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Trinity Sunday Sermon – June 12, 2022

Scripture Reading: John 10:27-39 and Acts 2:22-41

Golden Verse: John 15:26

Today is Trinity Sunday and God's message is about the Trinity, which is the main foundation of our faith. We profess God as one, and yet as three. God declares Himself as the Trinity.

God is a unity presenting Himself in three different persons. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three, but ONE GOD.

All persons are equal and eternal. Each is separated but still ONE. In the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, we see God, and then experience the love of God through faith, through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. This is not an abstract dogmatic truth, but a reality in our everyday, personal lives. God works in our lives as the Trinity: as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Persons of the Trinity are very clearly outlined and manifested in the New Testament.

At the beginning of the Old Testament, God says, "Let us create man in our own image." So, God exists in several persons.

The people of Israel came to know the Trinity by looking at the works of creation and providence. God redeemed His people. God, the Creator, who created with the power of His word, "The Word became flesh," and the Holy Spirit took up residence in the Church.

The clearest references are in the New Testament.

1. God exists in three persons. In Matthew 28:18, we read, "*Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*"

In 2 Corinthians 13:13, "*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.*"

In Ephesians 4:4-6, we can see all three people side by side: "*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*"

2. All three persons are completely God. Separately, the scriptures say things about each of the three people that you can only say about God.

The New Testament speaks clearly of the relationship between the Trinity.

God sends His Son

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16.

“But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law” Galatians 4:4.

And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world, He says: *“Let all God’s angels worship Him”* Hebrews 1:6.

Jesus Himself appears several times in the Gospels with the claim that "the Father sent me."

And both the Father and the Son send the Spirit: *“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me”* John 15:26.

“But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you” John 16:7.

Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father” Galatians 4:6.

We see the Father addressing the Son. We also see the Son speaking intimately to the Father. The Trinity appears in several stories.

When Jesus was baptized, the Father declares that *“this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,”* (Matthew 3:17) and the Holy Spirit descends upon the Son in a form like a dove.

In the last commandment of Jesus, He said: *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”* Matthew 28:19. It is a personal revelation of the Trinity from Jesus Christ.

Elsewhere in the New Testament, the Trinity is listed side by side: *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work”* 1 Corinthians 12:4-6.

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

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote: *“To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood: grace and peace be yours in abundance”* 1 Peter 1:1-2.

We see, then, that both the Old and New Testaments speak clearly of the Trinity, teaching its existence. That is why we believe and confess the existence of the Trinity.

It is one in the essence of God. We do not believe in three Gods, but only in one. Nevertheless, we believe that the same God is indivisible and inseparably different from one person, as our creeds put it. Scripture distinguishes a person.

There are certain personal characteristics by which we can distinguish the persons of the Trinity. Scripture attributes certain works in a distinct way to a divine person, and thus they can be distinguished. Creation and providence are attributed to the Father, salvation to the Son, and sanctification to the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity is ONE and three persons.

Someone said that the Trinity is like the Sun, its light and its warmth.

How do people relate to each other?

1. All three persons are completely equal to God.
2. All three persons have all the divine attributes. Divine roles are indeed different, but ONE in THREE persons. I, as a person, am a single person, but I have several responsibilities: husband, father, brother. God is one, yet three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God is like BREAD: contains flour, water and yeast.

There is no subordination or superiority within the Trinity, so it is not the Father who is at the top, then the Son and the Spirit. They are the same in the first place.

Let us believe in our God as the Heavenly Father, who created us and cares for us daily. We can live a whole life because we get food, drink every day, and we are kept alive because God takes care of us.

Let us believe in Him as in the Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us on the cross, that we may be forgiven of our sins, that we may be redeemed from them, and that the eternal life may be ours.

Let us believe in Him as in the Holy Spirit, who can prepare our hearts and prepare our will to live for God by walking on the path of sanctification.

It is not enough to just confess God in words. Knowing and believing in Trinity is not enough. Our relationship with God must change our lives. If we believe in our Heavenly Father, we will see by faith that God will work in us.

Through Jesus Christ, I am a child of the Father and live as a child in everyday life. Not just as a human being, but as a child who has a loving Father who gives him everything he needs, who takes care of him. I belong to someone.

If I believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, I follow my Master, my King, as a redeemed, forgiven man. My sin is forgiven on the cross of Calvary.

And if I believe in the Holy Spirit I must live as a devoted person, as a saint who is separated for Him. The word saint means that I am separated to God, I am destined for Him, and my whole life serves Him. If I believe in the Holy Spirit and in His renewing, sanctifying work, this direction must be manifested in my life. It must be seen that I am striving for obedience to God, even if I cannot progress so much in Him, but the Holy Spirit works in us, of its own fruit. We should point to the Holy Spirit and present a new purpose to those around us, to give us the meaning of our lives, to live for God, and to give thanks to Him for all that He has done for us. This sacrament must be manifested in us. It is not enough, then, to confess the Trinity orally, but to confess God with our lives and actions. Let it be. Amen