

I.XI WHY YOU NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PRAISE THE TRINITY: 1 Peter 1:2 - Shepherd School

I. OPENING RAYER: All.

III. SERMON:

WHY YOU NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PRAISE THE TRINITY: 1 Peter 1:2

INTRODUCTION. Turn with me to 1 Peter 1:1-2. While you find your place there, let me say these few words of clarification by way of introduction:

If you do not understand and (and believe!) that there is only one God—and He is the God revealed in the Scriptures—and that all other so-called gods are idols, then you do not understand the God who is. **Deuteronomy 6:4** "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one." **1 Corinthians 8:4** "there is no God but one." **Jeremiah 10:10** "But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King." There is only one true God. All other gods are truly nothing, but demons are behind them. It is no small thing for the White House in October 2025 to light candles to celebrate Diwali—it is no small thing to worship a demon. But this surely comes from a lack of understanding, or believing with conviction, that there is only one God and all others are not only false, but demonic. **1 Corinthians 10:20** "what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God." You and I need to understand that there is but one God or we do not understand the God who is.

Additionally, if you do not understand (and believe!) what God reveals about Himself eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son, and Spirit—then you do not understand the God who is. You and I cannot necessarily comprehend the Trinity, but we must accept and believe it, though this knowledge transcends our finite minds. **Consider Jesus's baptism. This is clear proof of our Triune God.** Now, understand that all world religions besides orthodox Christianity are demonic. Also those who seem to be close to Christianity, yet deny the Trinity, are demonic. Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Apostate Israel/Talmudic Judaism—none of them worship the same God that we do. None of them worship the God that is. None of them worship the true God. If they deny Jesus's divinity, they deny YHWH, they deny JEHOVAH, no matter what they say. **1 John 2:22** "Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son." You and I need to understand and believe that there is but one God that eternally exists in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—or we

do not understand the God who is.

My last word of introduction, and what actually brings us right to our text of Scripture, is this:

if you do not understand and believe that God is one and eternally exists in three Persons, you do not understand redemption as you should—you do not understand the good news (the gospel). Redemption is Trinitarian! *If you deny the trinity, you are in essence denying the gospel!*

You need to understand the Unity of God as well as the Trinity, so that you properly understand who God is and how He has revealed Himself! But you also need to understand the Unity of God and the Trinity so you can properly understand and appreciate the good news of God's salvation through Jesus Christ!

Look with me at 1 Peter 1:1-2 and see how crucial the trinity is for understanding your redemption.

CON(TEXT).

1 Peter 1:1-2

"1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you."

DOCTRINE. The Father planned that Christ would purchase and the Spirit apply redemption to His elect, resulting in their obedience, grace, and peace.

OUTLINE.

- I. The Persons of Redemption,
- II. The Purpose of Redemption, and then
- III. Four Uses for Personal Application.

I. THE PERSONS OF REDEMPTION.

I) GOD THE FATHER IS THE PLANNER OF REDEMPTION (1 Pet. 1:2a).

1 Peter 1:2a "according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,"

- "Foreknowledge" here means either God the Father's *definite plan* of redemption which He decreed before the ages began, or it means God the Father's *eternal love* given to the elect by sheer grace.

- **(i) DEFINITE PLAN: Acts 2:23** "Jesus, [was] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,"
 - **Acts 4:27-28** "27 truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place."
 - **2 Timothy 1:9** "[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. . ."
- **(ii) ETERNAL LOVE: Romans 8:29** "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."
 - **Ephesians 1:4-5** "4...In love 5 [God the Father] predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will (or "the kind intention of His will"),"
 - **POOLE:** "According to the foreknowledge; either:
 - 1. The Divine preordination, or decree of election, as the word is taken, 1 Peter 1:20, and then we may take elect in the first sense; men are chosen out of the world, or called in time, according as they were chosen from eternity, Romans 8:30: or:
 - 2. Foreknowledge here is as much as approbation or love, Matthew 7:25, Romans 11:2; and so signifies the free favour and good will of God, which is the fountain from whence the decree of election proceeds; and then we are to take elect in the latter sense, and so elect according to the foreknowledge of God, is, eternally designed unto life, according to, or out of, that free grace and love God did from eternity bear to them, which was the only motive he had for his choosing them: or, (which comes to the same), by foreknowledge we may understand election itself, as it is in God; and by election, the same, as terminated in the creature, and executed in effectual calling."

