

The Foundation of Our Faith - Theology
The Doctrine of the Trinity

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. What did you learn about the Trinity that you did not realize before?
2. How does knowing that God is manifested in these three persons help us live for God better?

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Genesis 1:1

Thought:

Tuesday – Psalm 2:7, Matthew 3:16-17

Thought:

Wednesday – John 14:16-17

Thought:

Thursday – 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Thought:

Friday – 1 Peter 1:2, 3:18

Thought:

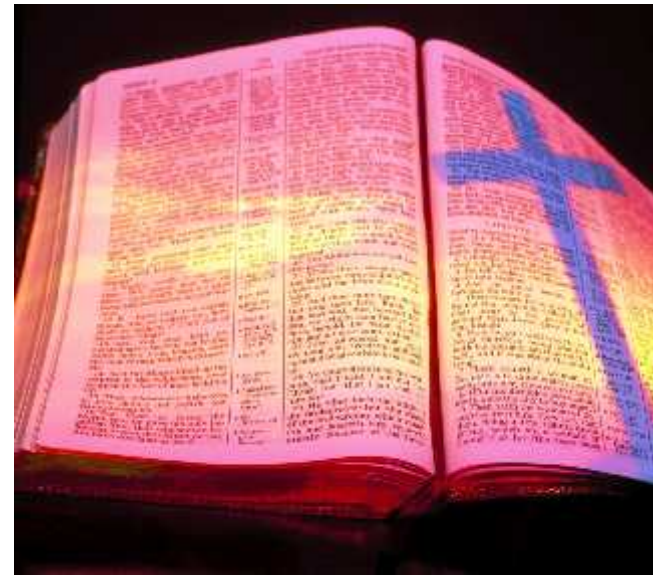
Saturday – Proverbs 16:1, 3-4, 9, 33

Sunday – “*The Providence of God*”

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Matthew 28:16-20

I. Some Basic Facts

- A.** *There is only one God* – 1 Corinthians 8:4-6
- B.** *God is undivided & indivisible in his nature*
- C.** *The doctrine of the Trinity is from revelation not natural theology* – it distinguishes Christianity from all others.
- D.** *Definition* – God is one, undivided & indivisible in His nature & essence and is manifested in three distinct persons who are all fully God in unity.

II. Biblical Teaching

- A. *The name for God*** – Genesis 1:1
 - 1. “Elohim” – a plural noun (the verb is singular)
 - 2. Used 2, 596 times in the OT.
- B. *The Reference to the three persons***
 - 1. The Great Commission – Matthew 28:16-20
 - 2. The baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:16-17
 - 3. The promise of the comforter – John 14:15-17
 - 4. The work of God in our lives
 - a. In the use of the gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
 - b. In salvation – 1 Peter 1:1-2
 - c. In the work of Christ – 1 Peter 3:18
 - d. In the prayer for the saints – 2 Corinthians 13:14
- C. *What does this doctrine teach us?***
 - 1. That there is one God
 - 2. That He exists in three persons
 - 3. That all three are God
 - 4. It helps answer 4 basic questions:
 - Who is God?
 - What is God like?
 - How does God work?
 - How can God be approached?

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