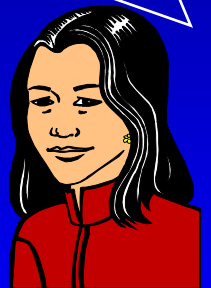


The Trinity: Class 3: Indwelling

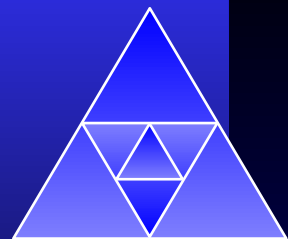
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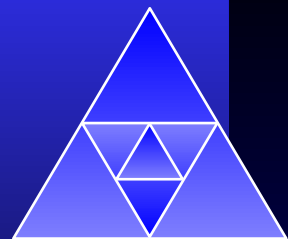


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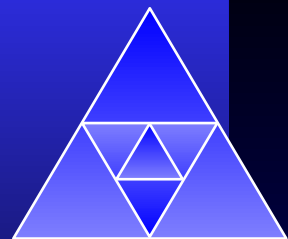


God Is Three Persons



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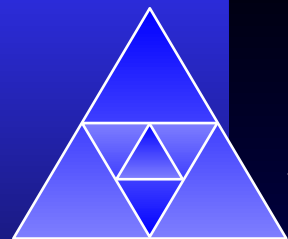
Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.



2

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

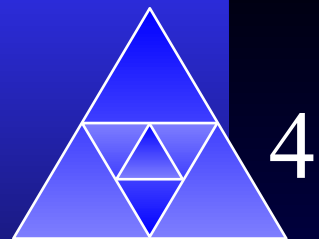
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy Word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.



3

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

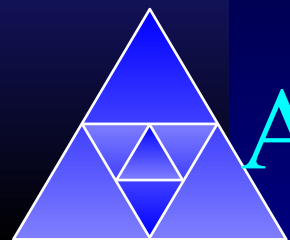
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.



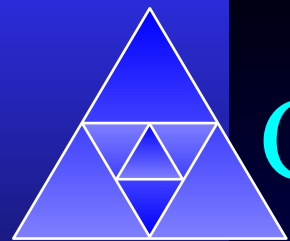
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To the great One in Three
eternal praises be,
hence evermore.

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



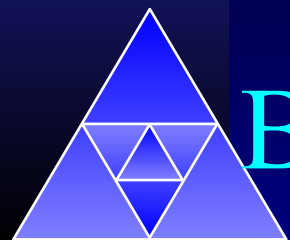
A. Application



Child of God: Gal. 4:4-6

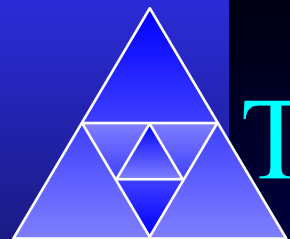
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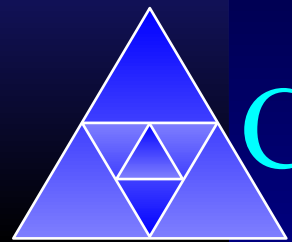
B. Basic Summary of Indwelling

Each person of the Trinity dwells in the other two.

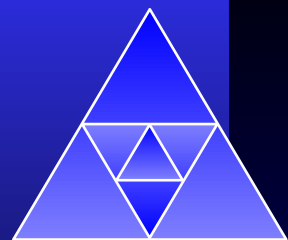


Terminology

- Being *in* another
- Mutual indwelling
- Coinherence
- Circumincessio, circumcessio, circumcession
- Perichoresis

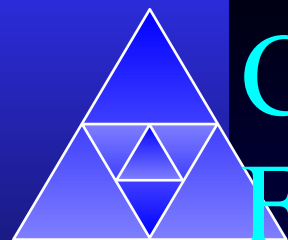


C. Biblical Support



Aspects of Personal Fellowship among the Persons of the Trinity

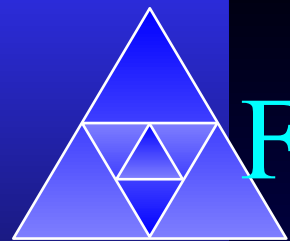
- Being "in": indwelling, abiding in
- Knowing each other
- Joint action in power



C1. Abiding and indwelling Father and Son In: John 17:21

that they may all be one, just as you,
Father, are in me, and I in you, that they
also may be in us, so that the world may
believe that you have sent me.

