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I. Separate Personhood and Title

Matt. 28:19

1. Distinct from rest of Trinity in title.
2. To be so pictured in baptism.

I John 5:7

1. Distinct from rest of Trinity in heaven.
2. Bears His own witness apart from and yet in agreement with "*the Word*" and "*the Holy Ghost*".

John 14:16, 26

1. The Father is the receiver of Jesus' prayers.
2. He is the answerer by sending the Holy Ghost.

Titus 3:3-6

1. Called God our Saviour (**vs. 4**).

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2. Saves us by the renewing of the Holy Ghost (vs. 5) through Jesus Christ (vs. 6).

I Cor. 15:24

1. Jesus will turn the Kingdom over to the Father.
2. This occurs after Jesus conquers all enemies including death (vs. 26).
3. This great event will thus occur after the millennium.

Eph. 2:13-18

1. Jesus reconciles us to God (the Father) (vs. 16) through the cross.
2. Through Jesus we have access by the Spirit to the Father.

I John 2:1

1. The Father (God) must be dealt with when we sin.

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2. Jesus becomes our advocate before the Father.

I John 2:22, 23

1. Denial of the Father and the Son go together.
2. This is the mark of antichrist.
3. Denial of the Son means no possession of the Father.

Mark 1:10, 11

1. The Father speaks from heaven "***My beloved Son.***"
2. Jesus is being baptized and the Spirit descends here on earth at the same time.

Acts 10:38

1. Act of "**God**" is distinct yet in full agreement with Jesus and the Holy Ghost.

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2. They also are called God elsewhere in the Bible.

II. Father of the Second Member of the Trinity

John 8:28, 29

1. Jesus called Him Father (He never called Joseph father).
2. Jesus spoke as taught by the Father.
3. Jesus acted so as to please the Father.

John 17:1-5

1. Jesus prayed to the Father by that title.
2. Jesus claimed to be the Father's Son (**vs. 1**).
3. Jesus finished the work given Him by the Father (**vs. 4**).
4. Jesus received a people from the Father (**vs. 2**).

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5. Jesus had shared the Father's glory before there ever was a world (**vs. 5**).

Hebrews 1:1-2

1. God speaks through Jesus the Son (**vs. 2**).
2. God has made His Son "*heir of all things*" (**vs. 2**).

Hebrews 1:5-9

1. Father has a relationship with the Son that He never had with angels (**vs. 5**).
2. Son (pre-existed as Son as a begotten one) was brought into the world (**vs. 6**).
3. Father and Son are both God (**vs. 8, 9**).

II Cor. 1:3, 4

1. God is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. As the Father of Jesus, He is also the Father of Mercies and the God of all comfort.

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Gal. 4:4

1. The Father sent the Son.
2. The Father made use of a woman (Mary) that we might be redeemed.

John 3:16

1. God has only one Son specially begotten.
2. Father's love for us is seen by His sending of Jesus.

Matt. 8:29

1. Even the demons recognize that Jesus is the Son of God – therefore that there is a Father.
2. They recognize that the Father's rights of judgment have been given to the Son.

Eph. 1:3, 4

1. As the Father of Jesus, He also is the blesser of the saved.

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2. Blessings are to all He has chosen.

Col. 1:19

1. The Father of Jesus was pleased for all fullness to dwell in Jesus.
2. The fullness of the Godhead can be seen bodily (2:9).

III. Father (spiritual) of the Saved

Matt. 23:9

1. God is the true Father of the Saved.
2. No one else is to be given this title.
3. It is reserved as special for God.

John 1:12, 13

1. Our second birth is of God.
2. We become sons of the Father.

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Rom. 8:15-17

1. Holy Spirit teaches us to say Father. (“*Abba*” is an intimate or family name for Father).
2. Holy Spirit bears witness that we are the Sons of God.

I Pet. 1:3-5

1. Father of Jesus has also begotten us.
2. He keeps us to be revealed in the last time.

II Pet. 1:2-4

1. The Father’s power gives us all things.
2. The Father gives us His nature through the promises.

John 20:17

1. Jesus made it clear that His Father is also Father to us.
2. We thus are of Christ’s family.

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I John 1:3

1. We are to fellowship with the Father of Jesus.
2. We fellowship as sons with a Father.

I John 3:1-3

1. Father desires that we be called His sons!
2. HE exercised and bestowed upon us a special manner of love.
3. This relationship presently makes us so different from the world that they can't really know us.
4. This relationship holds future benefits that are beyond anything we can now see.
5. This relationship and future change cause us to purify ourselves.

