

So the word persona in Latin they decided was as good a word as any to represent the difference between God the Father and God the Son. So in Latin they took the word Persona and we take the word in English and say Person. Of course Person is a common English word - a common word with different stages of meaning. Today ~~as~~ in English - person never means a mask. You wouldn't have any idea what I was talking about if I said I put a person on. It just is different now. It is probably as good a word as we can get. Yet it is not identical with our meaning of person because there is one God not three Gods. There are not three Gods with a similar essence. There is one God but there are three persons and it is a mystery we cannot understand. But try to make it clearly as possible in language which can be understood, that God the Father and God the Son are one God but they are identical and yet there are differences. There never was a time when there was not God the Son as well as God the Father. The difference is not merely a manifestation, not merely a difference that came into existence one time but has always been so.