

## The Holy Trinity #2

### Sermon Scriptures

#### Review of a few of last week's points:

- a. God is One God
  - Deuteronomy 6:4 **Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.**
  - Deuteronomy 32:39 **there is no god besides Me.**
  - John 17:3 **the only true God.**
- b. This God is three Persons
  - Matthew 3:16-17 **When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**
  - Matthew 28 **baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**
  - Zechariah 14:9 **The LORD is one, and His name one.**
- c. These three Persons are not each a third of God, but are each fully God, equal in power, attributes and glory. They do not differ in their divine nature, but only in their roles and relationships.

#### Roles and Relationships

1. **The Father is Supreme among the Persons of the Godhead**
  - John 8:28-29 **Jesus said, ...I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things....**
  - Psalm 2
  - Matthew 11:27 **All things have been delivered to Me by My Father.** 1 Corinthians 15:28?

- **For He [that's the Father] has put all things under His [that's the Son's] feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. (v. 27)**
- **Now when all things are made subject to Him [that is, Jesus], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. (v. 28)**
- **John 16:13 when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.**

**2. Yet They are still equal in power, glory, nature, attributes.**

- **John 5:18 making Himself equal with God.**
- **Philippians 2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God.**
- **Ephesians 1, The Father as decision maker and planner.**
- **He chose in Christ (v. 4). He made us accepted in the Beloved (v. 6). He made His grace and wisdom to abound toward us (v. 8). It was His plan (verse 9). He will guarantee that all things will be gathered together in Christ (verse 10). Verse 11 says, **In Him [that is, in Christ] also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him [that is the Father] who works all things according to the counsel of His will.****

**3. The Father generously provides and gives**

- **John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me.**
- **John 12:49, the Father gives authority to the Son.**
- **John 6:27, the Father gave His approval to the Son.**
- **John 1:32-33 shows that the Father gave His Spirit to the Son**
- **John 3:34 indicates that the Spirit was given without measure.**

- The Father gives His praise to the Son (**This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.**)
- The Father backs up the Son. **Hear Him.**
- He gives words to the Son that the Son -> Spirit -> apostles. **For I have given to them the words which You have given Me** (John 17:8).
- James 1:17 **Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.**
- Romans 8:31-32 **What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**
- Ephesians 3:14-15 (various translations)
  - (Phillips) (from whom all fatherhood, earthly or heavenly, derives its name),
  - (Amplified) For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named -- [that Father] from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name.
  - (Barclay, Daily Study Bible) of whose fatherhood all heavenly and earthly fatherhood is a copy,
  - The Translator's New Testament says, "A play on Greek words is involved here. The meaning is that the whole human idea of family and fatherhood owes its origin to God the Father."
  - Tyndale New Testament Commentary says, "He is also the One from whom alone all the fatherhood that there is derives its meaning and inspiration. From Him it derives its existence and its concept . . . ."
- John 6:44 **No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**
- Ephesians 1:4-12

- Acts 17:25 **Nor is He worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.**
- Psalm 100:2 **serve the LORD**
- **Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth** (Gen. 1:28),

### **Further Applications**

#### **4. learn from God, what fatherhood is all about.**

##### **Being honored, obeyed, taken seriously**

- Malachi 1:6 **A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My fear? Says the Lord of hosts.**
- **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name.**
- **I honor My Father** (John 8:49),
- Ephesians 6:2 says, *“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:*

##### **Being generous, providing for, protecting, nourishing, etc.**

- Romans 8:32 **He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how shall he not with Him also freely give us all things?**
- Romans 5:5 **the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

##### **Being tender**

- Psalm 103:13 **As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD tenderly sympathizes with those who revere Him.**
- John 5:17. **But Jesus answered them, The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him (John 1:18)**
- **the Father of mercies and God of all comfort** 2 Corinthians 1:3.

**5. God's glorious delegation**

- John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."
- John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."
- John 5:20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

**6. Backing up those laboring under your authority, encouraging and supporting them**

- John 5:23 that all should honor the Son *just* as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.
- Matthew 12:32. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.
- If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also (John 8:19).
- "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

**7. Delighting in submitting to authority, encouraging and respecting; delighting in leading sacrificially.**

- I delight to do Your will O my God.
- John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.