II Cor. 6:17, 18

1. God would be a Father to us in all of its benefits.

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2. He expects us to be separate from sin and the world (separated but not isolated or secluded).
3. Lack of separation destroys benefits or our being Fathered by God. (Loss of blessing but not of relationship).

Contrast: John 8:44

1. Lost have devil for their father.
2. Devil's nature and works show themselves.

Matt. 13:38

1. Tares are children of the wicked one.
2. Satan's children often are lost religious people who actually appear rather good.

Eph. 2:2, 3

1. Lost are called children of disobedience and children of wrath.

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2. This in contrast to those who have God as their Father.
3. Two families of humanity – two fathers, two natures, two lifestyles.

IV. Creator (mentioned over 100 times in Scripture)

Gen. 1:1

1. God is the creator.
2. God pre-existed creation.
3. Time began at creation.

Neh. 9:6

1. Creator of all places.
2. Creator of all things.
3. Preserver of creation.

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V. Unseen

Col. 1:15

1. Invisible to us.
2. Seen only in Jesus.

John 1:18

1. God has never been seen in His Person by human eye.
2. God by nature is unseeable.

John 14:7-9

1. Request to “see” the Father shows a misunderstanding of God’s nature.
2. Jesus is the revelations given to help us.

VI. Involved in our Salvation

John 3:16

1. Father loved the world.

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2. Love produced action of sending Jesus as a gift to us.
3. Father's love was to let us have everlasting life instead of perishing.

Gal. 4:4, 5

1. Father sent His Son.
2. Father acted according to a time schedule – when it was the “fullness”.
3. Father had Son sent in human form
 - by virgin birth – “***made of a woman***”
 - by human race – “***under the law***”
4. Father sent Son:
 - to redeem
 - to make possible our adoption.

Isa. 53:6, 10, 11

1. Father laid our iniquity on Jesus.

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2. Father bruised Jesus and put Him to grief (vs. 10).
3. Father made Jesus' soul an offering for sin.
4. Father's pleasure is prosper in Jesus' hand.
5. Father to see the travail of Jesus' soul and be satisfied. Thus, mercy and judgment can meet and a holy Father can justify the sinner! (vs. 11)

Col. 1:12-14

1. The Father made us able and qualified to be partakers of a wonderful inheritance – saints in light have it in common.
2. The Father delivered us from the power of darkness – Satan's Kingdom.
3. The Father charges and moves us into the Kingdom of His dear Son!

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Heb. 9:14

1. Jesus offered Himself to the Father, without spot.
2. Jesus' blood purges our conscience so that we can serve the Father.

VII. Has a Will

Eph. 1:11

1. The Father has a will of His own.
2. He can counsel with His will rather than be subject to the will of others.
3. He works out **all** things according to this counsel of **HIS** will.

Isa. 14:26, 27

1. God's will in purposes cannot be stopped.
2. God's will involves the whole earth and all nations – it is comprehensive

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3. Prophecy is definite because He has thus revealed His will.

Isa. 46:9-11

1. There is no one else's will like the will of God.
2. God's will shall be done. His decisions shall be carried out.

Dan. 4:35

1. God makes decisions that will stand not only for "***the inhabitants of the earth***" but also for "***the army of heaven***".
2. None, Satan included, can stop Him, or even challenge His actions.
3. Even a heathen King learned this and thus regained his sanity.

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Rom. 8:28-31

1. God controls the end from the beginning in our salvation.
2. God guarantees the working together and result of all things in a believer's life.
3. Within God's will, there is surety and safety.

John 6:37

1. Father has given a group of people to Jesus.
2. All those given will come to Jesus.

II Thess. 2:13, 14

1. God has made a choice.
2. Choice involves salvation through
 - a) sanctification
 - b) belief of the truth
3. We enter this salvation as a result of being called by the Gospel.
4. Evidence of being chosen – having believed – having been called is the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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