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God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus instructed the disciples when they baptized, they were to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. The reason for this is because each one function differently; the three make up the Godhead, meaning the Trinity.

Although the word "Trinity" is not mentioned in the Bible, they exist in the Bible. When Jesus was baptized by John, John saw the Spirit of God descending upon Jesus (And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou are My beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased - Luke 3:22).

As you can see, Jesus was there being baptized, a voice from heaven which was God speaking, then the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit was descending upon Jesus—that brings about the Trinity.

Nothing in the Bible indicates how God was created or when He was created. Both He and His Son, Jesus are self-existing. The universe itself proves there is a God. God talked about His Son before Jesus' birth, and Jesus talked about the Father and the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit.

The Father is God, Jesus is called God, and the Holy Spirit is God, but each has a different function; each must be reverenced.

According to the Bible, no one has seen God and lived. Moses saw the

back-side of God, but not His face. No one has seen the Holy Spirit because He can't be seen with the natural eye.

The Holy Spirit was seen as a dove descending from heaven upon Jesus at His baptism. The Bible also states the Holy Spirit appeared as fire as the Apostles and others were being filled with the Holy Spirit.

God is the Creator of the universe and all that's in the universe. God is self-existence, immutability, omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresent. He is the Father of Jesus and the Father of those that have accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

We can't accept the Father and dismiss Jesus, and we can't have Jesus and dismiss the Father (He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth [remains] on him - John 3:36).

Before the creation of Adam, God communicated with Jesus, saying, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. God was not talking to the angels because the angels aren't made in the image or likeness of God. He was talking to Jesus. He also could have been talking to the Holy Spirit. Creating man in the beauty of holiness.

When Jesus was talking to His disciples, He instructed them the only way an individual could come to Him, the Father must draw him (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 6:44). Also, Jesus instructed the disciples no one could come to Jesus except it was authorized by the Father (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 6:65). Jesus wasn't talking about Himself, He was talking about His Father, which indicates two deities working together as one but functioning in different roles.

God is the Creator of life, the God over all things, and the Father of those who have accepted His Son and follow His instructions. All power belongs to God, He gave His power to Jesus and Jesus gave power to His disciples to overcome the wicked one as well as to take dominion over their fleshly desires.

Agape love comes from the Father of love. His love is unconditional and long-suffering. Throughout the Old Testament, God continued to send prophets to warn His people to return to the true and living God

God loves, and He also has wrath. Too often people think about God's love, and they think they won't have to suffer the consequences of their sin. But just as God did with the children of Israel, the very ones they rejected God for, He allowed them to destroy and take them captive.

God is a jealous God, He instructed His people then and now not to serve no other god (For thou shalt worship no other god; for the Lord, whose name is Jealous is a jealous God - Exodus 34:14).

Just like a married couple doesn't want anyone else to be in their marriage, God is the same way. If we're His, then we should act like it, and serve Him and Him only in the beauty of holiness.

He has empowered every believer if they want to live a holy life they can. He gives us the desires of our heart.

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Jesus instructed the disciples then and now when we pray, we pray to the Father, asking in the name of Jesus; we don't ask in the name of God, but in the name of His Son.

God loves us so much that He sent His Son, the Bible does not state that God sent Himself. You may hear some theologians and pastors saying God came to the world in the flesh, which is true, but it was His Son, that came into the world which is also God. If someone hears this statement, that is not familiar with the Bible, they would think it was the Father, God, that came to the world in the flesh.

God is the Father, Jesus is the Son; God functions as the Father, and Jesus functions as the Son. Jesus always prayed to get His instructions from the Father in what He would have Him to do. Jesus said, I came to do the will of the Father.

God foretold of His Son, in the Old Testament by the Prophet Isaiah prior to the birth of Jesus (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, Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace—Isaiah 9:6).

The only way one can be reconciled to the Father is by the acceptance of Jesus, the Son of God, and our acceptance of Him being our Savior and Lord. When Jesus becomes our Lord, it's no longer our will, but we live according to His will.

We read and search the Scriptures to learn what is our responsibility as a Christian. We can't live according to His Word if His Word is not in us. We will not be excused because we didn't know the Word.

It's our responsibility as Christians to know the Word of God and to live according to its instructions.

Jesus was born of a virgin by the name of Mary. Mary is not to be worshipped; she was just the carrier of the Messiah, the Son of God.

Mary called herself a maidservant of the Lord (Then Mary said, "Behold, the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her—Luke 1:38).

Some denominations worship Mary rather than Jesus. According to the Bible, we aren't to worship anyone else but the Father and the Son.

Mary didn't die for the sins of the world. Mary can't give remission of sins. Mary wasn't raised from the grave on the third day and is sitting on the right hand side of the Father. The worship of Mary is in error and it contradicts the Bible.

Through all the prophets, and godly men, there was no other name or person other than Jesus whereby one must be saved. Jesus came to give remission of sin (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 [Holy Spirit] - Acts 2:38).

Jesus is the only One that died and had power from the Father to raise Himself from death (No man taketh it from Me, but I lay down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father - John 10:18). Jesus always gave the glory to the Father.

Jesus is saying, all that I do is because of the Father. He has empowered Me to do what I do. I couldn't do nothing without His instructions. I seek to please Him, I seek to do His will. I seek to glorify Him.

