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So this is the book we were looking at is the Trinity practical. I also picked up also by Dr. McGraw knowing the Trinity. This is a great book. I meant. I don't know if he'll have any in the fall.

I mean in the winter when it comes This is a really good supplement. It's easy to read easy to understand the chapters are clearly broken down, but for a deeper dive into the Trinity, this is this is great.

Okay. Introduction here. Westminster Shorter. Catechism. Number six. Ask the question. How many persons are there in the Godhead? Who remembers the answer? Catechism kids. Who remembers the answer in this courageous enough to speak out. Hey John, you got it. Kind of interested about it Mother. The Sun here. Excellent, very good?

Yes. How many persons are in the godhead? There are three persons in the godhead, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. These three are one. God, the same and substance equal empowering. Glory The Belgic confession of faith from 1561 says, Although this doctrine surpasses human understanding, We nevertheless believe it.

Now through the Word waiting to know and enjoy it more fully in heaven that I think that's an important part. We're going to touch on this and just a little bit more. This, the doctrine of the Trinity is the essence of who our God is, and it does surpass our understanding.

Now, it doesn't mean that we can't understand it. We can't Enough has been revealed in Scripture to where we can fully and completely understand. We can understand who God is One God. In three persons but the the depth of that, the vastness and immensity of that, we just cannot wrap our minds around and that's okay.

And, and it's it, we need to be okay with that because again, this is the essence of who God is Ephesians 2:18, Dr. McGraw brings out as well as others as probably the Seminole verse in Scripture, in the New Testament that deals with the Trinity Ephesians 2:18, says 4 through him.

That's Jesus. We both have our access in one spirit to the Father and we'll break that down just a little bit more here in a minute. The thing that one thing that intrigued me about this, booklet was the title, is the Trinity Practical. And so, what does he mean by that?

Well, In terms of theology, I think you've got things that are practical, you got things that are academic and most things or both, right. But there are some ideas that we think of is very academic, very seminary, level stuff. And then there are things that are very practical day-to-day.

Where does the Trinity fall? Well, it's easy to think that the Trinity is just academic because it is so deep and so fast and it is it is very academic, Dr. McGraw has spent year studying this, He teaches courses at a seminary, but the Trinity is also very, very practical and what I hope it will see as we go through.

This is that having there's a way to have a practical understanding of the Trinity that can and should affect your daily life.

Dr. McGraw quotes is quoted in here saying, we must think of the gospel and our Christian experience in terms of the work of all three divine persons. Why is the Trinity so difficult to understand? Well, first of all, the word Trinity is not in any of your Bibles. We think of a lot of difficult, theological terms, predestination election, adoption justification, sanctification.

And we can find these words in our Bible. So, if we want to know, what scripture says about sanctification, We can look up the word, sanctification. It's in Scripture. The word Trinity is not in your Bible. Now, the truth of the Trinity, the concept of the Trinity, the reality of the Trinity is definitely there.

But I think for some people that I know for me in the past that's made it difficult, you know, there's it's not on the surface, it's not very specifically or clearly laid out and a lot of terms, you have to kind of look for it, but once you see it, you'll see it throughout all the scripture.

The other issue. And I'm going to touch very briefly on some wrong views of the Trinity with a lot of theology. We can use things in creation to help us, to understand it. You think about our Lord and all of his parables, He uses gardening fruits trees animals as a way to illustrate theological terms, and theological truths.

You can't really do that with the Trinity, there's nothing in creation that is like the Trinity. And when we try to associate things in creation to the Trinity at best, we come up short at worst, we could get into some heretical views of it. I'm gonna give you just a couple examples that I've heard in the past and actually even thought of before that are not accurate, but you do hear.

These One is the water explanation people will say, well, water is a solid. It's a liquid and it's a gas. It's like the Trinity. Well, it's not because one water molecule cannot be all three at one time. That's right. Can do it.

The Trinity exists From eternity throughout eternity simultaneously. There is always the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There's never a time when one of the three members has not existed. So that water illustration falls short, Another illustration that sometimes people use is they'll say well I'm someone's son, I'm a group of people's father, I'm a husband.

