

# THE HOLY TRINITY

**BIBLE TEXT** : Genesis 1:1,26; Isaiah 6:1-5,9,10; 48:16; Psalm 2:7,12; Matthew 3:13-17; 28:19; John 14:26; 15:26; Hebrews 1:1-14; I Peter 1:2; Revelation 4:8.

LESSON 262 Senior Course

**MEMORY VERSE:** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all" (II Corinthians 13:14).

## **BIBLE TEXT in King James Version**

### **Genesis 1:1**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

### **Genesis 1:26**

<sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

### **Isaiah 6:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

<sup>3</sup> And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

<sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

### **Isaiah 6:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people

## **BIBLE REFERENCES:**

### **I "God in Three Persons. Blessed Trinity"**

#### **1. God, the Eternal Father**

(a) God, the Father, is a Person — a Spirit — whose eternal existence is proved by His Word and by His works, **Exodus 3:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them?

<sup>14</sup> And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

<sup>15</sup> And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: *this is* my name for ever, and *this is* my memorial unto all generations.

#### **Deuteronomy 4:35-39**

<sup>35</sup> Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he *is* God; *there is* none else beside him.

<sup>36</sup> Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

<sup>37</sup> And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

<sup>38</sup> To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou *art*, to bring thee in, to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.

<sup>39</sup> 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.

#### **2 Chronicles 6:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> And said, O LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

<sup>15</sup> Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

<sup>16</sup> Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

<sup>17</sup> Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

<sup>18</sup> But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

#### **Nehemiah 9:6**

<sup>6</sup> Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made

fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

### **Isaiah 48:16**

<sup>16</sup> Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

### **Psalm 2:7**

<sup>7</sup> I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

### **Psalm 2:12**

<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

<sup>14</sup> But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

<sup>15</sup> And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

<sup>16</sup> And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

<sup>17</sup> And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

### **Matthew 28:19**

heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things that are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

### **Psalm 19:1**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

### **Psalm 19:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

### **Psalm 90:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

### **Psalm 97:6**

<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

### **Malachi 3:6**

<sup>6</sup> For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

### **John 4:24**

<sup>24</sup> God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

### **Acts 14:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

<sup>16</sup> Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

<sup>17</sup> Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

### **Romans 1:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

<sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

### **2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup> For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

<sup>18</sup> And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

<sup>19</sup> We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

<sup>20</sup> Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

<sup>21</sup> For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

### **Revelation 4:8-11**

<sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

### **John 14:26**

<sup>26</sup> 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.

### **John 15:26**

<sup>26</sup> 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:

### **Hebrews 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

<sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

<sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

<sup>4</sup> Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

<sup>5</sup> For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

<sup>6</sup> And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

<sup>7</sup> And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his

<sup>8</sup> And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

<sup>9</sup> And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

<sup>10</sup> The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup> Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 7:12

<sup>12</sup> Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

(b) God's attributes are beyond all limitation, as infinite as God Himself,

Job 42:2

<sup>2</sup> I know that thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* no thought can be withholden from thee.

Psalm 33:6-11

<sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

<sup>7</sup> He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

<sup>9</sup> For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

<sup>11</sup> The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Isaiah 40:28

<sup>28</sup> Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.

Matthew 19:26

<sup>26</sup> But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Acts 17:27-28

<sup>27</sup> That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

<sup>28</sup> For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Romans 11:33-36

<sup>33</sup> O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

<sup>34</sup> For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

<sup>35</sup> Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

<sup>36</sup> For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Which in his times he shall shew, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

<sup>16</sup> Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man

ministers a flame of fire.

<sup>8</sup> But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

<sup>10</sup> And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

<sup>11</sup> They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

<sup>12</sup> And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

<sup>13</sup> But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

<sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

## 1 Peter 1:2

<sup>2</sup> Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

## Revelation 4:8

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hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen.

