TRINITY & RELATIONSHIP

Philippians 3:7-11 (NIV)

[7] But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [8] What is more, <u>I consider everything a loss compared to</u> <u>the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ</u> <u>Jesus my Lord</u>, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. [10] <u>I want to know Christ and the</u> <u>power of his resurrection and the fellowship of</u> <u>sharing in his sufferings</u>, becoming like him in his death, [11] and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Luke 3:21-22 (NKJV)

[21] When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. [22] And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NKJV)

[45] Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts (Jehovah Tsebaoth), the God (Elohim) of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

[46] "This day the LORD (Jehovah) will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. [47] "Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD (Jehovah) does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, (Jehovah's) and He will give you into our hands."

Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)

[9] Therefore <u>God also has highly exalted Him</u> <u>and given Him the name which is above every</u> <u>name</u>, [10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The 3 Offices of the Trinity.

- A. The main thing I want you to understand at this point is that each of the trinity:
- 1. Has a job to do in this Covenant with man.
- 2. Interacts differently with mankind
- **3.** Fulfills a different role with the human race.

The Father: He speaks to us the least.

> How often do the disciples credit the Father for having spoken to them from Acts onward?

(Rarely)

- a. When he does: it's just a few wordsPhrases, a sentence, a few words.
- **b.** When he speaks, pay attention:
 - It's usually something big.
 - He will say it once.
 - He just doesn't repeat himself.

c. His main theme is:

- Our Destiny and fulfilling it.
- We're his family: he speaks from that perspective. A Father's Perspective.

d. He will not:

- -Teach us
- -Tell the corporate church what to do
- -Tell the individual what and how to do
- -Show us things to come
- -Lead you in how to overcome.....
- -Show us how to fix a problem
- -Show you where you're in sin / error
- -Etc.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NKJV)

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, [4] just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

[5] having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, [6] to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. [7] In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace [8] which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, [9] having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, [10] that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth—in Him.

[11] In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, [12] that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. [13] In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, [14] who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

[15] Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, [16] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, [18] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

[20] which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. [22] And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, [23] which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

2. Jesus - The Son: He will speak occasionally.

> In the N.T. after his resurrection, how often is he credited for speaking to one of the disciples > Occasionally.

a. He will say more than the Father.

- Can be a few sentences.
- Unless it's a prophecy / interpretation to his church (corporately). Then he speaks quite often and can speak at length.
- b. He rarely repeats himself.

He rarely speaks to us as individuals.

He refers to the scripture often as a basis.....

c. His themes:

- Salvation (Paul Acts 9). (Rev. 1-3)
- The Advancement of the Church (Paul - Acts 9; 18:9-10). (Peter Acts 11) (Rev. 1-3)
- Our personal Destiny, Gifting, Ministry. (Paul - Acts 9; 22:17-21; 23:11; 2 Cor. 12:8-9) (Peter - 2 Peter 1:14)
- Encouragement to remain solid and keep moving forward..... (Paul - Acts 18:9-10; 23:11) (Rev. 1-3)

d. He will not: Counsel Us Comfort us Do much Teaching.
Remind us of what he said.
Give us much Guidance.
Lead us and Guide us

- **3.** The Holy Spirit He will speak numerous times a day.
- a. He speaks more than any of the others in the Trinity
 - He's very personal
 - Very intimate. (He's brought things up that I would never have guessed they're paying attention to)

- He's very specific in explanation and application
- He will repeat himself and re-explain
- He will give many confirmations for us.....
- He speaks like he's in it with us (companion).

b. It's his job as our:
Counselor / Comforter
Teacher
Guide / Leads us
Shows us what's coming
The one who works to convince us.....

c. His basic Themes:

- Take from Jesus and make it known to us

(**Jn. 16:13-15**)

- Lead us into Truth. (John 16:13)

Convince us about: Sin. Righteousness. The Devil is Judged. (John 16:8-10)
Flow through us via the Gifts of the Spirit. (1 Cor. 12, 14) d. He will not: Call us into the ministry Command us (He's not the Master) Give us an ultimatum. (Blue Van) - Jesus or possibly the Father.
Discipline us. (Hebrews 12) - Father.
Go to the Father on your behalf. Etc.

A. The OT uses many names to describe him. The NT uses the names: "God" (Theos) "Father" (Pater)

B. In the N.T. - When you read 'God', it is almost exclusively used for the Father.

In the N.T. - When you read the name 'Father' being applied to God, it's speaking of our Heavenly Father. (Not Jesus or the Holy Spirit)

(G2316) - "God" "A Diety" "The Supreme Divinity" (G3962) - "Father"

"Nourisher, Protector, Upholder" "Generator, Originator, Transmitter" "Creator, Preserver, Guardian, Protector" "Upholder, Ruler, Ancestor"

What is our Relationship with each of them in the N.T.?

A. The Father:

- 1. We are his Family.
- 2. We are his Children.
- 3. He is our Father

B. Jesus. 1. He is our: Savior Master Redeemer High Priest Baptizer in the Spirit Advocate / Lawyer Older Brother Gift Giver (Eph. 4) Etc.

2. We are his: Joint-Heirs Brothers and Sisters Friends Covenant Partners Bride Believers Followers Disciples Ministers Ambassadors Body Etc. C. The Holy Spirit. 1. He is our: Comforter Counselor Paraclete Convincer / Convictor Guide Teacher

> Anointer Sanctifier Life Giver (Rom. 8:11) Gift Manifester (1 Cor. 12) Empowerer Seal / Guarantee of Salvation Etc.

2. We are his: Temple

Contact agent with this world (Gal. 2:20)