You know, I wear multiple hats That falls away short too especially when you're looking at me. But again, it's you're talking about one person in different roles different functions. But one person, that's not the Trinity. There is one God. Yes. Three distinct persons again working and existing simultaneously.

I think Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses for two clear examples, they get this wrong. They see a hierarchy there, they see. And I'm not exactly clear on how they view this. But Father, Son, Holy Spirit, that's not true. There's not a hierarchy there. It's Father, Son, Holy Spirit, equal in substance, equal in power.

Equal in glory their scriptures, that refer to the Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son, but is not in a subordinate way, It's not in a hierarchical sense. There's an equality there. There's also a just very briefly. There's a I don't think a doubt. It's recent, it's probably been going on for 2000 years.

But there's this idea floating around called the eternal subordination of the Sun, and it's this idea that Jesus, the Son is eternally, subordinate to the Father and that is incorrect. The Father,

the Son of the Holy Spirit are equal in all things. Existing in one Godhead. So I don't want to deal too much alignment.

We could go for, we own all the misconceptions of the Trinity, but the remember and don't be afraid to not be able to describe the Trinity using things of creation, because it's above and beyond creation. It's it's there's nothing in creation, like it so doesn't trinity matter. Well absolutely, the congregational Savoy declaration of faith.

1658 says, The doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of all. Our communion with God and our comfortable dependence upon that upon him. I like that last part. Our comfortable dependence upon him. Because truly, the practicalness of the Trinity is that when you understand it, it is of great comfort and how we depend upon our God Dutch theologian.

This virtus votious called the Trinity, the foundation of fundamentals. Adding that every article of faith is married to this doctrine, and that makes sense. The Trinity is the essence of who our God is, Therefore everything proceeding from him, every article of doctrine and faith, Trinity lies at the heart of it.

And I thought this was very interesting. That Dr. McGraw, brought out in the book. He said The greatest proof for the doctrine of the Trinity is that Christ and His disciples never set out to prove it. But rather assumed God's try unity as the backdrop of the New Testament.

When I read that, I read it a couple times. I thought. Wow. That's, that's very impressive that they didn't bother to describe it to defend, it It's just assumed. Well, let's look at some examples of Trinitarianism in the New Testament. Starting at Christ's baptism. Matthew 3:16 through 19 says, After being baptized Jesus came up immediately from the water and behold, the heavens were open and he saw the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit descending as a dove lighting on him and behold a voice out of heaven.

Said, this is my beloved Son in whom I am. Well, pleased Here. You clearly see all three members of the Trinity simultaneously, the son on earth, the Spirit descending, and the Father from heaven. Proclaiming who this is all three existing at one time sanitarianism clearly is in the baptism of believers, which we have seen recently, and which we will see soonish this young Mr.

Boaz Matthew 28:19 go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the singular name, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, We see Trinitarianism in the work of redemption Hebrews. 9:28 says so Christ. Also, having been offered up once to bear the sins of many will appear second time for salvation without reference to stand to those who eagerly await him and tying into that.

First, Peter 3:18, for Christ, also died for sins. Once for all The just for the unjust so that he might bring us to God having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, we see Trinitarianism in the doctrine of the church Ephesians. 4:1-6 Therefore I the prisoner of the Lord implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called with all humility and gentleness with patients showing tolerance for one another in love being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace.

There's one body and one spirit just also as you recalled in one. Hope of your calling One. Lord one faith. One baptism. One God and Father of all who is overall and through all and in all and then something that we hear quite often God's blessing upon his people is, of course, very Trinitarian out of second Corinthians 13:14, The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Be with you all The New Testament. Authors. Consistently describe Christian faith and life in Trinitarian terms. Let's look again at Ephesians 2:18 Ephesians 2:18 says four through him. Jesus. We have both our access in one spirit to the Father, Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones wrote concerning this verse that, this is one of the great Trinitarian verses of Scripture and he said, we pause for a moment before it's ineffable mystery.

I had to look up enough image. Two big for words. And Again, I've said this a minute ago and I'll say it again, Do not be afraid to embrace the ineffable mystery of the Trinity that this is our God who we were talking about and there are aspects to him that we just cannot get our finite minds around and that is okay.