## Hebrews 4:12

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## Hebrews 4:13

<sup>13</sup> Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

## 2. Jesus Christ, the Son of God from All Eternity

(a) The Scriptures show that Jesus is a distinct, divine Personality, equal with God and in perfect oneness with God,

## Psalm 2:2

<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,

## Psalm 2:7

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## Psalm 2:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

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## Psalm 110:1

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

## Proverbs 30:4

<sup>4</sup> Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?

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## Isaiah 6:9-10

<sup>9</sup> And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

## John 12:37-41

<sup>37</sup> But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

<sup>38</sup> That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed

our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

<sup>40</sup> He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

<sup>41</sup> These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

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<sup>17</sup> And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 28:19

<sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Luke 1:30-35

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

<sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

<sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

<sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

<sup>34</sup> Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

John 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:10

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

John 6:32-33

<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

John 6:38

<sup>38</sup> For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

**John 6:50-51**

<sup>50</sup> This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

**John 6:58**

<sup>58</sup> This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

**John 6:62**

<sup>62</sup> *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

**John 8:58**

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

**John 14:26**

<sup>26</sup> 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.

**John 15:26**

<sup>26</sup> 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 16:28**

<sup>28</sup> I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

**Romans 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

<sup>2</sup> (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

<sup>3</sup> Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

<sup>4</sup> And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

**Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

<sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

<sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

<sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

<sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

<sup>11</sup> And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**1 Timothy 2:5**

<sup>5</sup> For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

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express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

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Hebrews 13:8

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

1 Peter 1:2

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Revelation 1:4

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

Revelation 1:5

<sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

(b) Divine names are given to Christ, and all the divine attributes and perfections are found in Him,

Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Matthew 7:29

<sup>29</sup> For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

Matthew 18:20

<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 28:18

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

John 1:1

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 5:26-27

<sup>26</sup> For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

<sup>27</sup> And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 6:64

<sup>64</sup> But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

John 14:8-11

<sup>8</sup> Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

<sup>9</sup> Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

<sup>10</sup> Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in

me, he doeth the works.

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

**John 16:15**

<sup>15</sup> All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

**John 20:28**

<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

**Acts 20:28**

<sup>28</sup> Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**Ephesians 1:22**

<sup>22</sup> And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,

**Colossians 1:13-19**

<sup>13</sup> Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

<sup>14</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

<sup>15</sup> Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

<sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

<sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

<sup>19</sup> For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

**Colossians 2:9**

<sup>9</sup> For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

**1 Timothy 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

**Hebrews 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

**2 Peter 1:1**

<sup>1</sup> Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

(c) Divine works are done by Christ,

**Matthew 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup> And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

<sup>3</sup> And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth.

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

<sup>5</sup> For whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

<sup>6</sup> But that ye may know that the Son of man hath



power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

<sup>7</sup> And he arose, and departed to his house.

**Matthew 25:31-32**

<sup>31</sup> When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

<sup>32</sup> And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:

**Mark 2:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

<sup>8</sup> And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

<sup>9</sup> Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

<sup>10</sup> But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

**Luke 10:22**

<sup>22</sup> All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and *he* to whom the Son will reveal *him*.

**John 1:3**

<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**John 1:10**

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

**John 5:22**

<sup>22</sup> For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

**John 5:25-30**

<sup>25</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

<sup>26</sup> For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

<sup>27</sup> And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

<sup>28</sup> Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

<sup>29</sup> And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

<sup>30</sup> I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

**Acts 2:21**

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Romans 14:10**

<sup>10</sup> But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**Ephesians 3:9**

<sup>9</sup> And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

**Colossians 1:16**

<sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,

whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Hebrews 1:2**

<sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**Hebrews 1:10**

<sup>10</sup> And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

**Revelation 21:5**

<sup>5</sup> And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

(d) Worship was accepted by Christ,

**Luke 24:51-52**

<sup>51</sup> And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

<sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

**Acts 1:24**

<sup>24</sup> And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

**Acts 7:59-60**

<sup>59</sup> And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

<sup>60</sup> And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**2 Corinthians 12:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

<sup>9</sup> And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**1 Thessalonians 3:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

<sup>12</sup> And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

<sup>13</sup> To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

<sup>17</sup> Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

(e) Prophecy was fulfilled by Christ,

**Genesis 3:15**

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**Galatians 4:4**

<sup>4</sup> But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

**Micah 5:2**

<sup>2</sup> But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old,

from everlasting.