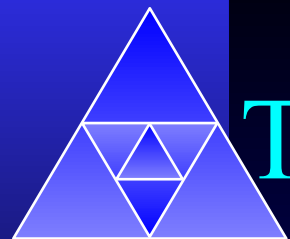
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Father and Son In: John 14:10-11

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

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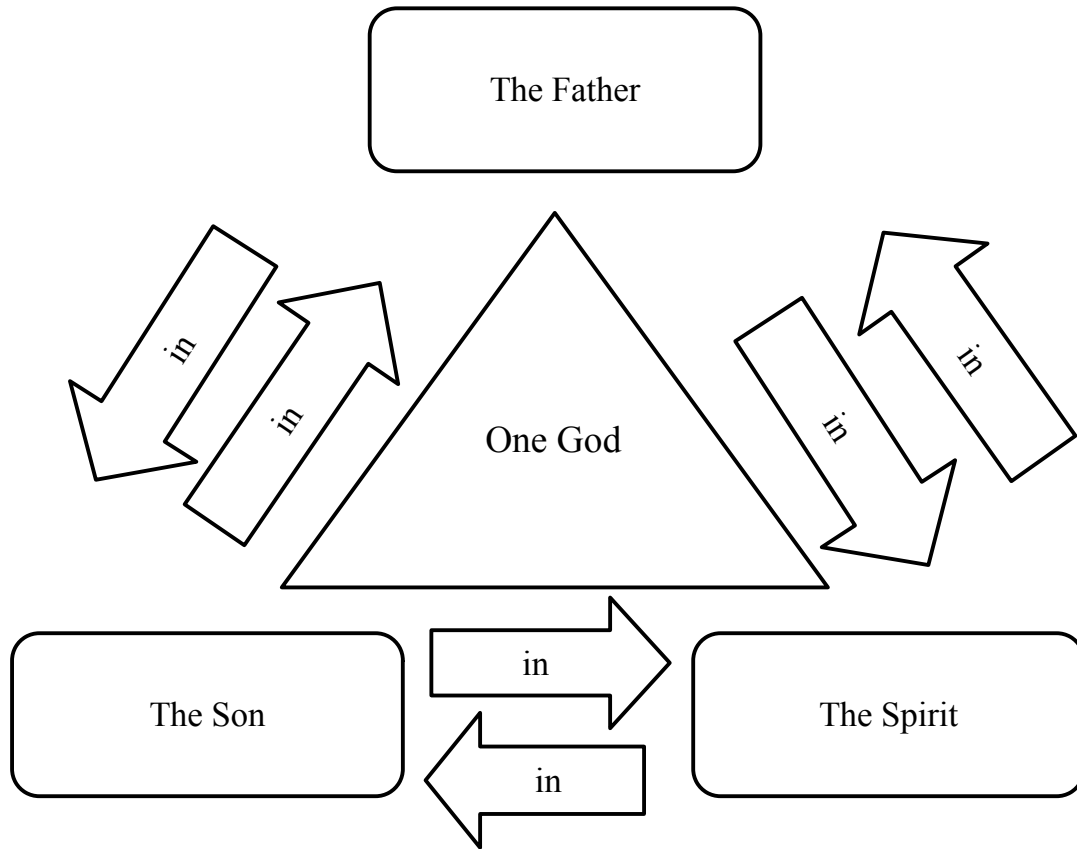


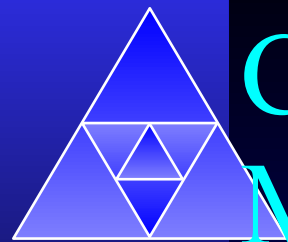
The Holy Spirit In: 1 Cor. 2:11

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

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Dwelling In

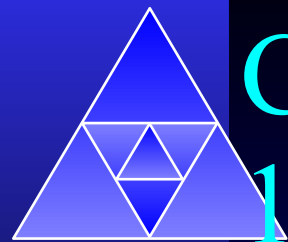




C2. Persons Knowing Each Other: Matt. 11:27

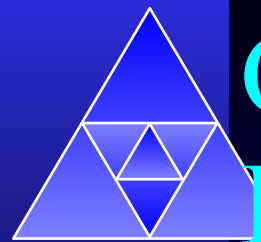
All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

- 1 Cor. 2:10-11; John 5:20; 16:30' Heb. 4:12-13; 1 John 3:20.



C2. Persons Knowing Each Other: 1 Cor. 2:10-11

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C3. Persons Acting in Power in Each Other: John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

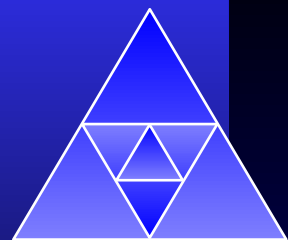
- Gen. 1:1-2; 1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 1:11; Ps. 104:30; Luke 4:18; Heb. 1:3; Rom. 8:11; John 10:17-18; 14:10.



