

The Trinity

Class 1: Introduction

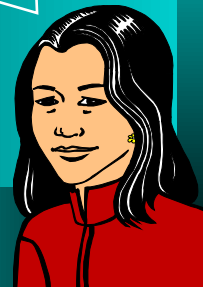
Importance for Living



Why study
the Trinity?

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Why Is the Trinity Relevant?

The Trinity is
for professors.
I just care about
practical things.



The Bible shows how our
Trinitarian God
is involved every day!



The Trinity and How It Makes a Difference in Your Life

- ◆ Child of God
- ◆ Hearing God
- ◆ Reflecting God
- ◆ New life
- ◆ Praying
- ◆ Being saved
- ◆ Being indwelt

God Is Three Persons

1 Come, thou Almighty King,

... Father, all glorious, ...

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word,

3 Come, Holy Comforter,

4 To the great One in Three

eternal praises be

1

Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our pray'r attend.

Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy Word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.

3

Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

4

To the great One in Three
eternal praises be,
hence evermore.

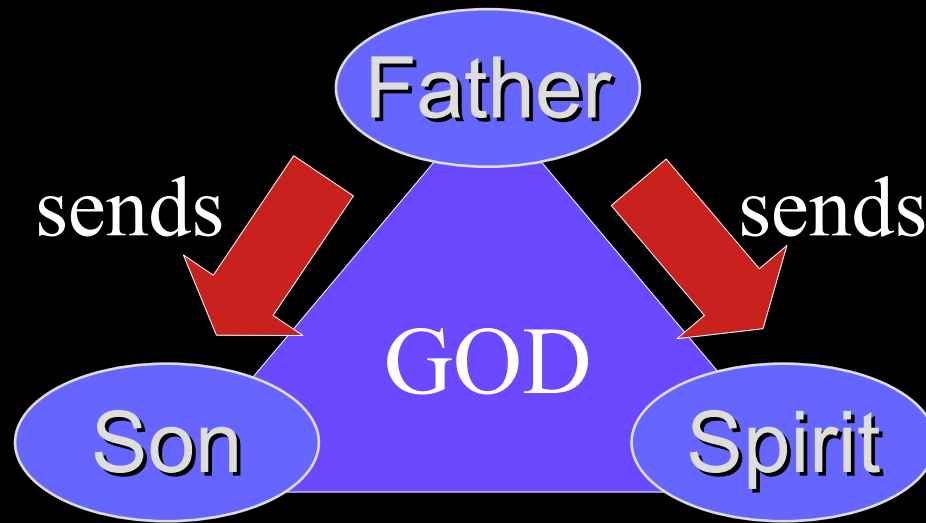
His sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

B. Supporting Verses

Child of God: Gal. 4:4-6

4 But when the fullness of time had come, **God** sent forth **his Son**, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as **sons**. 6 And because you are **sons**, God has sent the **Spirit** of his **Son** into our hearts, crying, “Abba! **Father!**”

Being a Child of God



- ◆ The Father is your Father
- ◆ In the Son you are a son
- ◆ The Spirit makes you know it and say it

Action Plan: Gal. 4:4-6

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Plan of the
Father

Accomplishment
by the Son

Application
by the Spirit

Action Plan of God for a Rock



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- ◆ The Father planned this rock
- ◆ The Son specified this rock
- ◆ The Spirit breathed this rock

You Hear God: John 17:8

For I [Jesus] have given them [the disciples] the words that you [the Father] gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

- ◆ Jesus has given words
- ◆ From the Father
- ◆ Received by the illumination of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit Teaches

John 14:26. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

You Reflect God: 2 Cor. 3:17-18

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Glory and the Holy Spirit

1 Pet. 4:14: If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Isa. 63:11. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit,

You Have New Life: Rom. 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

- ◆ Rom. 6:3-11; Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:20; 3:1-4; 1 Pet. 1:3-5

You Pray: Rom. 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

◆ Eph. 1:15-17; Heb. 7:23-25; 10:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:5.

You Are Being Saved: Gal. 4:4-5

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You Are Indwelt: Rom. 8:9-10

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

◆ John 14:23; 17:21-23; 1 Cor. 6:19.

You Are Under Care: Eph. 1:22

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

◆ Eph. 1:20-23; Heb. 13:20-21; John 10:14-18.

You Serve: Eph. 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

◆ Eph. 4:10-13; Phil. 2:12-13; Col. 3:10-13.

You Serve through the Trinity

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- ◆ God the Father as planner
- ◆ God the Son as accomplishing the workmanship, united to us
- ◆ God the Spirit as applying, empowering us

God Sustains You: Heb. 1:3

He [the Son] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

◆ 1 Cor. 15:24-28; Eph. 1:20-23; Rev. 1:18.

Picture of Trinity: Matt. 3:16-17

16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Picture of Trinity: Matt. 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ...