

Knowing the Father > Jesus' relationship with His Father

As we seek to know each of the three distinct persons of the Godhead. How do we understand the trinity?
How is it that some stumble over the trinity? (I Cor. 1:21, Acts 17:21, 1 Cor. 8:1)

- Someone says I don't believe in the trinity and then we try in our wisdom to convince them
- How did Jesus explain the trinity? Did he take an egg and show them the three parts yet 1 egg; He did share about the egg that God would not give a scorpion for an egg. But for this he didn't use the egg example for explaining the trinity.

How do we see in the scriptures we see the trinity explained?

(Luke 3: 22; Matthew 28:19; Matthew 16: 16, 17; John 6: 68, 69; John 1:18, John 14:9; 1 Peter 1:2, Eph 3:14-17)

- Teaching in the scriptures
- Revelation
- Life

Summary: Just as we believe God for the forgiveness of sins and receive the reality of it in our lives (no angel descends and says we are forgiven). We need to believe that God has chosen to reveal Himself as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit even though. They are one. We can experience this in our marriages as husband and wife – two yet one and in the church where we are many yet one symbolized in the breaking of bread and in the Body of Christ.

- What aspects of God's nature do we see in our Heavenly Father?
 - Ps 131:2, Is 49:15,16: Parental Care (like Mordecai could rest and sleep while the king and Haman were awake; God was working on his behalf)
 - Matt 6:14, 15; Matt 18:35: The one who forgives and merciful, and the one who can hold back forgiveness if we don't forgive
 - Matt 5:45, 48: The one who good to all; we too keep doing good to everyone as our Father in heaven
 - Luke 15: 20, 24: Runs to those who return back home, celebrates over them
 - Matt 6:25-34: Cares for birds and lilies and free us from anxiety because of the security of His care (Rom 3:17 TLB)
 - Matt 9:28: The one who sends out into the ministry
- What are some of the longings of our Heavenly Father? (Rev 4:11, John 4:23,24; Heb 11:6)
 - That all creation gives Him pleasure
 - Worshippers
 - Faith
- Jesus relationship with our Heavenly Father (John 11:41, 42; John 8:29, John 5:19, 30; John 5:20, Matt 10:40, John 17:10)
 - He always heard him
 - Pleased the father in everything so He was always with Jesus
 - Didn't do anything out of his own initiative on what He saw His Father Do
 - Father loves the Son (He was secure in that Love)
 - If they had seen Him they had seen the Father
 - If we receive Him we receive the Father
 - He didn't have anything that was His own
- ❖ What does all we see in our Heavenly Father mean for us? (John 16:27; John 17:23; Zep 3:17; Matt 4:10)
 - Father **Himself** loves me, just as much as He loved Jesus
 - Father **celebrates** over me
 - We worship and serve Him out, first being grounded in His Love for us.

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