**Matthew 2:1**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

**Isaiah 7:14**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Matthew 1:18**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

**Luke 1:26**

<sup>26</sup> And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

**Luke 1:35**

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

**Isaiah 9:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless the dimness *shall not be such as was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

**Matthew 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

<sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

<sup>14</sup> That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

<sup>15</sup> The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

<sup>16</sup> The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

**Deuteronomy 18:15**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

**John 6:14**

<sup>14</sup> Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

**Acts 3:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> 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;

<sup>20</sup> And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

<sup>21</sup> Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

<sup>22</sup> For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

<sup>23</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which

will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

<sup>24</sup> Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

<sup>25</sup> Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

<sup>26</sup> Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

**Zechariah 9:9**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

**John 12:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed *is* the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

<sup>14</sup> And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

**Psalm 41:9**

<sup>9</sup> Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

**Psalm 11:7**

<sup>7</sup> For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

**Mark 14:10**

<sup>10</sup> And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.

**Matthew 26:15**

<sup>15</sup> And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

**Isaiah 53:7**

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

**Matthew 26:62-63**

<sup>62</sup> And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee?

<sup>63</sup> But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

**Psalm 16:10**

<sup>10</sup> For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

**Psalm 68:18**

<sup>18</sup> Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for the rebellious also*, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

**Psalm 28:9**

<sup>9</sup> Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

**Luke 24:50-51**

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

<sup>51</sup> And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

### 3. The Holy Ghost, the Third Person of the Trinity

- (a) The Scriptures shows that the Holy Ghost is also a distinct Person, sent by the Father and by the Son,

**John 14:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

<sup>17</sup> *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

**John 14:26**

<sup>26</sup> 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.

**John 15:26**

<sup>26</sup> 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 16:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

<sup>15</sup> All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

**Romans 8:9**

<sup>9</sup> But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

**1 Corinthians 2:10-12**

<sup>10</sup> But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

<sup>11</sup> For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? *even* so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

**Galatians 4:6**

<sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

- (b) The deity of the Holy Ghost is unquestionable because divine names are given to Him, divine attributes are ascribed to Him, divine works are performed by Him, and worship is paid to Him,

**Genesis 1:2**

<sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

**Psalm 104:30**

<sup>30</sup> Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

**Psalm 139:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art* there.

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

<sup>10</sup> Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

**Isaiah 6:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of

his glory.

<sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> Then said I, *Woe is me!* for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup> Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

<sup>7</sup> And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

<sup>8</sup> Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

<sup>9</sup> And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

**Acts 28:25-26**

<sup>25</sup> And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

<sup>26</sup> Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

**Matthew 28:19**

<sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**John 3:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

<sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Acts 5:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

<sup>4</sup> Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

**Romans 8:11**

<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

**Romans 8:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

<sup>27</sup> And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will* of God.

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

<sup>11</sup> For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

**1 Corinthians 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and

*that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

**1 Corinthians 12:11**

**<sup>11</sup> But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.**

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

**<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen.**

**Titus 3:5**

**<sup>5</sup> Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

**Hebrews 9:14**

**<sup>14</sup> How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

**1 Peter 3:18**

**<sup>18</sup> For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:**

- (c) The Holy Ghost is the specific Agent in the world to lead men to Christ, to lead believers into deeper experiences, and to call and empower disciples for service,

