The Trinity The Character of God--part 2 July 8, 2018

DAY 1: One God (Being), Three Persons

1. The bible reveals God to be quite unique. The bible reveals God to be <u>one being</u>, <u>three</u> <u>persons</u>.

2. Let's look at God as one being.

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

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

3. That God is one being, but in three persons does <u>NOT</u> mean there are "really" three Gods.

Deuteronomy 4:35 You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other.

Isaiah 45:21 Declare what is to be, present it-- let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

Ephesians 4:6 ... one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.

DAY 2: God, the Father

1. Though God is one being, the scriptures depict Him in three persons. Today, we'll look at God, the Father.

2. As Jesus was teaching, giving warning, He let us in on who God, the Father is.

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

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.

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

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world.

¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

3. What strikes you about God the Father?

DAY 3: God, the Son

1. The scriptures depict Jesus Christ as fully divine and fully human.

2. Today, we'll look at the divinity of Christ.

Psalms 45:6 Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

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.

Jeremiah 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Matthew 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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."

Titus 1:3 ... and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

Hebrews 1:8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

3. What strikes you about the divinity of Jesus?

DAY 4: God, the Spirit

1. The third member of the trinity is the Holy Spirit.

2. Let's look at the divinity of

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.

John 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

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

2 Chronicles 15:1 The Spirit of God came upon Azariah son of Oded.

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.

3. What strikes you about the divinity of the Holy Spirit?

DAY 5: Verses that hint at the Trinitarian nature of God

1. Today, we'll look at some verses describing the **<u>divinity</u>** of two or three persons of the Trinity

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "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."

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Matthew 10:19 But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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.

1 Corinthians 2:10 ... but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

Psalms 104:30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

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.

2. What strikes you about God from today's verses?