

The Lord Is One

**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God,
the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength.**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Mark 12:29-30

If they are three how can they be one?

- ❖ Let's look at some familiar illustrations and one that may not be familiar.
- ❖ The egg. It has a shell, a white and a yolk. It is one egg but it consists of three parts.
- ❖ H₂O. It can be in three states. Solid, liquid or gas; ice, water or steam.
- ❖ Heart, mind and soul. These are distinct yet inseparable. We cannot not have a relationship to one without the other.

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- ❖ It is not our goal to fully answer this question. There are many important things in life and faith that we do not fully understand.
- ❖ God is beyond our capacity to fully understand. That does not mean we are not His children, nor does it mean we cannot have an intimate relationship with him.
- ❖ My kids don't fully understand me. My wife doesn't either. I don't fully understand them.

If Christianity was something we were making up, of course we could make it easier. But it is not. We cannot compete, in simplicity, with people who are inventing religions. How could we? We are dealing with Fact. Of course anyone can be simple if he has no facts to bother about.

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

A note as we discuss the Spirit today

- ❖ We will spend more time on the Holy Spirit today. It is helpful to clarify what we are talking about.
- ❖ We are not talking about the baptism of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2).
- ❖ We are not talking about the miraculous gifts of the Spirit. (see Acts 8:18-19, Acts 19:1-7, 2 Timothy 1:6).
- ❖ These subjects are worthy of study. However we want to look at the gift of the Holy Spirit promised to all disciples when baptized (Acts 2:38)



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Let's connect some dots!(Part 1)

- Genesis 1:26
- Genesis 3:8
- Genesis 5:21-24
- Genesis 6:9
- 2 Chronicles 20:7
- Exodus 33:11
- Acts 13:22
- 2 Kings 2:11
- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Matthew 17:1-5
- Luke 1:32
- Romans 4:16

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...

Genesis 1:26

**Then the man and his wife heard the sound
of the LORD God as he was walking in the
garden in the cool of the day...**

Genesis 3:8

When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

Genesis 5:21-24

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

Genesis 6:9

Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

2 Chronicles 20:7

The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Exodus 33:11

**God testified concerning him: 'I have found
David son of Jesse, a man after my own
heart...**

Acts 13:22

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

2 Kings 2:11

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel

after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,

and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:33-34

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- ❖ God desired to be close to mankind from the beginning. He is not distant or disinterested.

- ❖ Even before we were created, there was a plan to restore the relationship. (Ephesians 1:4)

Let's connect some dots! (Part 2)

- Genesis 1:2
- The Spirit in the OT. "The Spirit of the Lord"
- 2 Peter 1:20-21
- Luke 1:31-38
- John 4:13
- John 7:37-39
- John 16:7
- Acts 2:38-39

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:2

Do a search on the phrase, “the Spirit of the Lord”. Look at the OT passages. They are too numerous to reference or read. Many of the incidents of God’s deliverance, empowerment or revelation are preceded by these words.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:31-35

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:13-14

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:37-39

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 2:38-39

Let's connect some dots! (Part 2)

- ❖ The Holy Spirit interacted with the creation from the beginning.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit was very active in the Old Testament. It is primarily described as “with” or “upon.”
- ❖ After Jesus death, burial, resurrection and ascension, a different relationship with the Holy Spirit was made possible.
- ❖ The gift of the Holy Spirit was promised to all God would call, both in the beginning and to those “far off”

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❖ John 14:8-11

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time?

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

John 14:8-11

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❖ John 14:15-17

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:15-17

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- ❖ John 17:10

All I have is yours, and all you have is mine.

John 17:10

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- ❖ John 17:20-21

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.