**Genesis 6:3**

**<sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**

**John 6:44**

**<sup>44</sup> No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**John 6:65**

**<sup>65</sup> And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**

**John 16:7-8**

**<sup>7</sup> 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.**

**<sup>8</sup> And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

**John 14:16-17**

**<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**

**<sup>17</sup> *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

**John 14:26**

**<sup>26</sup> 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.**

**John 16:13**

**<sup>13</sup> 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.**

**Acts 1:8**

**<sup>8</sup> But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**Acts 6:3**

<sup>3</sup> Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

**Acts 13:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

<sup>3</sup> And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their hands on them, they sent them away.*

<sup>4</sup> So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

**Acts 2:9-16**

<sup>9</sup> Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

<sup>10</sup> Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

<sup>11</sup> Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

<sup>12</sup> And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

<sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

<sup>15</sup> For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

<sup>16</sup> But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

**Acts 6:11**

<sup>11</sup> Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.

**Acts 12:4-11**

<sup>4</sup> And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

<sup>5</sup> Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

<sup>6</sup> And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

<sup>7</sup> And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.

<sup>8</sup> And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

<sup>9</sup> And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

<sup>10</sup> When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

<sup>11</sup> And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of



Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

## II The Trinity in Unity

1. The fact of the plurality of the Godhead is shown beyond the question of a doubt,

Genesis 1:1

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:26

<sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Numbers 6:24-27

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

<sup>25</sup> The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

<sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

<sup>27</sup> And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Isaiah 6:1-5

<sup>1</sup> In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

<sup>3</sup> And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

<sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 48:16

<sup>16</sup> Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

<sup>14</sup> But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

<sup>15</sup> And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it* to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

<sup>16</sup> And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

<sup>17</sup> And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 28:19

<sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

John 14:26

<sup>26</sup> 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.

John 15:26

<sup>26</sup> 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:

**Ephesians 2:18**

<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

**Ephesians 4:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

<sup>5</sup> One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

<sup>6</sup> One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

**1 John 5:7**

<sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

**Revelation 1:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

<sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**Revelation 4:8**

<sup>8</sup> And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

2. The equally incomprehensible fact of the perfect unity of the Trinity is also shown beyond the question of a doubt,

**Deuteronomy 6:4**

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

**2 Samuel 7:22**

<sup>22</sup> Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

**Isaiah 43:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

<sup>11</sup> I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour.

<sup>12</sup> I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no strange god among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God.

<sup>13</sup> Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

**Isaiah 44:6**

<sup>6</sup> Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

**Mark 12:29**

<sup>29</sup> And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

**John 10:30-38**

<sup>30</sup> I and *my* Father are one.

<sup>31</sup> Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

<sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

<sup>33</sup> The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work

we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

<sup>35</sup> If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

<sup>36</sup> Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

<sup>37</sup> If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

<sup>38</sup> But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.

**John 14:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

<sup>9</sup> Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

<sup>10</sup> Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

**John 15:26**

<sup>26</sup> 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 16:15**

<sup>15</sup> All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

**John 17:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*.

**John 17:21-23**

<sup>21</sup> That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

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

<sup>23</sup> I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

### **NOTES:**

The fact of Divine Trinity is, to all genuine Christians, an incomprehensible but great and treasured truth — an incomparable and immeasurable truth. It is a truth that can never be fathomed in its fullness, and because of that fact we must always approach the study of it in reverence. We must not allow ourselves to scan it in a careless or irreverent manner, for it is one of the solemn verities of the Word of God. It is actually the fact of God.

The Word of God is inseparably linked with the Person of God, and the admonitions that are given us regarding our observance of that Word are most certainly applicable to our attitude toward, and belief in, the Person of our God. We know that if we violate

one of God's commandments we are guilty of them all; and it is therefore true that if we deny one of the Persons of the Godhead we are denying all of that infinite Trinity. If we limit one, we limit all. If we discredit one, we discredit all. If we fail to give reverence to one, we fail toward all.