Though all three persons of the Trinity are the same in essence and have but one will, God the Father is attributed as the planner of redemption, the selector of the elect, and the one who both crushed the Son of His love (because of His love for his sons) and who adopts of into His family.

II) GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE APPLIER OF REDEMPTION (1 Pet. 1:2b).

1 Peter 1:2b "in the sanctification of the Spirit,"

- **This is instantaneous consecration**, setting you apart from sin to righteousness; from vanity to holy service to God. This is when the Spirit takes us from being "In Adam" and puts us "In Christ."
- **However the Spirit also progressively sanctifies believers**, making us less like Adam and more like Christ.

Though all three persons in the Godhead are equal in essence and power and redemptive love for the elect, God the Holy Spirit is frequently said to be the applier of redemption. He instantaneously sanctifies us; He regenerates us; He seals us; He gifts us; He convicts us of sin; He progressively sanctifies us; He pours the love of God into our hearts; He assures us of our adoption; He comforts us; He illumines the Scriptures so that we understand and believe; He intercedes for us in prayer; He empowers us for holiness; He preserves us all the way to glory.

III) GOD THE SON IS THE PURCHASER OF REDEMPTION (1 Pet. 1:2d).

1 Peter 1:2d "and for sprinkling with his blood:"

- **POOLE**: "the sense of the whole is: Elect according to the foreknowledge of God, to be by the sanctification of the Spirit brought into the participation of all the benefits of Christ's redemption; the sum of which consists in the renovation of your natures unto gospel obedience, and the justification of your persons."

Though all three persons in the Trinity are equal in essence and love for the elect, God the Son—the Lord Jesus Christ—is the person who became flesh and dwelt among us; Christ is the Prophet who perfectly reveals the Triune God to us; Jesus is the King who both rules and protects us; Christ is the Priest who offered Himself as a sacrifice to purchase redemption for all who will believe.

Christ is the Priest in His person, the Altar in His divinity, the Sacrifice in His humanity. He perfectly purchased not only redemption in general, but a particular people for His own possession.

***SUM: The Father Plans, the Son purchases, the Spirit applies.
Redemption is trinitarian!***

II. THE PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION.

I) The Triune God redeems the elect for the purpose of their obedience to Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:2c).

1 Peter 1:2c "for obedience to Jesus Christ"

II) The Triune God redeems the elect for the purpose of would multiplying grace to them (1 Pet. 1:2e).

1 Peter 1:2e "May grace...be multiplied to you."

III) The Triune God redeems the elect for the purpose of multiplying peace to them (1 Pet. 1:2f).

1 Peter 1:2f "...and peace be multiplied to you."

DOCTRINE. The Father planned that Christ would purchase and the Spirit apply redemption to the elect, resulting in their obedience, grace, and peace.

A P P L I C A T I O N - 4 U S E S

I. USE THESE TRUTHS FOR INSTRUCTION.

I) No Trinity? No redemption.

- Redemption is a work of the One true and living God who eternally exists in three persons.

II. USE THESE TRUTHS FOR COMFORT.

- If you are in Christ, each Divine Person in the Godhead has love for you stretching from eternity past, proven to you at the cross, present with you now, and will be lavished upon you into eternity future.

(i) Comfort yourselves and other believers with the fact that the Father planned our redemption!

(ii) Comfort yourselves and other believers with the fact that Christ shed His blood so that we would be sprinkled with it!

(iii) Comfort yourselves and other believers with the fact that God the Holy Spirit has sanctified and is sanctifying us, making us more like Christ and less like Adam.

(iv) Comfort yourselves and other believers with the fact that God is working providentially on our behalf for His great name's sake! Look at these exiles in the dispersion that Peter wrote to. They were exactly where God wanted them for their good and His glory.

III. USE THESE TRUTHS FOR WARNING.

If you use the doctrine of election to comfort yourself in continued unrepentant sin, you need to be warned!

If you presume upon God's election but do not take obedience to Christ seriously, you have vastly misunderstood election and are likely not in Christ.

- **JOHN TRAPP:** "Some there be...that for an extreme refuge in their evil doings, run to God's election, saying, 'If I be elected I shall be saved, whatever I do.' But such be great tempters of God, and abominable blasphemers of his holy election; these cast themselves down from the pinnacle of the temple in presumption, that God may preserve them by his angels through predestination. God's election ought to be with a simple eye considered, to make us more warily walk according to his word..."

