

INTRODUCING THE TRINITY!

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Trinity, Trinitas is a way forward to at least having language!

1. The Trinity is revealed by the Scripture

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You are minding your own business and then you are confronted by ...what? The Trinity!

Son: obeying – by...

(Holy) Spirit – descending & empowering

Father – speaking, confirming & affirming

Genesis 1:26 And God said, **Let us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Genesis 1:27** So God created man **in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died **I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.** **Isaiah 6:2** Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. **Isaiah 6:3** And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: The whole earth is full of his glory.** **Isaiah 6:4** And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. **Isaiah 6:5** Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. **Isaiah 6:6** Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: **Isaiah 6:7** And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. **Isaiah 6:8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, **Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?** Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **Matthew 28:19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** **Matthew 28:20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

One God in 3 persons!

One what & 3 who's

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

2. The Trinity is **experienced in salvation**

Ephesians 2:18

For **through** (δι' αὐτοῦ) him
we both have access
by (ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι) one Spirit
unto (πρὸς τὸν πατέρα) the Father.

The very nature of salvation requires the Trinity – **even if you don't understand the concept at all!**

- **Because of the work of the son...**
- **By means of the work of the Holy Spirit**
- **To the Father**

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath **chosen us in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: **Ephesians 1:5** Having **predestinated us** unto the adoption of children **by Jesus Christ** to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, **Ephesians 1:6** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted **in the beloved**. **Ephesians 1:7** **In whom we have redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; **Ephesians 1:11** **In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: **Ephesians 1:12** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. **Ephesians 1:13** **In whom** ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: **in whom** also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, **Ephesians 1:14** **Which is the earnest of our inheritance until** the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Chosen by the Father

Redeemed in & by the Son

Sealed by the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, **but the same Spirit**.

1 Corinthians 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, **but the same Lord**.

1 Corinthians 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, **but it is the same God** which worketh all in all.

3. The Trinity is **formulated out of necessity!**

Sooner or later you will hear the most brilliant of statements: "Trinity is never found in Scripture!"

The word Trinity is never found in Scripture but the concept is found everywhere!!!

One God

Three who are called God

What are our options?

- **Deny the 1st proposition**
- **Deny the 2nd proposition**
- **Formulate the word for the truths that are taught throughout Scripture!**

Trinity / Trinitas!

All analogies will fail to emphasize all the truths of the Triune God.