

Revelation 1:4-5a Trinity

The Triune God gives and governs your life for your ultimate good and for His glory.

Grace=God gives you life—initially and continually

Peace=God governs your life—initially and continually

How does the Triune God give and govern your life for your ultimate good and for His glory? Three Divine Works (ordaining, equipping, and reigning) for one Divine purpose:

1. The **sovereign Father** who rules history has **ordained you** for life.
 - a. “Him who is and who was and who is to come”—expansion of “I Am” (Exod. 3:14)
 - b. “Who is to come” rather than “Who is” focuses on history, particularly God’s goal for history
 - c. How do grace and peace come from the Lord of history? He has ordained you for life before the foundation of the world (Rev. 17:8; 20:15). He will reward you with life at the consummation of the kingdom (Rev. 11:17-18).
2. The **wise Spirit** who anointed Christ **equips you** for life.
 - a. “The Seven Spirits who are before His throne”—variant expression for the Sevenfold Spirit of God in Isaiah 11:1-2
 - b. The allusion to Isaiah focuses on the Spirit’s ministry of equipping, first the Messiah, and then the Messiah’s community.
 - c. Rev. 11:4 alludes to Zechariah 4:2-14 also pointing to the Spirit’s ministry of empowering and equipping His people for “Kingdom/Temple building.”
 - d. How do grace and peace come from the Spirit of Wisdom? He equips us with strength and with wisdom to be faithful witnesses in the face of great evil.
3. The **incarnate Son** who rules the earth **reigns through you** for life.
 - a. “The Faithful Witness”=The Prophet who dies for His people
 - b. “The Firstborn of the dead”=Resurrection; implying ours after His
 - c. “The Ruler of kings on earth”=Present Reign of Christ
 - d. “made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father”=Some manuscripts read “kings and priests” (cf. 5:10 “and they shall reign on earth”)
 - e. How do grace and peace come from the incarnate Son? He reigns through us as His faithful witnesses. Even in death, we have true life (cf. 11:11).

One Divine Purpose: “To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

- God has ordained that “all things must be subservient to my salvation.” Trust Him.
- The Holy Spirit thoroughly equips us for tasks that are beyond us. Rely on Him.
- Full reality is seen by faith in Christ, the King. Look to Him.
- The reign of Christ is expressed through our witness to the Truth. Confess the Triune God.