

Trinity

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Chapter One

Three angels who appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre – (Genesis 18:1-15)

Romans 12:5

We are many – (Mark 5:9) we ourselves have no unity. Our minds wander. Unity brings peace. Marriage bring us unity (as one)

John 14:11

John 14:20

John 17:23

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

1 Corinthians 12:26

Galatians 6:2

James 4:11 – love your neighbor as yourself (unifying community)

John 17:4 & John 16:14

Son cries Abba. Spirit announces that Jesus is Lord.

Hand is unified with face. It protects a possible intrusion. (Acts 4:32)

John 14:9

John 14:23

At death (last rites): Father created; Son redeemed; Holy Spirit sanctified.

Baptism: In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Trinity is the womb – (Ephesians 1:4)

John 11:12 – we are partners (St Cyril)

Chapter Two

In delivering the Son, God makes Himself known as the Father.

Holy Spirit is the love of God in a person.

Father is infinity; Son is manifestation; Holy Spirit is enjoyment – St Hilary.

Father kisses, Son receives kiss; and the Holy Spirit is the kiss – Bernard of Clairvaux

2 Corinthians 7:14 – even in our worst afflictions, we have God

John 16:21 – suffering in child birth. You do it out of love. It is how the Trinity feels about us – Their creation.

Augustine: God is happy and makes us happy. Happy = love - (Job 38:7).

He saves with joy. He suffers with joy.

Romans 5:5

Galatians 5:22

Psalms 46:4

We carry the desire to be happy engraved in our hearts.

We are (supposed) to be happy because God created us in His image and likeness. He is perfect happiness.

1 John 4:8 – God is love. We are made in His image and likeness. Why then are we unhappy? Because we think love is God.

Whoever seeks God finds joy. The person seeking joy sometimes never finds God.

Luke 1:47 – hearts will be restless, until we can rest in God (interior).

Philippians 4:5 – mercy, forgiveness, not stubborn - radiates trust and hope - whoever is happy is not bitter, not harsh, and does not nitpick.

Aquinas – grace is nothing else than a beginning of Glory in us.

Elizabeth of Trinity – bury yourselves in the depths of your soul to lose yourself in the Trinity who dwells in it.

At Nativity, God finally gets someone outside Himself by whom He is loved in the supreme way He deserves – The Word (Acts 20:35). God can finally love someone who is worthy.

We have become sons in the Son (little g's). (Colossians 1:15-16) & (Genesis 1:31)

Chapter Three

Luke 11:1

1 Timothy 4:8

Pray for faith, hope, charity, obedience, humility, meekness, fortitude, virtue. You will be enlightened, liberated, cleansed, and united with God.

Augustine: love and do what you will. Pray and do what you will.

St Basil: to the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Ephesians 2:18 – prayer to the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

St Ireneus – Son and Holy Spirit are God’s two hands in creation.

To give thanks to God through Jesus means to give thanks to Him because of Jesus, for the intimate gift He is to the world. The Father will never tire of being thanked for all of eternity. How do we feel when someone speaks kindly about our children?

Ephesians 3:14-15

Holy Spirit initiates prayer in our weakness – (Romans 8:26-27).

At times, Holy Spirit teaches us to address the Father as Abba, address Jesus as Lord. He allows us to glimpse into the depth of God (1 Corinthians 2:10).

John 16:23 - as a child, you go to solve an issue with one or the other parent - how the Trinity helps.

Genesis 1:27 & Genesis 2:18 – God created man in His own image. Therefore we should not be alone (Marriage). They are The Trinity.

Exodus 33:22 – Moses enters a cleft. Holy Spirit is indwelled in the cleft of our bodies – (our heart).

John 4:23

Ephesians 5:18-20

Ephesians 6:18

Desire is the soul of prayer. (Isaiah 26:8).