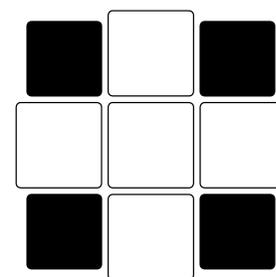


Blessed Three in One

Scripture: Matthew 28:18–20

Sunday, May 25, 2014

Corroborating Texts: 1 John 3:1; John 1; John 14:16–17;
2 Corinthians 13:14; Gen 1:1, 2, 26; Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 1:3–7;
Romans 8:11; Ephesians 2:18–22



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Overview

The three-persons of the one God, the Trinity, gives us purpose for life, meaning and mission.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is the Trinity so hard to explain? [It is altogether incomprehensible.] What are some ways that people try to explain this doctrine? How do these explanations fall short?
2. Who is God as Father? [Provider, Protector, Lover of our souls; 1 John 3:1] Why do so many people struggle with relating to or understanding God as Father? [How poorly our fathers love on earth, corrupt how we see our Father in heaven.] What are some images or language in the Bible that convey God as our Father? [Spiritual Adoption]
3. Who is God as Son? [Savior, Servant, Sacrifice; John 1] How does Jesus function in all these roles? Look at John 1. What do we learn about who Jesus is in this passage? What does John mean by “The Word?” [presence, cohabitation, unity - even union]
4. Who is God as Holy Spirit? [Guide, Empowerment, Presence; John 14:16–17] How does the Holy Spirit function in these roles? Are there other roles in which the Holy Spirit functions? [Advocate, Counselor, Endower of Gifts]
5. What are four roles and purposes that the Trinity fulfill? [Creator, Savior, Object of worship, Commissioner of mission]
6. What are Scriptures that demonstrate the Trinity as Creator? [Genesis 1:1, 2, 26; Colossians 1:16] What is the implication of this? [We submit and receive his rule.]
7. What are Scriptures that demonstrate the Trinity as Savior? [Ephesians 1:3–7; Romans 8:11] What is God the Father's function? [election, adoption] What is God the Son's function? [payment, sacrifice, resurrection] What is the function of the Holy Spirit? [giver of life; Romans 8:11]
8. What are Scripture that demonstrate the Trinity as object of worship? [Ephesians 2:18-22] What does access to God free us to do? [prayer]
9. What are Scriptures that demonstrate that the Trinity gives us our mission? [Matthew 28:18–20] How do we see our mission as being Trinitarian? What is the function of each person of the Trinity in our mission? [Father gives authority. Son sends. Holy Spirit equips.]