

The Trinity

Part 3: The Trinity in Us

Recapping Earlier

- **The Christian Doctrine of God is that there is one God who is eternally three persons.**
- **These three persons are the one God.**
- **The persons are distinct, yet not separate.**
- **God is one, but never alone.**
- **There is only “Plan A.”**

Recapping Earlier

- **Jesus, the divine Son, has come to save us.**
- **The Father sends the Son, who then sends the Spirit**
- **The Spirit reveals the Son, who in turn reveals the Father.**
- **This is all done for us and for our salvation**

God the Son became
the Son of Man
in order to make the sons of
men the sons of God.

God the Son

- **The Son is the Second Person of the Trinity**
- **This divine person is the one who became the man Jesus.**
- **This divine person possesses all the properties of the divine nature eternally.**
- **That is, he is, was, and always will be fully and completely God.**

...became the Son of Man...

- This divine Son took on a full and complete human nature**
- That nature was not another person, but was all the essential properties of being human.**
- So, as the Trinity is one being/three persons, Jesus is one person/two natures**

...became the Son of Man...

- **Person vs. property (energy) vs. nature**
- **The person is the “who”**
- **The property (energy) is what the “who” does**
- **The nature is the “what” that the “who” is**

...became the Son of Man...

- **The divine nature has its properties**
- **The human nature has its properties**
- **The person is the “executor” of the properties of his nature.**
- **So Jesus “executes” two sets of properties, and both sets are his “by nature.”**
- **Persons do things. Natures cannot do anything.**

...became the Son of Man...

- **Jesus, the Divine Son, experienced human things (hunger, fatigue, learning, death, etc.)**
- **In Jesus, for the first time, the divine properties resided in a human (and still do!)**

...in order to make the sons of men...

- Human beings do not possess the divine properties by nature.**
- We can only participate in them because of the presence of God in us (grace).**

...the sons of God

- **The Holy Spirit, the great creator of koinonia (community), connects our humanity to that of Jesus.**
- **We then share in the divine properties he experienced as a human.**
- **We do not need to create those divine properties!**

Liberating gospel news

- **If we are saved, then the Holy Spirit dwells in us.**
- **If the Holy Spirit dwells in us, then all of the divine properties are present in us by participation.**
- **If the divine properties are present, we are called to live and move in them.**
- **Again, we do not need to create them.**

Theological Recap

- **Jesus, as the “captain of our salvation,” brought the divine properties permanently at home into humanity.**
- **The Holy Spirit creates the communion between him and us, so that we participate in his human experience of the divine properties.**
- **The properties are his “property.” We do not and cannot create them.**

The Takeaway, part 1:

- **God's love does not begin with us. "We love him because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).**
- **God's peace does not begin with us. "My peace I give to you, not as the world gives" (John 14:27).**
- **God's joy does not begin with us. "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).**

The Takeaway, part 2:

- **All the other divine properties do not begin with us either. 1 Cor 1:30: “But by [God’s] doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”**
- **We don’t have to manufacture any of it! The Holy Spirit brings it all with him!**

The Takeaway, part 3:

- **We have everything we need, right now, dwelling in us.**
- **If we don't feel like that is true, which is probably you in some way, be encouraged!**
- **Even if we do not feel it, the divine properties are with us, because the divine One is with us.**

The Takeaway, part 4:

- **It doesn't begin with you**
- **You don't create it, and you don't own it.**
- **You only participate in it, but it is no less real.**

The Takeaway, part 5:

- **If you are hurting, alone, troubled, confused, or anything else, and are saved, you already have the answer.**
- **Don't let the enemy lie to you. Don't lie to yourself. You already have what you need.**
- **God's gift is already in you.**

3 Scriptures to Close

- **Rom 12:2: “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”**
- **Heb 10:25: “Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together.”**
- **John 10:10: “I am come that you might have life, and that more abundantly.”**