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The doctrine of the Trinity asserts that God exists as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet is one essence. This theological concept shapes Christian life and ministry by influencing their understanding and practice of love, worship, and community. Christians believe that God the Father is the creator, God the Son is the savior, and the Holy Spirit protects, guides, and leads the righteous to eternal life while also watching the actions of everyone (Tozer, 2022). This work in Trinity inspires the love and relationships of Christians with God and others (1 John 4:8). Secondly, this doctrine influences prayer and worship whereby Christians recognize the divine roles of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Thirdly, the trinity influences the hope and community life of Christians through ideas and beliefs. Trinity supports social equality and coexistence among different forms of working as one. Christians derive the sense of equality and cooperation to emulate God as three in one and hope for the ultimate reward of achieving eternal life.

The doctrine of God through attributes of God also influences the Christian life and ministry in different ways. God is characterized as a merciful and gracious Lord, slow to anger, loving, and faithful. (Exodus 34:6-7). Christians visualize and perceive God based on His many attributes (Romans 8:28). That perception influences Christians' life and ministry about holiness, righteousness, grace, mercy, and faithfulness (Jackson et al., 2018). Christians not only strive to emulate God's attributes but also minister to others on how to embrace Christianity by complying with these attributes. This doctrine influences how Christians perceive love and reward based on the idea that God works for those who love him and abhors evil (Romans 8:28). Some Christians practice religious coping by using faith and spirituality to address different problems in their lives (Harris et al., 2019; Matthew 11:28-30); this is influenced by their faith on the attributes of God.

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Matthew 28:19

1 John 4:8

Romans 8:28

Matthew 11:28-30

Exodus 34:6-7

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