Some people take the attitude that since the mystery of the Holy Trinity is so great it must not be true. They deny, or limit, the existence of one or more of the Persons of that Trinity because they cannot comprehend, or understand, such an infinite existence. But the things, which are revealed to us are sufficient for us. And in considering and contemplating the great Scriptural facts on this subject it is well that we simply and sincerely accept them, and them alone, leaving untouched the realm of vain, human speculation and reasoning.

### **"The LORD he is God"**

Moses told the assembled multitudes of Israel that "the LORD he is God" (Deuteronomy 4:35). We shall see that even in this brief statement positive evidence is presented concerning the Divine Trinity. We know this evidence is absolute, for the choice of words by the Holy Spirit to convey the precepts of divine revelation is perfect, and because we know that God says what He means and most certainly means what He says.

When the Holy Spirit, through Moses, used the name Jehovah in this short passage, He did so advisedly. (Jehovah is the actual name as it appears in the original Hebrew, translated LORD in our version of the Scriptures.) The name Jehovah is the name, which God has chosen to be known by in His dealings with His own people — the people who are bound to Him by Covenant relationships. This has been called the proper name of God, the most personal and intimate name by which He is known. It is not used when a message is being given to those outside the Covenant promises. The Holy Spirit has always used this name with great and careful discrimination.

It is also very plain that the Holy Spirit made no error, or oversight, when He used the Hebrew name Elohim in this short passage. (Elohim is the Hebrew name for which our translators have substituted the English name God.) Devout men of all ages have attempted to define the name, Elohim, but, like God Himself, it defies complete analysis. It is one of the names that are used by the Holy Spirit when the message is directed to the world at large. It describes all that God is and all that He does, has done, and is to do. One very capable student of the original languages in a past generation has given us the following definition of the name Elohim.

"The eternal, independent, and self-existent Being: the Being whose purposes and actions spring from himself, without foreign motive or influence: he who is absolute in dominion; the most pure, the most simple, and most spiritual of all essences; infinitely benevolent, beneficent, true, and holy: the cause of all being, the upholder of all things; infinitely happy, because infinitely perfect; and eternally self-sufficient, needing nothing that he has made; illimitable in his immensity, inconceivable in his mode of existence, and indescribable in his essence: known fully only to himself, because an infinite mind can be fully apprehended only by itself. In a word, a Being who, from his infinite wisdom, cannot err or be deceived; and who from his infinite good-ness, can do nothing but what is eternally just, right, and kind."

Now, the choice of these two names of God for inclusion in this short passage, "The LORD he is God," is, in itself, truly remarkable. But there are other features and distinctions

indicated by the names that speak eloquently to us on the subject under consideration.

In the study of Hebrew grammar we find that the name Jehovah is singular but Elohim is plural. This proves to us that our God is, in a sense, both one and yet more than one. An examination of the Holy Scriptures with this thought in mind shows us that He is plural in person and singular in essence. The fact that the Holy Spirit's selection of these names is a perfect choice proves that the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is true, for if the doctrine be false the names are absolutely contradictory. Therefore, even in this short passage we can see that our God is one in essence and threefold in personality.

### **Proofs of the Trinity**

But there are many other conclusive proofs that demonstrate, beyond all doubt, the great truth and fact of the Holy Trinity. In the first verse of the Bible the plural name, Elohim, is used to show that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit were united with God the Father in the work of creation (**John 1:3** <sup>3</sup> **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. Colossians 1:16** <sup>16</sup> **For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 1 Corinthians 8:6** <sup>6</sup> **But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Ephesians 3:9** <sup>9</sup> **And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: Hebrews 1:1-2** <sup>1</sup> **God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,** <sup>2</sup> **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;).** We also read that in the beginning, Elohim said, "Let us make man in our image" (Genesis 1:26). The Holy Spirit would never make an error in grammar, therefore we can see by this that there is a plurality in the Godhead.

In the vision of the Lord Jehovah that Isaiah saw, he heard the seraphims cry one to the other, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3). This is called, by theological students and authorities, the, threefold ascription of praise.

