2. God the Leader.
- 3. God the Judge.

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

11b. Every human being is predestined to become part of the eternity of God the Father. People who believe in reincarnation, think that you have several chances to climb up to a higher eternal status, while New Agers say: "I am already god". This doesn't make you live eternally. Outside of heaven, in an objective place, God the Father gives us the opportunity to choose whether or not we want to be with Him for eternity. Where is that place?

(answer) Here on Earth, with what you can do, what you have, and where you are.

Creator

12b. 1 John 5:7–8 says: "For there are three that testify in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that testify on earth: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement." In this case, who from the Trinity is the Spirit, who is the water, and who is the blood? (answer) The other team must name all three points:

- 1. The (creating) water is God the Father.
- 2. The blood is King Jesus.
- 3. The Spirit is the Holy Spirit.