

# The Wonder of Our Triune God

Have you ever stopped to consider who it is you are actually worshiping? It's a question worth asking, because if we are not worshiping the Triune God of Scripture, then who are we worshiping? A god of our own making? A version of God trimmed down to fit our comfort? A distant deity who cannot save?

The God of the Bible is not like the gods of human imagination. He is one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is not some theological riddle for scholars to debate; it is the heartbeat of the Christian faith. The Father sends, the Son accomplishes, and the Spirit applies. This is who God has revealed Himself to be, and apart from Him, there is no salvation, no hope, no lasting joy.

Readily visible throughout Scripture, beneath the mystery, is the truth that God exists as three distinct persons who are one in essence. John's Gospel makes this clear: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (John 1:1, 14). The Word was both God and with God—distinct, yet fully divine. Soon, John clarifies these designations as Son and Father, and then the Son becomes incarnate, truly God and truly human. As Colossians 1:19 affirms, in him "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell."

Even as a man on earth, the Son spoke of the Holy Spirit as another distinct person: "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things" (John 14:26). Jesus describes the Spirit not as an impersonal force, but as a teacher and guide, someone distinct from both Himself and the Father, yet intimately one with the Son: "You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14:17). Paul echoes this same truth, showing the deep unity of Christ and the Spirit: "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him... the Spirit is life because of righteousness" (Romans 8:9–10). To have the Spirit is to have Christ, and to have Christ is to have the Spirit.

From these passages and many others, the church has consistently taught for two thousand years that God is one being who exists eternally in three persons, all fully God. This is the Trinity, an awe-inspiring reality that we can see clearly enough to rejoice in, even if full comprehension eludes us.

Think about it: if the Son were not fully God, His death on the cross would be powerless to save. If the Spirit were not God, He could not dwell within us, strengthen us, or keep us to the end. And if the Father were not God, there would be

no eternal plan of redemption and no home to which we are being welcomed. The Trinity is not a footnote to the gospel. It is the gospel's foundation.

And this is why our theology matters. A distorted view of the Trinity seeps into every corner of life. If God is viewed only as distant Father, we may live with fear and insecurity. If Jesus is seen merely as teacher and not Savior, we may try to earn what has already been freely given. If the Spirit is reduced to a vague influence rather than God Himself, we may treat Him as optional and walk in weakness instead of power. But when we embrace the truth of the triune God, life takes on clarity, purpose, and joy.

Within God Himself there has always been perfect love, eternal fellowship, and unhindered joy. Father, Son, and Spirit live in harmony without rivalry, jealousy, or division. That is the God in whose image we are made. When we forgive instead of holding on to bitterness, when we choose unity over division, when we humbly serve instead of demanding our way, we are reflecting something of the triune God. Theology isn't just an academic exercise. It shapes the way we live, the way we hope, and the way we love.

I remember a season of feeling weak and alone. My body ached, my mind grew weary, and I often wondered if I had the strength to keep going. In those moments, the Trinity was not just a doctrine on the page. It was my lifeline. The Father reminded me I was His beloved child. The Son whispered through His Word that His work on the cross was finished, even when I felt like a failure. And the Spirit carried me when my prayers were little more than groans. Looking back, I realize that without the triune God, I would have drowned in despair. Right theology made all the difference because knowing the true God shaped how I saw my suffering, how I found hope, and how I worshiped.

So let us not treat the Trinity as a puzzle to solve or a doctrine to set aside. Let us marvel at Him. Let us worship Him. Let us order our lives around Him. For to know God as Father, Son, and Spirit is to know the only true God, and to worship anyone else is to bow before an idol.

The Triune God invites us into His love, His fellowship, and His joy. He invites us to live in a way that reflects His perfect harmony: forgiving as the Father forgives, serving as the Son serves, and walking in the Spirit's power. Today, take a moment to reflect. How does your view of God shape your prayers, your priorities, and your relationships? Are you seeing Him as He truly is, or as something more convenient? Let your worship and your choices flow from the reality of the Father who plans, the Son who saves, and the Spirit who strengthens. When we align our lives with the

truth of the Trinity, we discover not just right theology, but right living—peace in trials, hope in despair, and joy in the journey.