Here, again, we see that the name Jehovah is used; for every time the name LORD, or the name GOD, appears entirely in capital letters in the King James' version of the Bible, the original Hebrew word is Jehovah. When the name Lord is found with merely the first letter capitalised, as in Isaiah 6:1, the Hebrew word is Adonai. The name Adonai, or Lord, when applied to an individual or member of the Godhead, signifies that the one to whom it is applied has ownership or mastership over another. Another remarkable thing to remember is that the name Adonai is almost always used in a plural form, as well as in a possessive form, showing that the person, nation, or the thing owned is owned by a plural Being.

The same threefold ascription of praise that Isaiah heard from the lips of the heavenly beings is voiced by the beasts, or living creatures, who are before the Throne of God (**Revelation 4:6-11** <sup>6</sup> **And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.** <sup>7</sup> **And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.** <sup>8</sup> **And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is,**

and is to come. <sup>9</sup> And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup> The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, <sup>11</sup> Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created). We see that these beasts, and the 24 elders who also were seen by John the Beloved, are groups of redeemed or raptured saints (**Revelation 5:9** <sup>9</sup> And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation). Therefore, in summing up the matter, we can see that angelic, heavenly beings and redeemed saints — members of the First Resurrection group - — are united in their usage of this threefold ascription of praise and worship. There certainly must be something significant in such a deliberate choice of this form of praise, if it is used by all who will praise God in Heaven!

Now, if there were no Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit would not have been so careful to select a form of ascription that could be understood only as giving praise to a trinity. If there were no Trinity, one ascription of praise would be sufficient. And if it is argued that one ascription of praise is not sufficient for the purpose, we ask, then, why three were selected? If one is not sufficient, are we to assume, therefore, that three are sufficient? We answer: Would not seven be more fitting, since this is the number that is always used in Scripture when the thought of completeness is desired? If the threefold ascription is used merely because one is not enough, are those who doubt the doctrine of the Holy Trinity saying by this that God is entitled to less than our complete praise?

But, in considering Isaiah's vision, we are not left with merely this statement of logic as a basis for teaching that more than one Person is included in the Godhead. John the Beloved quoted the words, which were spoken to Isaiah and added, "These things said Esaias [Isaiah], when he saw his [Jesus'] glory, and spake of him [Jesus]" (**John 12:37-41** <sup>37</sup> But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: <sup>38</sup> That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, <sup>40</sup> He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. <sup>41</sup> These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him). And, in addition to this, in the acts of the Apostles we read that the Holy Ghost spoke the words that Isaiah heard (**Acts 28:25-27** <sup>25</sup> And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, <sup>26</sup> Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: <sup>27</sup> For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.). Therefore, we see that when Isaiah "saw also the Lord" he saw a Divine Trinity; for he saw God on His throne, saw Jesus in His indescribable glory, and heard the voice of the Holy Ghost. In addition, God spoke at the conclusion of the vision and asked the question, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" If the Godhead were only one, a gross misrepresentation was deliberately made here by the choice of both plural and singular

pronouns in the same sentence. But we know no error was made, for it was a Triune Being that Isaiah saw and heard.

### **Still Further Old Testament Proof**

We are given other instances to show that the choice of a threefold ascription was not an accidental choice and was not indicative of any other thing than that the Godhead is three Persons.

The benediction that God gave Moses, to be used by the high priest, was threefold in its construction and provisions. This is a remarkable thing, too. God said, "On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: the LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace" (Numbers 6:23-26). Notice here that the name of Jehovah is repeated three times, and this fact, together with the fact that, it is a singular name and is not plural, demonstrates that there are three Persons in the Godhead. Here is a separate and distinct blessing pronounced upon the people of God by each one of the Three, through the use of the one Covenant-name.

