

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

**What comes into to our
minds when we think about
God is the most important
thing about us.**

A.W. Tozer

The Three – The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit

- 💧 I was initially asked to do a class on the indwelling of Holy Spirit.
- 💧 This is a series we will do in three sermons over 4 weeks
- 💧 It has been a personal study for two years. It has been shared with several along the way. My thanks for their encouragement and input.
- 💧 It is one of the most significant things I have ever studied.
- 💧 Today's sermon is foundational for the rest of the series.

What should you expect? What is the plan?

- 💧 Most of what you will hear is familiar. Often, important truth is hiding in plain sight.
- 💧 As you saw in the title, this week's lesson will address the Trinity. Don't expect all the answers!
- 💧 Next week's title is "God is One". We will talk about the interaction, oneness and unity of the Trinity. We will also discuss the indwelling of the Holy Spirit,
- 💧 The last sermon in the series, "A Relationship With God" will be about implications and application to our daily lives.
- 💧 These sermons will not fit the normal format



How to get something out of this series

- 💧 Bring your eatin' teeth to church!
- 💧 Take time to think, study and pray on your own.
- 💧 Discuss these things with each other.
- 💧 Look at familiar things with fresh eyes. Sometimes we switch off on familiar phrases and verses and don't listen.
- 💧 The slides will be available on the website.
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Why Does the idea of the Trinity confuse us?

- 💧 We like neat boxes and rules
- 💧 It is not an easy concept. That is okay.
- 💧 God's nature and image are not simple
- 💧 God made us in his image. We are plural.
(Genesis 2)
- 💧 God established leadership structures of plurality and set us in a community.
- 💧 We are an “us” created by an “Us”!



Which one would you like to explain?

Let's open all three doors!

The Father

⌘ He is the sovereign creator.

“In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

“The God who made the world and
everything in it is the Lord of heaven and
earth and does not live in temples built by
human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by
human hands, as if he needed anything.
Rather, he himself gives everyone life and
breath and everything else.

Acts 17:24

The Father

⌘ He is the sovereign creator.

⌘ He is eternal.

Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in
Beersheba, and there he called on the name
of the LORD, the Eternal God.

Genesis 21:33

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are
God.

Psalms 90:2

The Father

⌘ He is the sovereign creator.

⌘ He is eternal.

⌘ He is Love.

Whoever does not love does not know God,
because God is love.

1 John 4:8

The Father

⌘ He is omnipotent

⌘ He is omnipresent

⌘ He is omniscient

⌘ He is faithful

⌘ He is wise

⌘ He is holy

⌘ He is good

⌘ He is just

⌘ He is merciful

⌘ He is gracious

⌘ He is humble

⌘ There is more!

The Son

✝ The Son of God

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."

Luke 1:31-33

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17

The Son

✝ The Son of God

✝ He is exactly like God

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 1:3

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form

Colossians 2:9

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.

John 14:9

The Son

- ✝ The Son of God
- ✝ He is exactly like God
- ✝ He is the Word of God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made has been made.

John 1:1-3

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Revelation 19:11-13

The Holy Spirit

◆ Eternal

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Hebrews 9:14

The Holy Spirit

- ◆ Eternal
- ◆ He was an active part of creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 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 1:1-2

The Holy Spirit

- ◆ Eternal
- ◆ He was an active part of creation
- ◆ He knows the mind of God

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things
of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10

The Holy Spirit

- ◆ Eternal
- ◆ He was an active part of creation
- ◆ He knows the mind of God
- ◆ He is included alongside God and Jesus