Father and Son Work: John 14:10-11

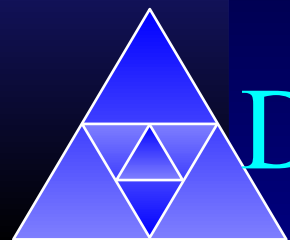
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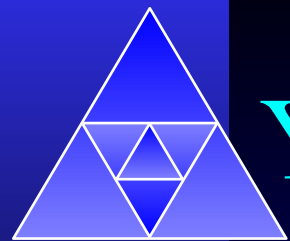


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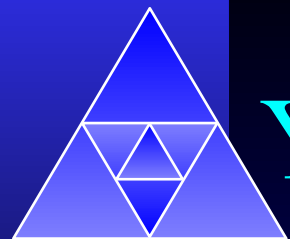
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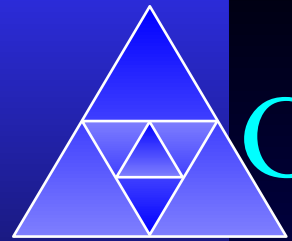
■ Gal. 4:1-7; Rom. 8:14-17; Eph. 1:5; John 1:12-13.



You Hear God: John 17:8

For I have given them the words that you 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.

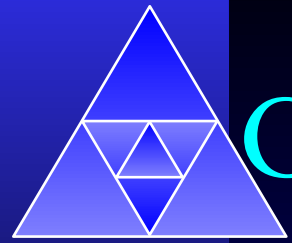
■ John 1:1; 15:26; 16:12-15; Heb. 1:1-2.



God Speaks for Plants (Gen. 1:11)



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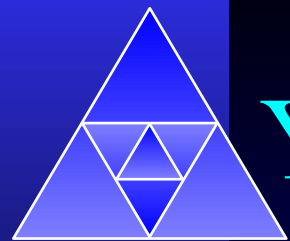


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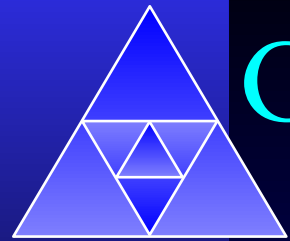
And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so.



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.

■ Rom. 8:29; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; Lev. 19:2; Matt. 5:13-17.

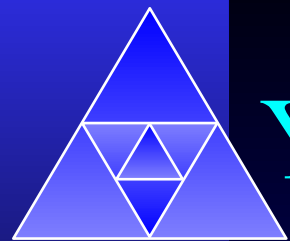


God Creates an Image (Gen. 1:26)



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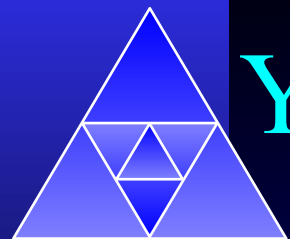
Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. ...”



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.

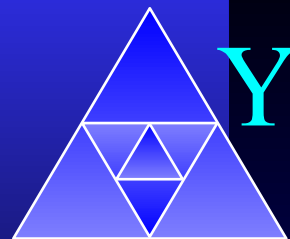
- Rom. 6:3-11; Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:20; 3:1-4; 1 Pet. 1:3-5



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.

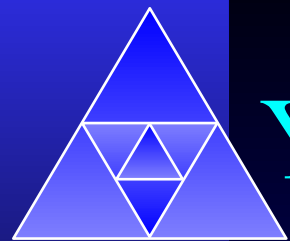
■ Eph. 1:15-17; Heb. 7:23-25; 10:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:5.



You Pray: Rom. 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

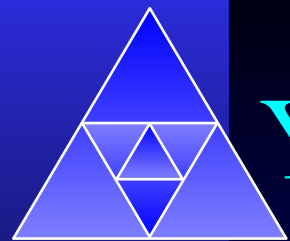
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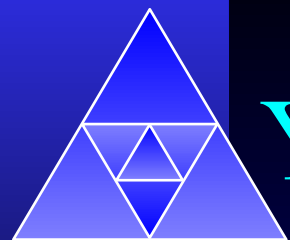


You Are Indwelt: Rom. 8:9-10

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

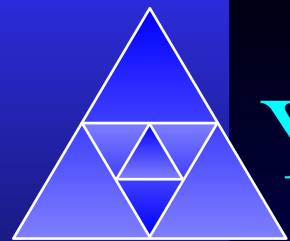
■ John 14:23; 17:21-23; 1 Cor. 6:19.



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,

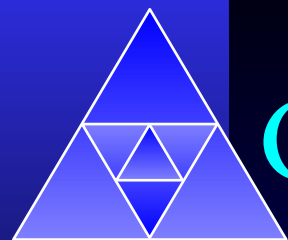
■ Eph. 1:20-23; Heb. 13:20-21; John 10:14-18.



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.



God Sustains You: Heb. 1:3

He 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.