

Trinity 14

- I. Session 19: The Role of The Trinity in Salvation Part 1: The Father
- a. Overview: We have already seen in previous sessions the Trinity glorifies Christ and also the Son submits to the Father now we shall see how both of these truths comes together in the Trinity's work to bring about salvation for sinners.
 - b. Purpose: We shall see how the Trinity's work to bring about salvation for sinners beginning tonight by seeing the Father's role.
 - c. Establishing the need: Sometimes people say they love Jesus but feel that the Father is distance and cold; but is this the right view of Him?
 - d. The Foundation of our Salvation begins with His love; see **John 3:16**.
 - i. Passage is clearly the most famous verse about salvation.
 1. It talks "*shall not perish, but have eternal life.*"
 2. It also talk about the Son being given for us
 - ii. "*For God so loved the world*" □But which member of the Godhead is this referring to?
 1. The passage goes on to say "*that He gave His only begotten Son*" thus showing this is the Father.
 2. Salvation begins with the Father! Tim Chester once said "Please get this right. It is not that the work of the Son leads to the love of the Father. It is not not htat Jesus made the Father favorably disposed to us, won us His love. It is the other way round. The work of the Son starts with the love of the Father. You pray to a Father who loved you so much that He gave His Son—His only Son, His precious Son, the most valuable thing in the universe—to win you, to redeem you, to adopt you."¹
 - e. The Father predestined the Son to be put to death: "*this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of [u]godless men and put Him to death.*" (**Acts 2:23**)
 - f. The Father blesses us spiritually: "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*" (**Ephesians 1:3**)
 - g. The Father chose us to be set apart: "*4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before [a]Him. In love*" (**Ephesians 1:4**)
 - h. The Father predestined us: "*[b]He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the [c]kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.*" (**Ephesians 1:5-6**)

¹ Tim Chester, *Delighting in the Trinity* (Purcellville, VA: The Good Book Company, 2010), 69.