John 17:20-21

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but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

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- ❖ John 14:18, 23-24

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

John 14:18, 23

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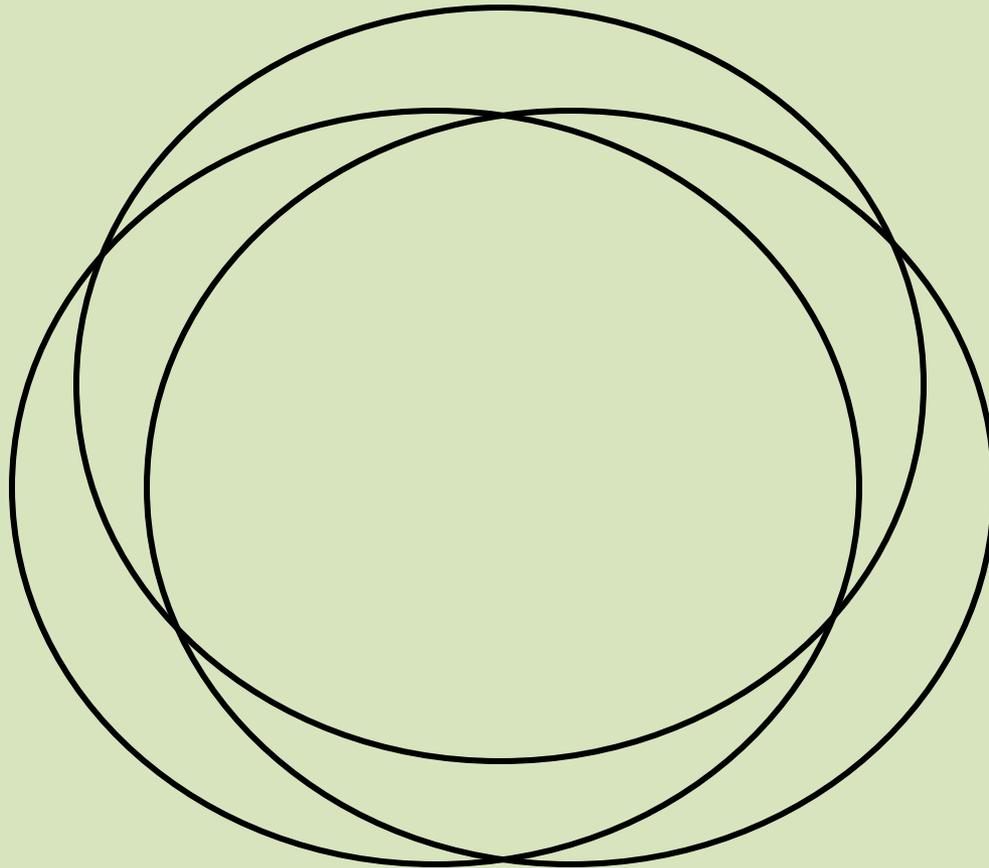
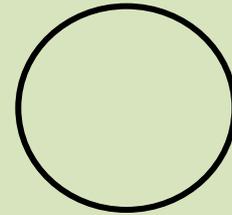
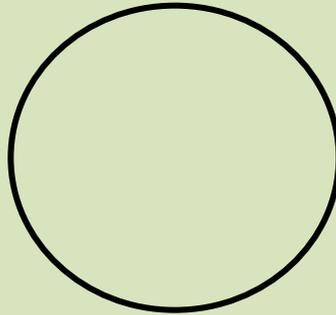
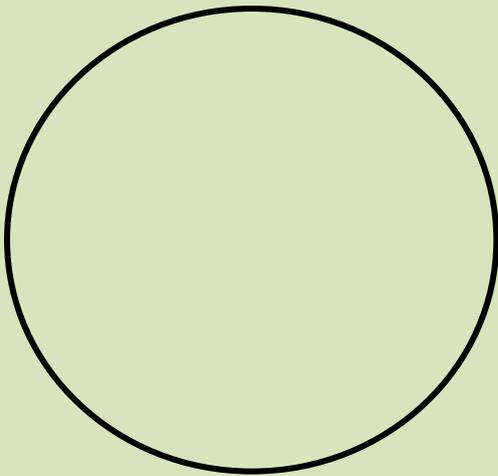
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- ❖ Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

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- ❖ We should be a source of living water
- ❖ Through the Spirit, God and Jesus are with us until the day we are with them

Next Time!

- ❖ Our relationship with God
- ❖ Application in our daily lives
- ❖ How does all this affect the church?
- ❖ Having life, and having it to the full