"Not confounding the persons nor dividing the substance." Athanasian Creed,

1. The external works of the Trinity are undivided. Opera ad extra

- "When God outside His essence works something among His creatures, then the three persons are together and work together, because there is one doer and maker" (p.74).
- --Lest we divide the God-head and have three gods.
- Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- John 5:17,19 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." 19Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.
- John 14:10"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.
- John 16:14-15 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15"All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

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Deut 6:4, Deut 4:35, Deut 32:29, Is 44:6, Is 45:5-7, 1 Cor 8:4-6, Eph 4:6

Creation -

- Genesis 1:1-3 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
- Hebrews 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

"Thus providence and the sustaining and conservation of things are often attributed to one person, and yet it is the common work of the whole Trinity."

- Matthew 6:26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? (also Matthew 10:29)
- Hebrews 1:3 {His Son...} who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
- Psalm 104:30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

"For in the external works (opera ad extra) the three persons are together and work together, and yet with a certain order and with the properties of each person preserved..." p.75

- Romans 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.
- 1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The internal works of the Trinity are divided. Opera ad intra

- "The works which God does outside of all created things, within Himself, are not common to the three persons, but are peculiar to only one person, so that it is characteristic of the Father to beget, or the Son to be begotten, and of the Holy Spirit to proceed from both."
- --Lest we have mingled the persons and teach modalism.
- "(1) The Father is eternal. He has from eternity and of His own essence begotten the Son in His own image. (2) And the Son is the coeternal image of the Father, begotten of the Father from eternity." And the Father by a marvelous decree, given before the foundation of the world when He foresaw that the human race, after it had been created, would fall into sin and death, willed that the Son assume human nature, by an eternal covenant, so that through His blood and death the human race might be redeemed, and thus by faith in Him gain the remission of sins. And also by His resurrection, ascension, and session at the right hand of God the Father, by faith in Him men might achieve righteousness, the Holy Spirit and His gifts, and the inheritance of eternal life, and after the resurrection of the flesh, eternal life when this Son of God and Son of man will come to judge the living and the dead. "(3) And the Holy Spirit from eternity proceeds from the Father and the Son. Thus the Deity has been divinely revealed by the sure Word of God."
 - John 5:32; "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. ... 37"And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.
 - John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—
 - John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - John 15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
 - Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

The Three Persons in the Godhead, p.65

1. Baptism of Christ

Matthew 3:16-17 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the

- Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
- Mark 1:10-11 And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. 11Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
- Luke 3:21-22 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."
- John 1:32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

2. Our Baptism

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

3. Jesus' Words

John 14:16-17 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.