Zephaniah 3:17 (RSV) The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

• From the Father:

• From the Son:

• From the Spirit:

Key: pg. 3: short; personal; relational; redemptive.

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The Trinitarian God

The Character of God - part 2 July 8, 2018

One God (Being), Three Persons

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

Exodus 20:2 **I** am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ You shall have no other gods before me.

• God, the Father

Luke 11:13 "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

John 4:21 Jesus declared, Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

• God, the Son

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 10:33 We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

• God, the Spirit

Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

John 14:17 ...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept — him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Verses reflecting the Trinity

Matthew 28:18 ... 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Philippians 2:11 ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 8:9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

John 15:26 When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

How are we to "understand" the trinity?

"Although not itself a biblical term, the trinity has been found a convenient designation for the one God self-revealed in scripture as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It signifies that within the one essence of the Godhead we have to distinguish three 'persons' who are neither three gods on one side, not three

■ parts or modes of God on the other, but coequally and coeternally God." – Baker's Dictionary of Theology, p.531.

1. All analogies fall _____.

2. God is _____.

3. The essence of all reality is

4. We learn of the Trinitarian nature of God most clearly in His dealings with our _____!

• What is the Trinity up to in my life?

Who am I?

What do I have to give?

Why am I here?