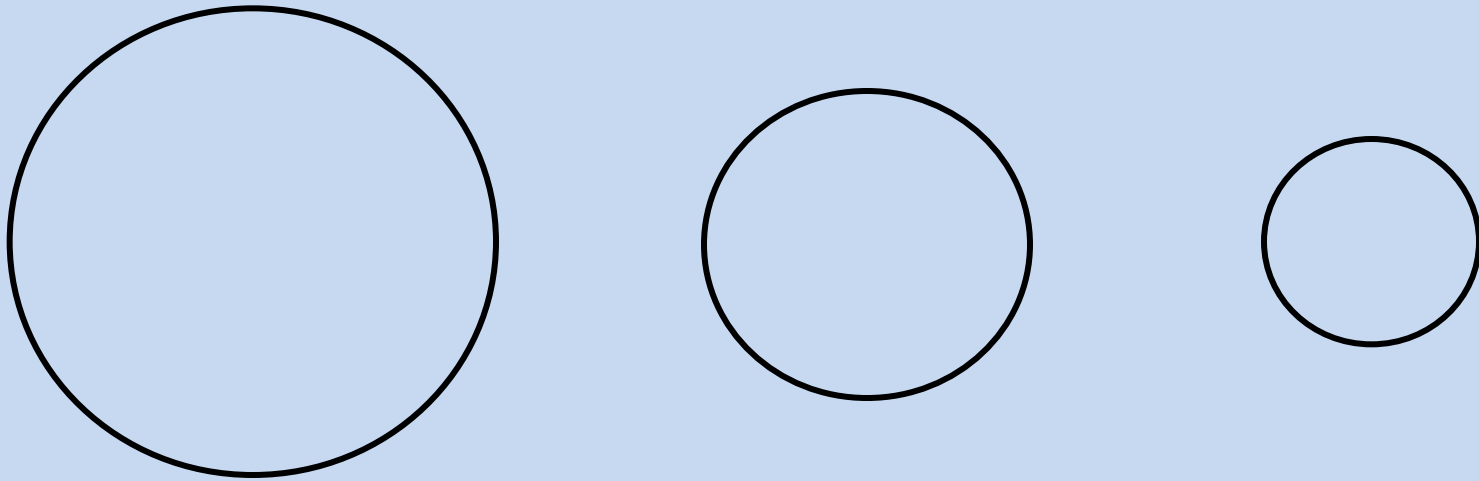
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Matthew 28:19

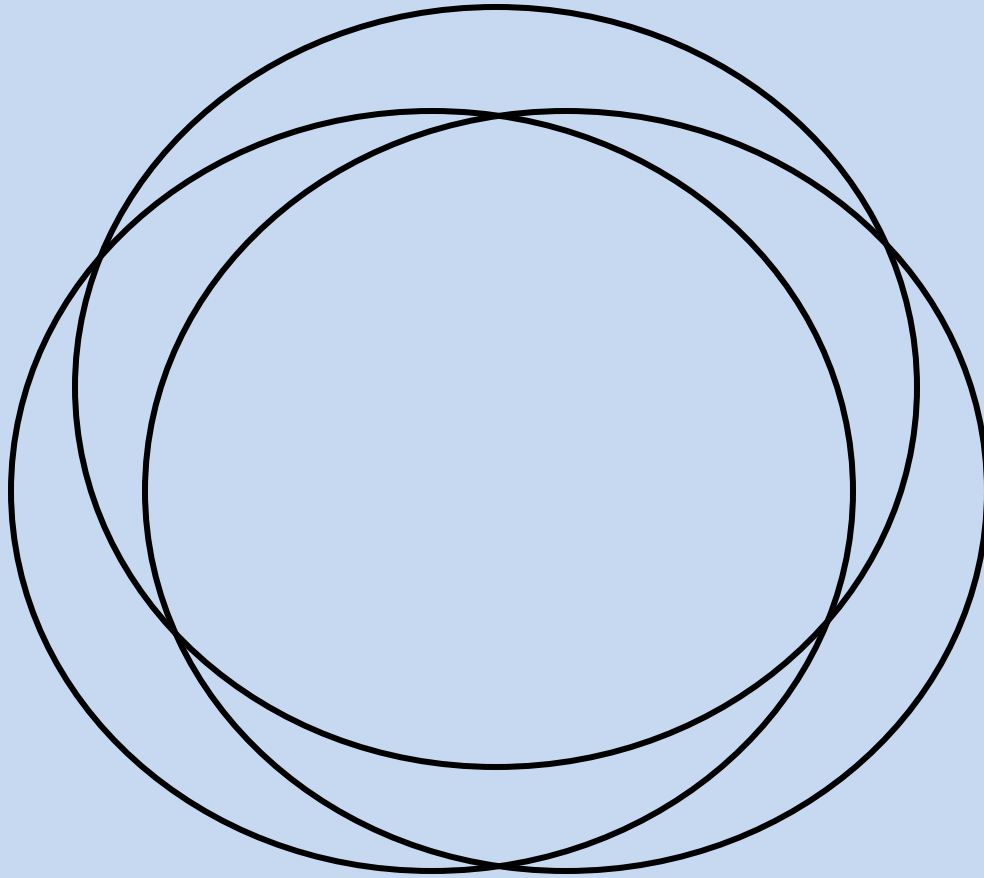
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A common view of the Trinity



A more Biblical view of the Trinity



They work together!

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

As we close...

- 💧 What can we take away from today?
- 💧 Read John 14-16 for next week