WORSHIP THE TRINITY

The Doctrine of the Trinity, part three

Introduction:

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true <u>God</u>, and <u>Jesus Christ</u> whom You have sent

John 17:24 ... for You loved Me before the foundation of the world

* To not embrace God as a Trinity is to lose your <u>SOUL</u>; To try to fully comprehend the Trinity is to lose your <u>MIND</u>; But to not know God as a Trinity is to lose your <u>HEART</u>!

#1 UNITY - GOD is

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is ONE

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

#2 DIVERSITY - GOD is _____

1st The Role of the

*Turn to Matthew 6

1 Corinthians 15:28 When all things are subjected to <u>Him</u>, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

- The Father also functions as THE GRAND ARCHITECT, the designer of creation, redemption and the end Ephesians 1:11b having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will
- The Father is also the giver of every GOOD and PERFECT gift James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow
- The Father often provides and WORKS THROUGH THE SON AND THE SPIRIT because they are ONE Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ

2nd The Role of the

The Son is the person who visibly MANIFESTS GOD to humanity

The Son is under the HEADSHIP or AUTHORITY of the Father

- Ephesians 1:20-23 seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. John 8:28-29 So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. 29 ...for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him
- The Son functions in loving RELATIONSHIP with the Father John 14:31... so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me

3rd The Role of the _

The Spirit is the one who INSPIRED the human authors of scripture to write God's Word

2 Peter 1:20-21 know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God

EVANGELISM empowered by the Spirit proclaims the Gospel of Christ

Acts 1:8 you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth

The Spirit alone brings REGENERATION

John 3 3 Jesus ... said..., "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is BORN OF THE SPIRIT

The Spirit brings about SANCTIFICATION, progressively and cooperatively achieved, makes us more like Christ Ephesians 5:18 be filled with the Spirit

* The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are EACH ... fully God, ... equally God, ... eternally God, ... simultaneously God

* Harmonious

#3 The Trinity is uniquely

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love

- * Someone who uniquely radiates the love and joy of Christ
- * The Baptism of Jesus
- * Screwtape letters

Mark 14:36 He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.

Romans 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "<u>Abba</u>! Father!" Galatians 4:6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

John 17:26 I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them

* The Triune God compared to Allah

John 17:24 you loved me before the foundation of the world

A – Being Trinitarian is an awesome _____

- 1 Being Trinitarian results in a HUMBLE life
- 2 Believing the Trinity is a _____ lifestyle
- 3 Trinitarian life is a WORSHIPFUL life
- 4 Being Trinitarian is having a heart of _____
- 5 Believing the Trinity encourages us to appreciate DIVERSITY
- 6 A follower of the Trinity lives a life of _____
- 7 A Trinitarian life is a JOYFUL life
- 8 A belief in the Trinity results in an ______ life Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- * A Loving uncle

B – Being Trinitarian is amazing _____

1 The Trinitarian gospel alone can give you _____ by Grace

- 2 The Trinitarian gospel alone can _____ you with Grace
- John 17:26 ...the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them

1 Peter 1:8 though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory

2 Corinthians 3:18 we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord **Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit**, be with you all

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD ...

1-Why do you believe each person of the Godhead is fully God but has a different role?

2-Why do believers tend to focus on one person of the Trinity over the other two?

3-How is the Biblical Trinity different and better than the 'gods' of human imagination?

4-How should the truth of the Trinity make a difference in how we live our daily lives?

5-What has been your favorite truth learned through the Trinity sermon series, and why?

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