### **New Testament Evidence of the Trinity**

Consider also the following, in which we have taken the liberty again to print in bold type the names of the three members of the Holy Trinity: The Apostolic benediction shows three distinct Persons, for it states, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all" (II Corinthians 13:14). The saints of God have access, through Christ, "by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephesians 2:18); and the blessings of grace and peace are given to us "from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead" (Revelation 1:4, 5). And we must not ignore the easy-to-be-understood statement that "there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (I John 5:7). This last statement is made even clearer elsewhere in Scripture, for there we see taught the perfect oneness and unity of the Godhead and the fact that the Word is Jesus Christ Himself. **(Read John 1:1-34.)**

Equally plain and thorough are the following: Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." "The Comforter . . . is the Holy Ghost" (**John 14:15-16** <sup>15</sup> **If ye love me, keep my commandments.** <sup>16</sup> **And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; John 14:26** <sup>26</sup> **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).** Christ said, before His incarnation, "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD [Adonai Jehovah], and his Spirit, hath sent me" (Isaiah 48:16). The Psalmist wrote: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee" (Psalm 2:7) and "The LORD said unto my Lord" (Psalm 110:1). We are told, in the New Testament, that these passages from the Psalms apply solely to God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son (**Matthew 22:41-45** <sup>41</sup> **While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,** <sup>42</sup> **Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.** <sup>43</sup> **He saith unto them, How then doth**

David in spirit call him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? <sup>45</sup> If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? Hebrews 1:1-5 <sup>1</sup> God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; <sup>4</sup> Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup> For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?).

### **Evidence from the Prophetic Writings**

The wise man knew of the mystery of the Godhead and its depths, also, for he said: "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?" (Proverbs 30:4). David wrote, "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good" (Psalm 143:10). And we are told that the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters in the beginning and that He was striving with men because of their sins in that early day (**Genesis 1:2 <sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 6:3 <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years**).

Other inspired men have written of these individual Persons and their works. "I am the LORD your God, and none else: . . . I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2:27, 28). "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

### **Proof in the Ordinance of Water Baptism**

From the great volume of conclusive, prophetic Scripture quoted above, and from that which we have not had space to quote, we can turn to the historical portion of the Bible for still more evidence. Consider the baptism of Jesus, when the Spirit of God descended upon Him and the voice of God the Father spoke from Heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:16, 17). The last command of Jesus to His disciples was, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19).

Some have misinterpreted Christ's baptismal formula in saying that it does not indicate three Persons but only One whose names include the Three stated therein. They support their claim by separating other passages of Scripture from the proper context and say that we are to be baptised instead in the name of Jesus. Others say they believe and receive the doctrine of the Holy Trinity but contend that because of these passages we are told to baptise in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. These contentions are but wrestings of the Scripture and do violence to its plain and full teachings.

In comparing Christ's baptismal formula with the vast bulk of Scriptural evidence, we see that it definitely teaches the fact of a Triune Godhead. And the other passages that state that we are to be baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ are not in the least contradictory when taken in their true context and



surroundings. An examination of these passages (**Acts 2:38** <sup>38</sup> **Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 10:48** <sup>48</sup> **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days**) shows that the Apostles, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, were teaching and defending the deity of Christ as the most important thing to be established in the minds of their hearers at that particular time.

John the Baptist's baptism was a baptism of repentance. The baptism ordained by Jesus was different. It was into the Christian faith of the new dispensation and symbolised our death to sin and our resurrection to walk in newness of life. It was a type of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason the Apostles put extra stress on the baptism commanded by Christ as contrasted with that of John the Baptist. Under John the Baptist, penitents seeking salvation were baptised in water in the baptism of repentance. But in obedience to the command of Jesus, converts were to be baptised in water to symbolise the work of salvation already wrought out in their heart and also to symbolise the death and resurrection of their Lord. And when the Apostles stated that these were to be baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ they did not set aside the baptismal formula Christ had given, for that baptism merely instructed their hearers to be baptised in the baptism of Jesus instead of the baptism of repentance as performed by John the Baptist.