If you can get your mind completely around your God, then your God is not big enough and is not the God of the Bible. Looking back at Ephesians 2:18. Christ has shown here as the central means through which sinners come to God through him. The Spirit is the divine person by whose work.

We come to the Father through Christ by one spirit, One spirit. Stresses the unity of believers in Christ. Something we see in first Corinthians 12, If you have your Bibles with you, open up to first Corinthians chapter 12 I got a little bit longer section. I want to read.

1st Corinthians 12 starting at verse four.

Now there are a variety of gifts but the same spirit their variety of ministries but the same Lord, their varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is, given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common, good for the one is given the word of wisdom, through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge.

According to the same spirit to another faith by the same Spirit to another gifts of healing. By the one Spirit into another, the affecting of miracles to another prophecy into another distinguishing of spirits to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one in the same spirit, not spirits, one in the same spirit, working on things distributing to each one individually as he Father Wills, Since all believers participate in the spirit saving work, They are one with each other and one with God.

And finally, in Ephesians 2:18 the father is the goal towards which believers go through the Sun and buy the spirit. As this is unpacked, we see a divine order, not a hierarchy. But in order Believers, come by the Spirit through the Father. Come by the Spirit through the sun to the Father.

But just to make that clear that this is not a hierarchy but an order Ephesians 1, 3 through 14. Paul describes, God approaching us from the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit, the same order. But in reverse, it's a two-way motive traffic through the Trinity which eliminates the idea of hierarchy.

So if you still have your Bibles open, why don't you turn to Ephesians 1? We're going to look at verses 3 through 14.

Ephesians 1 starting at verse 3, blessed, be the God, and Father of our Lord. Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing and the heavenly places in Christ just as he chose us in Him. That's the Father shows us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

If we would be holy and blameless before Him in love, he predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to himself, According to the kind intention of His will to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed. Upon us in the beloved in him, we have

redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which he lavished on us and all wisdom and insight.

He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his kind intention, which he proposed in him. The father in Christ With a view to the administration suitable to the, to the fullness of time, That is the summing up of all things in Christ, Things in the heaven and things in the earth in him.

Also, we have obtained an inheritance in Christ, We have also obtained and inheritance Having been predestined. According to his purposes, who works all things. After the council of his will to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be the praise of his glory in him.

You also After listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having also believed You were sealed in him with the Holy Spirit of promise who has given as a pledge of our inheritance, With the view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory.

We don't quite have the time this morning, but if you break that down that he and the hymns, it's the Father and the son being portrayed verse after verse and equality equal in power and glory. And the Holy Spirit is an amazing amazing. Trinitarian verse there. And again, whereas the first one that we looked at in first Corinthians shows us going to the Father from the Spirit through the sun to the Father.

This shows the Father coming to us through the Sun by the Spirit. Again, it's a Trinitarian order. That's displayed there. It's impossible to have communion with one person of the Godhead without having communion with all three. Persons simultaneously is further demonstrates. The idea of the truth of one God in three, distinct persons and shows that you cannot come to the Father other than through the sun, by the Holy Spirit Scripture shows us.

No other mediator to the Father, but Christ, by the Spirit, John 4:6. Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, but through me Later, John 16 verses 8 through 11 and he the Spirit When he again the Holy Spirit comes will convict the world concerning sin in righteousness and judgment concerning sand because they do not believe in me the concerning righteousness.

Because I go to the Father and you're no longer. See me Like Paul. We must place the work of the Triune God at the heart of the gospel. Also at the heart of all of our Christian experience But again, let's pause here not be confused. There are not three gods scriptures.

Clear, there is one God. God declares that he was one Deuteronomy. 6:4 here Israel. The Lord is our God. The Lord is one Deuteronomy. 32:39. See. Now that I I am he and there is no God beside me. It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded in his eye who heal and there is no one who can deliver from my hand.

Isaiah 43:11, I even I and the Lord. And there is no Savior besides me. And the New Testament retains. This fact and assumes the Old Testament teaching that there is only one God 1st Corinthians, 8:6 Yet, for us. There is but one God the Father from whom all things it from whom are all things and we exist for him.

And one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things and we exist through Him. This continuity prevents us from concluding that there are three gods instead of one in relationship to the Trinity. And it further a continuity from the Old Testament to the new. You may be asking yourself.

