

## **1-C** The Triune Man

### Forward

This series of booklets is a compilation of teaching from the curriculum for *The School of the Local Church* Bible Study originally offered at Grace Christian Center in Killeen, Texas under the direction of Pastor Terry Whitley. Students often asked for a written text format of the teachings which would allow private personal study apart from class lectures. These Booklets are an intended answer that need.

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The foundation of Christian faith and any and all instruction about God, on the Kingdom of God, the Family of God, matters of salvation and judgment, of prophecy and eternity can be found only in the Bible. Only in the Bible can mankind find reliable answers to life's most important questions. In this entire series of Booklets, the Bible will be the foundation of all teaching. This is a Bible Study.

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In Genesis, the very first book of the Bible, we are told that God made or created mankind in His image and likeness. We also read that God's created man to rule over all the earth and the creatures therein:

**GEN 1:26** Then God said, "**Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**

Notice in the above scripture that God said, "Let US make man in OUR image, in OUR likeness.' This clearly implies that God is a plural being, composed somehow of more than one part.

He is in fact triune in nature, meaning He manifests . We call this the Trinity – the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit**. If God is triune, and He created us in His image and likeness, then it follows that human beings are also triune – composed of three parts. In the New Testament, it is easy to see the trinity of man in the following scripture:

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NKJV)

Notice that we are **spirit, soul and body**. The total man or woman is triune, composed of these three parts.

We could say that when God does anything, is conceived by the Father, performed by the Son, through the power or agency of the Holy Spirit. Many scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments show this.

God is a spirit being. He created man in His image, so we also are spirit beings. Spirit beings are ETERNAL. That is, they NEVER cease to exist or have consciousness.

**JOH 4:23** Yet a time is coming and has now come when the **true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth**, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 **God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.**"

1. **JOB 32:8** But **there is a spirit in man**, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.
2. **PRO 20:27** The **spirit of man** is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.
3. **ECC 3:14** I know that **everything God does will endure forever**; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.  
**Just as God is triune, so man is also triune. We are truly made in His image.**
4. **GEN 2:7** And the LORD **God formed man of the DUST of the ground, and BREATHED into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living SOUL.**
5. **MAT 3:16** As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment **heaven was opened, and he saw the SPIRIT of GOD descending like a dove and lighting on him.** 17 And **a voice from heaven said, "This is my SON, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."**
6. **MAT 28:19** 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."

**With our BODIES, we operate in and contact the physical realm through our five senses of touch, sight, hearing, taste and smell. With our SOUL we operate in and contact the intellectual realm, through Mind, Will and Emotions. With our SPIRIT we operate in and contact the spiritual realm, through Conscience, Intuition and Communion. The soul and spirit are closely related, but different. Unless God's Spirit is IN our spirit, we cannot know God, nor the things of God.**

7. **HEB 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the **dividing asunder of SOUL (psuche) and SPIRIT (pneuma)**, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
8. **1CO 2:9** However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 but **God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.** The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For **who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.** 12 **We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.**

**It is the presence of God's spirit IN our spirit that gives ETERNAL LIFE. Without His Spirit in us, we are only ANIMAL LIFE. When Adam sinned, God's Spirit left Adam, and he died spiritually. He was still alive physically, but dead to God and the things of God. Those that do NOT have God's Spirit in their spirits are DEAD, and are children of the devil. Those that HAVE the Spirit of God in their spirits are ALIVE unto God, and are children of God. Every person on earth inherits spiritual DEATH from Adam. In order to receive LIFE, we must be BORN AGAIN by the Holy Spirit.**

9. **GEN 2:16** And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 "but **of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely DIE.**" (Adam died spiritually—God's Spirit left him)
10. **JOH 8:42** **Jesus said to them (the Jewish teachers),** "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 **Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.** 44 **You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.** He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him.

When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

11. **JOH 3:1** There was a man of the Pharisees named **Nicodemus**, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**" 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, **I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** 6 **"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**
12. **2CO 3:18** And **we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness** with ever-increasing glory, which comes **from the Lord, who is the Spirit.**
13. **2CO 5:17** Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**; the old has gone, the new has come!

**When we are BORN AGAIN, God's Spirit enters our spirits (hearts) and changes us. We enter God's Family and become children of God, and are predestined to full sonship. We are Born Again by a SEED, God's word. The seed sprouts new life in us, but will continue to mature unto the full image of God, which was God's original plan for mankind.**

14. **ROM 8:15** For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but **you received the Spirit of sonship.** And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.** 29 For those God foreknew **he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**
15. **1PE 1:23** For **you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.** 24 For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but **the word of the Lord stands forever.**" **And this is the word that was preached to you.**
16. **2PE 1:4** Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
17. **1CO 15:45** So it is written: **"The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.** 46 **The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.** 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And **just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.** 50 I declare to you, brothers, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.**

**The only part of man that gets saved at the New Birth is you, your spirit. Your soul and body remain UNSAVED. It is YOUR responsibility by FAITH and with the HELPER and POWER of the Holy Spirit, to WORK OUT your salvation into your soul and body, to take dominion over your SOUL and BODY, to LIVE OUT the salvation of God within you in your daily life. THAT is what wins others to Jesus!! They can't see the salvation of your spirit. They see only the salvation of your soul and body!!**

18. **JAM 1:21** Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and **humbly accept the word planted in you, WHICH CAN SAVE YOU.** 22 **Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.** 23 **Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror** 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

19. **PHI 2:12** Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—**CONTINUE TO WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR & TREMBLING,**
20. **ICO 1:18** For **the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who ARE BEING SAVED it is the power of God.**
21. **IPE 1:8** Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for **you are receiving THE GOAL OF YOUR FAITH, THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS.**

Your part in the salvation of your soul and body begins with changing the way you think, to abandon the old worldly way of THINKING, and to begin THINKING and believing in line with God’s Word. At the same time, you begin to change the way you SPEAK, to SPEAK along the line of God’s Word. This brings salvation to your SOUL. At the same time, you OBEY God’s Word, which brings salvation to your BODY. As you are obedient to God, His blessings come into your life!!! THAT is how you PROVE God’s Will and Salvation in YOUR life, by SHOWING salvation to yourself and others!!!

22. **ROM 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **YOU present YOUR BODIES a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.** 2 And **do not be conformed to this world, but be TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your MIND, that you may PROVE what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**
23. **2CO 4:16** Therefore we do not lose heart. **Though OUTWARDLY we are wasting away, yet INWARDLY we are being renewed day by day.**
24. **JOH 8:31** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, **“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.”**
25. **JOH 17:17** **SANCTIFY them by the truth; your word is truth.**
26. **ISA 55:7** **Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts.** Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 **“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.”** declares the LORD. 9 **“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**3JO 2** Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just **as your SOUL prospers.**