

## Trinity Session 11

- I. Session 16: Implications #1: The Trinity Glorifies Christ
- a. Establish the Need: We have seen last session that the members of the Trinity are distinct **but what is the relationship between the members of the Trinity like?**
  - b. Purpose: In this session we shall consider that one of the ways the members of the Trinity relate to one another is that both the Father and the Son seeks to glorify Christ.
  - c. The Son does glorify the Father
    - i. **John 7:18**= "*He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*"
      1. In context this is what Jesus said after the Jews were astonished with how learned Jesus was in **verse 15**.
      2. This is Jesus speaking about Himself because no one else can claim to have "*no unrighteousness.*"
      3. Jesus then is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, that is, the Father.
    - ii. **John 12:28**= "*Father, glorify Your name.*" *Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."*
      1. In context this took place the last week before Jesus' death.
      2. Jesus makes it very clear that He wants the Father to be glorified.
    - iii. **John 17:4**= "*I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.*"
      1. In context this was Jesus' prayer the night before His death.
      2. We know Jesus is addressing His prayers to the Father in light of **verse 1, 5, 11, etc.**
      3. Note Jesus says He glorified the Father on earth.
      4. **How did Jesus glorified the Father?** "*having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.*"
  - d. The Son's does pray to the Father that He be glorified with the Father
    - i. **John 17:5**= "*Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*"
      1. In context this was Jesus' prayer the night before His death.
      2. The Son wants the Glory He had with the Father "*before the world was.*"
      3. It is not to have more glory than the Father but with the Father.
      4. Note there is no contradiction with other passages where Jesus says He does not want to self-glorify Himself because He's asking to be glorified not for selfish gain but in His upcoming suffering to save sinners.
    - ii. **John 17:1**= "*Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,"*"

1. **Why does Jesus want glory?** Note here the purpose that Jesus wants to be glorified: “*glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You.*”
  2. **The Father obviously has glory already so what is Jesus talking about?** Here we see that Jesus’ purpose to be glorified is to increase the glory of the Father!
- e. The Father glorifies the Son
- i. **John 8:54**= “*Jesus answered, ‘If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’*”  
So clearly stated!
  - ii. **John 17:22**= “*The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one*”  
Here in Jesus’ prayer that Jesus didn’t just only ask to be glorified but also affirm the truth that the Father will glorify Him: “*The glory which You have given Me*”
  - iii. **John 17:24**= “*Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world*”
    1. Here Jesus is praying for all believers.
    2. Jesus wants all believers to see His glory that God the Father has given Him.
- f. The Spirit glorifies the Son  
(Note: The focus of the Spirit is on the Son!)
- i. **John 16:14**= “*He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.*”
    1. **Verse 13** indicates that Jesus is talking about the Spirit.
    2. The Spirit will glorify Jesus.
    3. **How does the Spirit glorify Jesus?** By revealing truths about Jesus.
      - a. “*for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.*”
      - b. **Verse 13** shows the Spirit does not disclose truth on His own initiative but what is disclosed to Him.
      - c. **Verse 15** teaches truth travels from Father□Son□Spirit□Believers.
  - ii. **John 15:26**= “*When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.*”
    1. We see that the Holy Spirit is a Helper!
    2. **How does the Spirit help?** The Spirit focuses on the Son and testify about Him!
  - iii. **John 14:26**= “*–But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*”
    1. We see that the Holy Spirit is a Helper!
    2. **How does the Spirit help?** The Spirit wants believers to focus on Christ and remember what Christ said!

- iv. The Holy Spirit's ministry goal is to honor and focus on the person and work of the Son, and not merely to advance Himself.
  - 1. The Holy Spirit does that with the Scripture
    - a. The Spirit wrote the Bible:
      - i. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** – <sup>16</sup> *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*
      - ii. **2 Peter 1:20-21** – <sup>20</sup> *But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*
    - b. And the Bible is about Jesus! See **Luke 24:24-27,44**
  - 2. The Spirit empower evangelism pointing to Christ!
 

**Acts 1:8** – *'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses,' says Jesus.*

And what does Peter proclaim on the day of Pentecost when the Spirit descends? Christ crucified, risen, and exalted!
  - 3. The Spirit empower conforms us to be like Christ! See **2 Corinthians 3:18**
- v. In fact the evidence of someone who has the Holy Spirit is that person believing the right truths about Jesus!
  - 1. **1 Corinthians 12:3** – *Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus is accursed'; and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit.*
  - 2. **1 John 4:1-3** – <sup>1</sup> *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you now the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.*
- g. How does this apply to our lives?
  - i. If the Father and Son greater than we are see the importance of glorifying Christ, how about you, do you see the importance of glorifying Christ in your life?
  - ii. Do you read the Scriptures to discover the Person and Work of Jesus?
  - iii. Remember **John 17:4** that one way to glorify God is doing what they want. Do you glorify Christ by doing what He want in loving obedience?

- iv. Jesus shares His glory with us for the purpose of being one in unity (John 17:22); are we united in our Church as one body with Christ?