

Closer Look at the Triune God

Last week as we talked about the Triune God, I felt we did not spend enough time on it in order to clarify how the Trinity functions. As I think in graphic images, I thought I would share a chart I made many years ago to help picture the relationships and function of each Person within the Trinity.

We begin our understanding of the Triunity of God in the Scriptures where we learn:

1) There is only one God – [Deut. 4:35, 39](#); 1 Kings 8:60; Isa. 45:5f. Exod. 15:11; Zech 14:9.

*Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is **none else beside him**...Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: **there is none else**.* Deuteronomy 4:35, 39

2) Their divine nature is undivided and indivisible – [Deut. 6:4](#) also cf. Mark 12:29; James 2:19.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: Deuteronomy 6:4

*And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as **we are one**:* John 17:22



The Triune God does not consist of parts and cannot be divided into parts – such as man who is both material and immaterial.

3) The unity of God allows for the existence of personal distinction of 3 persons in the single divine nature – God the Father Matthew 6:9, God the Son John 1:1, and God the Holy Spirit E.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14.

Now lets see how this unity functions.

Key is to understand that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have definite relationships to each other in **terms of functions** and **duties to be performed**. There is a distinct order between them, all are equal (Gal. 3:28), but not all have the same functions to perform, for there is a “chain of command.”

*Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: **for my Father is greater than I**.* John 14:28

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. John 15:1

From the Father to the Son: The Father issues the directions or commands– Matthew 6:9:



After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

The Father is the one who directs the work of the Triunity and issues the commands and purposes for the universe.

As thou [Father] hast given him [Son] power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. John 17:2

¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹ According to **the eternal purpose which he [the Father] purposed [planned] in Christ Jesus our Lord:** Ephesians 3:10,11

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For **God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.** John 3:16, 17

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which **thou gavest me to do.** John 17:4

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) **to do thy will, O God.** Hebrews 10:7

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is **to do the will of him that sent me**, and to finish his work. John 4:34

¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; ²⁰ And **he shall send Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you: Acts 3:19, 20

From Son to Father: The Son is to glorify the Father and proclaims God's orders. - John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that [so that] **the Father may be glorified in the Son.** John 14:13

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that **thy Son also may glorify thee:** John 17:1



From God the Son to God the Holy Spirit – Son directs the Spirit's proclamations – John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

His proclamations

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but **whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:** and he will shew you things to come. John 16:13

But God hath **revealed them unto us by his Spirit:** for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:10

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, **I will send him unto you.** John 16:7

From God the Holy Spirit to God the Son: The Spirit is to glorify the Son

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:** John 15:26

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: **for he shall not speak of himself;** but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. ¹⁴**He shall glorify me:** for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. ¹⁵All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that **he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.** John 16:13- 15

Thus, each member of the Triunity has position, purpose, tasks, and responsibilities with respect to each other. Each one does these in perfect equality and harmony.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: John 17:22

Each are to accomplish their united goals and purposes.

Unlike pagan gods that fight each other.

Now let us return to the Four Living Creatures of Ezekiel 1

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