Many other passages may be found in which Christ spoke, while He was on earth, of His Father who was in Heaven, of the relationship between them, of the unity that exists between them, and of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from them.

### **The Trinity in Unity**

Having considered the Scriptural evidence that presents the irrefutable fact of the Divine Trinity, we now turn to consider the unity of that Trinity, for it is as incorrect to think of the Godhead as being three independent Gods as it is to consider Him as only one Person.

Herein lies a great mystery. It is here that the human mind fails to comprehend the facts that are laid before it. It is here that faith and trust must replace reasoning, for while the "invisible things of him . . . are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead" (Romans 1:20), we are still not given the ability to understand and comprehend many of the indisputable facts that are clearly seen by us. This is an accepted fact of the material world. Why would it not also apply in the spiritual realm?

It is impossible to define the unity of the Trinity. All the words of our language that are synonymous with the term unity, even if combined to pool their meaning, would fail to convey the full meaning of the oneness that is found in the Holy Three. All that the best minds of a hundred generations have put forward as a definition of this unity is adequate only to give us a mere glimpse into its depths.

In all other objects of thought or conjecture we can find parallels that help us to understand the theory or hypothesis being advanced. But it is not possible to find parallels for God. Neither is it possible to find symbols that will teach us the incomprehensible fact of God's unity, or of His Trinity, for in Him, and in Him alone, there is absolute soleness. Nothing on earth or in the universe has this distinction, this inherent quality, or this intrinsic characteristic. It, too, is a fact of Deity.

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Enumerate some of the names that are given to Christ in the Bible.
2. Quote some of the Scriptural evidences that prove that Christ is the Son of God.
3. Cite some of the Scriptural evidences that prove the plurality of the Godhead.
4. What is the reason for mankind's acceptance of a doctrine that denies the Holy Trinity?
5. State your Scriptural authority for saying that the Holy Ghost is a Member of the Trinity.
6. What is the baptismal formula as given by Christ? What does it prove?
7. Tell, in your own words, the substance of the vision Isaiah saw and what great doctrines of the Bible are taught or defended by it.
8. Tell of the baptism of Jesus and how the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is illustrated there.
9. What great offices are given to Christ to fill in the over-all plan of redemption? Which one has He already filled? Which one is He filling now? Which one remains to be filled?
10. What is the work of the Holy Ghost? And how does His work fit into the plan of redemption?

### **Scriptural Symbols of God's Unity**

In teaching the Ephesians about the love that we as humans should have one for the other, and especially that love and consideration that must, and will, exist between Christian husband and Christian wife, the Apostle Paul has compared that earthly union with the mystical union between Christ and His Church. And the Apostle John has given us a similar lesson about the unity that must, and will, exist between the members of that Church of Christ; for he has told us that Jesus prayed that we "all may be one" — be "made perfect in one" — as He was in God and God in Him. But we can see that even the Holy Spirit cannot, by symbol or parallel, teach the full and complete fact of the unity of the Godhead; for He has no earthly symbol or parallel to use for that purpose — to bring the full truth to our earthly and finite minds.

The Holy Spirit has used the symbol of Christian husband and wife, to give us a little glimpse into this unfathomable mystery by comparing the unity of God and Christ with a human, earthly union and fellowship that is actually, in itself, beyond our analysis and understanding. Now, if we cannot understand and comprehend those things which are a part of each one of us, and which are around us on every hand, how can we expect to understand or comprehend an infinite mystery that defies earthly comparison or intellectual analysis? We cannot! But, thank God, we need not be able to do so in order to be a partaker of the blessings that are given to us through it and because of it.

Sufficient it is for us to know that some day, when the veil is lifted is lifted, these mysteries will be made plain to us. Then we shall know as we are known and be like Him who gave Himself that we might have life and have it more abundantly.