

THE AWE AND WONDER OF THE TRINITY

Genesis 1.26

WHY THE TRINITY?

God is Three: Genesis 1.26, 11.7 // Matthew 28.19 // 2 Corinthians 13.14

Yet God is One: Isaiah 45.5, 6 // Mark 12.29

How you view the Trinity affects how you view every aspect of your life.

Though "trinity" is not found in the bible, the truth of it is. God is both "I AM" as well as "Us." It is not an easy concept to wrap our heads around, after all, there is "no one like God."

History: Theophilus of Antioch was the first to coin the word in 170 AD, but it was Tertullian from 200-220 AD that described God as "one in essence, not one in Person." What does that mean? God the Father, Son, and Spirit are on in character, holiness, essence, and equality in their deity. But they are different in their role, personhood, and activity.

Many false teachings, such as Modalism (one God, three personalities), and Sabellianism (or Arianism, that Jesus was a created being, which is the belief of the Jehovah Witnesses), rose up. In 325 AD, Roman Emperor Constantine called for the Council of Nicea. Over 300 bishops and their entourage (up to 1800 people) came to discuss the issue.

Here is a simple way to deduce the truth of the Trinity as was defined at Nicea:

- 1) God is three distinct Persons,
- 2) each Person is fully God,
- 3) there is only one God.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Firstly, it affects how we relate to Him:

- Understanding it causes us to marvel at God
- It cause us to worship Him more deeply when we realize salvation does not work without a Trinitarian God.
- Sin must be dealt with, and God cannot simply punish Himself, but must punish humanity for their sin, since they are the lawbreakers. But since He alone is able to make the payment, the only solution would be for Him to become one of us.

But it also affects how we relate to one another:

- It teaches us about community. They are different, yet are in partnership.
- It teaches us how to walk in humility. They are always in agreement, with no jealousy, delighting in each other.
- It teaches us how to walk in confidence. We can be submitted one to another, yet not have it threaten our personhood.
- It teaches us about structure. We are more joyfully willing to find our proper place and calling and ministry on this earth, with no jealousy in ministry, marriage, etc.

The Divine Order of the Trinity is that everything comes "from" the Father, "Through" the Son, "by" the Holy Spirit.



NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Next week we will look more specifically at the Father. What is His specific role in our salvation and in how things are given and taken and designed in our life?

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

1. What stuck out to you from these verses or from the sermon on Sunday?

2. Read **Genesis 1.26, Matthew 28.19, Isaiah 45.5** and **Acts 4.12**. Why is it so important to have a good, healthy understanding of the Trinity and the role of Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

3. Why is important to believe that our God is three in one, yet God is One? Why does it matter?

4. God the Father, Son, and Spirit are one in character, holiness, essence, and equal in their deity. Meanwhile, they are different in the roles, personhood and activity. What makes them distinct in roles, personhood and activity?

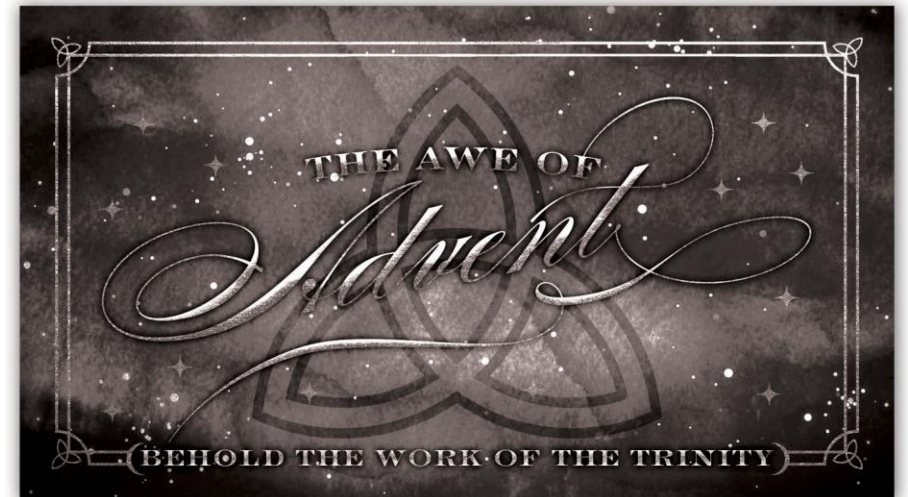
5. Explain how knowing and understanding the character and roles of God helps effect our relationships? How does it affect your view of marriage? Your view of friendship and community? Your view of church life?

6. For the past few weeks, Pastor Jobey and Eric have asked us to think about people who we are going to be reaching out to and extending God's grace to by the generous giving of time and blessing. Please share with your group the 3 or 4 people that you wrote down that need Jesus. Have you started this yet? Tell the group their names and how you are hoping to reach out to them, whether it's dinner, coffee, etc.

Spend a good amount of time brain storming how you can bless those around you that don't know Jesus, particularly praying for the people you are specifically wanting to reach out to, then as a group pray that the same grace that has reached you, would reach them. Pray that they would know and love the God you know and love.



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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