Are there references to the Trinity in the Old Testament? What? I'm glad you asked, because there are Isaiah, 48:16 says come near to me. Listen to this for the first. I have not spoken in secret From the time it took place. I was there now. The Lord God has sent me and His Spirit Zachariah 2:8 says for thus, says the Lord of host.

After glory, He has sent me against the nations, which plunder you for he who touches you touches, the apple of his eye, that we have to remember the Old Testament. Things were revealed in a lot of types and shadows and the New Testament makes clear with this Old Testament, had in types and shadows, It's not too different books.

It's not too different gods. It's one God further revealed in the New Testament but not changed from the old. All right, So, let's look at these members of the Trinity a little more closely. The father, The father's deity is largely taken for granted in the New Testament. Most generic references to God, referred to him, the Father, John 17:3, this is eternal life, which you that they may know you.

The only true God in Jesus Christ whom you have sent 1st Corinthians. 8:6 yet for us. There is but one. God the Father from whom are all things and we exist for him. And one Lord, Jesus Christ by whom our all things and we exist through him. The father, represents the majesty of the entire godhead.

And it is why. The Bible says things like in first Timothy 2 for there is one God. And one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus In reference to the Sun, The New Testament. Authors explicitly call out the Sun as God in a couple places. Romans 9:5 starts with who's are the fathers?

And from whom is the Christ, according to the flesh who is overall. God blessed forever referring to Christ. As God. And then first John 5:20 and we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him. Who is true and we are in him.

Who is true in his Son? Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life But another places scripture makes it clear that the Sun and the Holy Spirit are God equal with the Father Because it describes to them names, attributes, works and worship. It is only proper to God, Think about John 14:8 when Jesus saw Philip by the, by the tree before he called him.

And when Jesus said in John 8:5 did before Abraham was I am

Christ performed works. Only God can do such as creating the world. As we see in Hebrews 1:8 He was 18 says, but of the son, he says your throne o, God is forever and ever in the righteous scepter, is the scepter of his kingdom and we see Christ as the object of divine worship.

Both on earth in John 20:28, Matthew 28:17. Luke 24:52 as well as the object of divine worship. In heaven, such as revelations. 5. 8 Christ, received His name, his birth in Matthew 121. Matthew 121 says she will bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus for. He will save his people from their sins.

He receives the name of the Lord upon his ascension in Philippians 2:9. Philippians 2:9 says, for this reason also God. Highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. And Psalm 110:1 states that he who was born. David's son was also David's Lord and he was declared to be the son of power, the son of God with power, by the resurrection of the dead in Romans one, three, two, four.

The Holy Spirit is also God equal with the Father and the Son as we see in Acts 5:3. But Peter says Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back some of the price of land. He's associating, Ananias wrongdoing with sin. He didn't say.

Why has your heart lied to God? Well, has your heart lied to the Father. Why has your heart lied to Jesus? But he says, why is your heart lied to the Holy Spirit? Again, this is equating deity with the Holy Spirit. Again, he describes or the Spirit is described with divine attributes, such as one who searches our hearts and 1st Corinthians.

2:10. In Romans 8:26. He also does divine works such as bringing order out of chaos and creation. Genesis 1:2 the earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep and the spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water. That is the Holy Spirit.

I got clarification on that For the war before a long time, I would read that and I thought that that was just some sort of analogy or an illustration of God, the Father hovering over the waters but it is not that is the Holy Spirit. Hovering over the waters forming creation.

We are baptized into the name of the Holy Spirit, which is an active worship. As we saw in Matthew 28:19, The Spirit is not just a divine force, but a divine person We see. This is one who can be grieved In Ephesians 4:30. You're not grieve. The Holy Spirit of God by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Is that important? Well because it shows person-ness if I'm a speaker person that's in personhood of the Spirit, the Spirit is not some life force, that is just dwelling within us, it is not some impersonal being. It is a person and it's noted because he can be grieved.

That puts in equal to the Father and to the Son. Okay. So, what are some practical ways that the Trinity affects us? Well, there's many, I mean, we could spend weeks talking about different practical applications to the Trinity, but I won't point out two salvation and prayer and we've kind of touched on both of those in salvation.