God didn't send Himself to Earth, but sent His Son, Jesus, the Christ of God. Jesus left the Father and came to Earth to reconcile mankind back to their original state with the Father *For* God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved - John 3:17). Jesus gave us an example of what the sons of God should be. First of all, Jesus had no sin, but He died for the people's sin. Jesus performed many miracles, casting out demons, and was baptized with the Holy Spirit as He walked the Earth as man (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 lightening upon Him - Matthew 3:16).

Jesus is the Son of God, He came to fulfill all righteousness, giving us an example of what we should do as the children of God.

John the Baptist, son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, and earthly cousin of the Lord saw the Holy Spirit descending from heaven upon Jesus. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ, He was filled with the Holy Spirit prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was baptized, and He was filled with the Holy Spirit giving us an example of what every professing Christian should do. It's the Spirit of Jesus in our hearts that empowers us to love God and forsake the things of the world. It's the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that empowers one to live a godly lifestyle.

Many professing Christians do not have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The Church (body of Christ) has lost its glory because the Spirit of God is not really indwelling individuals who profess to be Christians. This is why we don't see the move of God in the sanctuary as it did in past years. Generations change, but the Holy Spirit stays the same and He will dwell in those that will seek

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Him. He only indwell those that are willing to obey God (And we are His witnesses to the things, and also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those that obey Him - Acts 5:32).

People will accept salvation, but they don't want to accept sanctification that goes with salvation.

The Holy Spirit is a gift and a promise to all who have been born-again of the Spirit of God. It's nothing we can earn, but it's something we all must have in order to make it in life while living in this world, but not part of the world.

The Holy Spirit is a comforter and a teacher (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 14:36). It's the Holy Spirit that enables us to commune with the Father. He teaches and gives us the revelation of the Word of God.

The gift of the Spirit operates through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals to us who and what to pray for. The Holy Spirit enables us to pray in tongues to commune with the Father.

The Holy Spirit gives us joy, which is one of the Fruit of the Spirit. While we're dealing with life issues, we will have joy in spite of what we're going through.

Being born of the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit operates differently. You only become born-again once, but there are many refillings of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit makes us sensitive to the Spirit of God and the spirit of Satan. Every born-again Christian should desire to have the filling of the Holy Spirit. Why miss out on the gift the Father desires you to have?

So many Christians are losing spiritual battles because they have not been

filled with the Holy Spirit. Many also profess to be Christians but have not been born of the Spirit of God (Jesus answered, verily, verily I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, you must be born again - John 3:5-7). We must be born of the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God.

So many professing Christians are living by the world standards and the body of Christ has lost its power because you can't serve God and Satan. Christians are to be separated from the world. We are in the world, but we're not of the world.

The Holy Spirit gives us revelation of Scriptures. No matter how many times you have read a Scripture, the Holy Spirit will give you a new revelation.

The Fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit are a manifestation of the Holy Spirit (But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, temperance. Against such there is no law - Galatians 5:22-23).

Gifts of the Spirit (There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit, There are difference of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of administration but it is the same God, who works all in all-1st Corinthians 12:4-6).

Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healings, working of miracles, prophecy discerning of spirits different kind of tongues, interpretation of tongues are all gifts of the Spirit—(1st Corinthians 12:8-10).

One of these gifts should be operating in a believer. Some may have one gift; others may have several gifts. Sadly, to say there is not much teaching in the church about being born again or being baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Fruit of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit. All of these should be in manifestation in all those that profess to be Christians.

The problem is people want to serve God and serve Satan. You can't serve both. You have to choose who you will serve and where you're determined to live after death.

If you're a born-again Christian, you need to ask God for the Holy Spirit; just like a fish needs water to live, you need the Holy Spirit to live a Christian life according to the Word of God. It's a gift from the Father (If ye then, being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him - Luke 11:13).

If you're not born-again, you need to seek the Lord with sincerity. Willing to let go of the world actions. As Christians we're instructed to follow the straight and narrow path that leads to life.

God, through His Son Jesus, has made us one with Him and the Father (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, and the glory which thou gavest Me I have given them: that they may be one, even as we are one - John 17:21-22).

Although there are many born-again Christians, we're all one in Him, we function in different roles, but in the Spirt we are one.

God is the One who created us, Jesus is the One that saved us, and the Holy Spirit is the One that keeps us, if we allow Him.

There is a difference between the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. We need all three if we want to enter heaven.



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If you have not received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, all you have to do is ask God to forgive you of your sins. Let Him know that you are aware that you have not submitted yourself to the Lord or His doctrine. Ask God to forgive you of your sins. Ask Him to save you, tell Him you accept His salvation by His Son.

If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, if you believe that Jesus died for your sins. If you believe that He was risen from the grave. Then you are saved.

Confess with your mouth that you're saved.

Romans 10:9-11

That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. If you have truly accepted salvation, your heart and spirit has been changed. You will feel the cleanliness within your spirit and heart. Now it's your responsibility to read the Word of God, pray, fast and submit yourself to the Word of God. If you can attend worship service at church or at your facility, you should attend to be strengthen spiritually. As you submit yourself to the doctrine of the Bible you will see a change in your character and attributes.

You can't receive salvation and stay the same. That was the reason Jesus died so that you would be free from the bondage of sin. You can't change yourself, He will change you, if you allow Him.

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