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The Doctrine of the Trinity

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Review Objectives

- Doctrine = what we believe
 - What we believe about God = Theology
 - What we believe about Jesus = Christology
 - What we believe about Holy Spirit = Pneumatology

These three together = the Doctrine of the Trinity

What is the Trinity?

The Trinity is a picture of **ALL** of who God is.

The Trinity is known as the **Godhead** existing in 3 distinct persons sharing one essence/substance/nature: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; **three in one**.

Each person of the Trinity shares the **same personality, the same character traits, and the same will**. However, each has **different roles**.

There is both **unity** of essence and **diversity** of roles within the Godhead.

One more time:

The three foundations of the Trinity are:

1. There is only one true God.
2. There are three divine persons of the one true God.
3. The three persons are co-equal, co-eternal, and co-relational.

The Godhead is all about having a **relationship** with you. And that relationship is **driven by love**:

- He is the **source and essence** of love.
- Love is His **motive and His purpose**.
- Love is **at the heart of who God is**.

The Bible is a meta narrative. It is a story of a family, that starts with Adam and Eve, leads to Jesus, and continues with us.

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In the Old Testament:

God began the process of revealing Himself. He called Himself by different names that described His character. It is called **progressive revelation**.

Most of what we see of God in the Old Testament is His holiness, His majesty, His justice, and sometimes even His wrath.

God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are also revealed to us but not as clearly as they will be in the New Testament.

In the New Testament,

Jesus begins to add a new emphasis on **God as our Father**.

And it is in the New Testament, we learn that **we need not only Jesus' death** on the cross for our salvation = rescue and redemption = purchase,
but
we also **need His life** to impute righteousness to us.

We not only are **pardoned sinners** but we are also **righteous saints**.

Jesus (who was not called Jesus until His birth) tells us that when He leaves us to return to the Father, He will send the **Holy Spirit to indwell us and empower us**.

It is the Holy Spirit who works in us to **accomplish His agenda** and His agenda is **to conform us** to the image of the Son.

Throughout these lessons,

- we have been reminded that:
 - everything the Godhead does is **love adjacent**.
- we have been reminded that:
 - what God the Father **initiates**, Jesus **fulfills**, and Holy Spirit **sustains**.
- we have been reminded that:
 - God our Father **wants to be in relationship** with us and He wants us to constantly be in communication with Him.
 - **He wants us to pray without ceasing**.
 - **Pray according to His will. And**
 - **pray specifically.**

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- we have been reminded that:
 - If you didn't believe **God is powerful**
 - you wouldn't ask Him to do **big things**.
 - If you didn't believe **God is attentive and caring**,
 - you wouldn't ask Him to do **small things**.
 - If you didn't believe **He is loving and merciful**,
 - you wouldn't confess your sins to Him because you would be afraid of Him.

- we have been reminded that:
 - **God the Son** wants us to know that His **life**, and **death**, and **resurrection** provide a way for us to be **reconciled** to the Father to be in a **relationship** with Him.

- we have been reminded that:
 - It is **God the Holy Spirit** who **indwells** us and gives us the **power** to live the abundant Christian life.

The Trinity is the Gospel.

And the Trinity is where the joy is.