It is the Father who before the creation of the world deemed to people to be his own The sun redeemed that people from their sin. This the father did not and could not have forgotten one person that he wanted to be his. And the Sun could not and did not forget one person on the cross.

Think about that, If this if the Sun what you have, forgotten one person whom the father had deemed to be his or furthermore, if the sun had missed one sin of any one person that the Father had deemed to be his in. The sun is not perfect, and the fathers will would have been thwarted.

I cannot be, it's blasphemous, The sun, perfectly redeemed. All whom the father chose before the creation of the world and the Spirit perfectly applies that redemption purchased by the Sun, deemed by the Father to everyone. Whom the father chose how that works. And we've looked at that in Scripture, It is miraculous when you see how it has to be a Trinity.

How it has to be a three and three working simultaneously. And so when we think about our salvation, we think about salvation of others we we have to think in Trinitarian terms because that's who our God is, and that's how our God works. And then quickly, lastly, When we think about prayer, We must think about prayer.

In Trinitarian terms, Romans tells us that the Holy Spirit translates for us to the Son Rowlings which are interested imperceptible. How many times have you gone to pray and you know

what you want to pray for? But you just don't have the words they're just not coming out or you're not finding you're not eloquent enough.

Well, the Trinity isn't working your prayers. The sun is taking the son, who searches your heart? I mean, sorry, the spirit, the spirit, who searches your heart, who knows your needs, your wants your desires, as well as the needs and wants, and desires of all others. Takes those prayers list them up to the sun?

The sun if you will turn to the Father and says, these are whom you gave me and this is what they need. It is very Trinitarian. Every time we pray, we are interacting with all three members of the Trinity. And when we think about that, and when we understand that and dwell upon that it will enrich our prayer life.

It's phenomenal and that is all we have time for. Like James said, if you have any questions, please see him or Dr. McGraw. No, but this was, I encourage you. If you haven't read this book, read through this book. So anybody's welcome to bar this of mine. This is really good.

It's Getting your head around. The Trinity is very, very powerful. And again, don't be afraid to not have all the answers to it. And don't be afraid to only use Scripture to describe the Trinity when you're trying to talk about the Trinity to other people. Don't worry about trying to come up with some sort of clever metaphor or illustration because it's too big for that rest in what scripture has revealed to us.

Rest in the fact that it is bigger than our understanding and embrace that and find great comfort in it. Crew, I'm assuming you, Yes, ma'am, I'm about. I'm about to pray. So yes, ma'am, whatever you got, You must be comfortable with you. So, my pressure to do this collaboration concurrent later technology.

Just to produce. I'm starting. The trinity is great comfort and complet. Yeah. Believe that timeship with myself. Well, because you've got three members, all three members of the Trinity working to simultaneously in you and for you. And in all aspects that, that surround you and nothing. And I meant to bring this up and I didn't you cannot describe one member of the Trinity without describing all three members.

So if we say that the Father is love, The sun is love, and the Holy Spirit is love. If we say that the Sun is mercy, the father is mercy. The Holy Spirit is mercy. You can't describe one member without describing all three. So when we think about The immensity of this Triune God who has deemed a people to be His, It's power it and it's unfailing, it can't fail and especially when you think about the trend and you could go into this and just don't have time, The Trinity didn't need us.

The Trinity was eternal before creation and was perfect in love and harmony with itself before creation. So it's not like There was a need that they had to create a people to fulfill a need. It was a desire and a want not a need and that's when you think about that.

The that's to me that's comforting as well and we could go on and on and I'm sure Pastor has far better illustrations for the comfort of the Trinity, but that's just a tiny little bit. Well, for me, at least how it's been comforting, All right, let's pray. Father, Son, Holy Spirit Lord we are.

Thank we, thank you for. Who you are. We thank you Father. That you have revealed to us. The truth of you in Scripture, We thankful Father for your love and your mercy and your goodness. And we pray that each day, we may strive to know you more help us.

Now, as we go to worship, you may we worship you in spirit, giving worship to the son. Glory to the Father, help us. Father to put aside distractions to focus in on you and your worship and your goodness and mercy to us. And it's in the name of the Triune God that we pray.

Amen.