IV. USE THESE TRUTHS FOR EXHORTATION.

I) If you are in Christ, you were redeemed by the triune God in order that you would obey—so devote yourself to Spirit-empowered obedience.

- You were not elected *because of* obedience, but you were elected "*for* obedience to Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:2c).

II) You need to read, hear, believe, mediate upon, and obey the Scriptures—this is the pipe that God pumps grace and peace through to you.

- (i) God will multiply *grace* to you as you read, hear, believe, mediate upon, and obey the Scriptures.
- (ii) God will multiply *peace* to you as you read, hear, believe, meditate upon, and obey the Scriptures.

III) Each person in the Trinity is attributed with specific works in our redemption, therefore you should ordinarily speak and pray and meditate according to those specifics and so honor our Triune God.

- **Let me first explain what I mean then give you four concluding exhortations from the explanation.**
 - **(i)** The Father did not die for His bride, Christ did. Neither the Father nor the Spirit arose from the dead, Christ did. Neither the Father nor the Spirit are coming again to judge the living and the dead, Christ is. We do not pray in the name of the Father or the Spirit, we pray in the name of Jesus. Neither the Father nor the Spirit became a man, Christ did.
 - **(ii)** Neither Christ nor the Spirit elected people for salvation, the Scriptures ordinarily attribute that work to God the Father. Neither Christ nor the Spirit adopt us, the Father does.
 - **(iii)** Neither the Father nor Christ are the persons who are ordinarily attributed with the works of regenerating a dead sinner or sanctifying a saint, the Scripture ordinarily attributes those works to God the Holy Spirit. Neither the Father nor Christ seal us for the day of redemption, the Spirit does. Neither the Father nor Christ convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement, the Spirit does.

1) Do not dishonor our triune God by always flattening the Father, Son, and Spirit, and not ascribing to even each person the glory due His name.

- We serve a Triune God, do not act like a Mormon or Jehovah's witness.

2) Honor the Father, Son, and Spirit by speaking and praying and meditating upon their wonderful works to redeem rebels like you and me.

- We have been redeemed by a Triune God, do not speak or pray or think like a Modalist.

3) Teach those under your care about our glorious God who is One yet eternally exists in three persons.

- Do not, because of your negligence, let your wife or your children think, speak, or pray like a *Mormon* or a *Jehovah's Witness* or a *Modalist*.

4) Teach those in your charge about the different works of redemption attributed to Father, Son, and Spirit, so you and they may have better communion with the God that is.

- Do not, because of your negligence, let your wife or your children think, speak, or pray like a Modalist.

CONCLUSION. May our Father grant us to use these truths in 1 Peter 1, through Christ, by the power of the Spirit, for instruction, comfort, and exhortation for our triune God's great glory!

III. SONG:

B r e a k (start back at 7:10pm)

IV. 1689 Confession: Ch 5. Par 1-4 (finish by 7:35pm)

V. DISCUSSION (finish by 8pm)

A Body of Divinity discussion

Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices discussion

Closing Prayer

SYLLABUS

 SHEPHERD SCHOOL - SEASON ONE (2025) - THE ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD

WEEK	Scripture	Book I <i>(read before)</i>	Book II <i>(read before)</i>	1689 Confession	Certificate Essays	Certificate Exposition
1 8/14	2 Timothy 2:1-6 Why Shepherd School + Overview					
2 8/21	Deuteronomy 18:15-22	A Body of Divinity Christ, The Mediator of the Covenant + Christ's Prophetic Office by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices A Word to the Reader, Introduction, Proof of the Point, By Presenting the Bait and Hiding the Hook by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 1-3		
3 8/28	Psalms 110:1-4	A Body of Divinity Christ's Priestly Office + Christ's Kingly Office by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Painting Sin with Virtue's Colors, By the Extenuating and Lessening of Sin, By Showing the Soul the Best Men's Sins by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 4-6	Short Essay on The Hypostatic Union	
4 9/4	Philippians 2:5-11	A Body of Divinity Christ's Humiliation in His Incarnation + Christ's Exaltation by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Presenting God to the Soul, By Persuading the Soul, By Making the Soul Bold by Thomas Brooks	Ch 8. Par 7-10		First Exposition Due
5 9/11	Galatians 3:10-14	A Body of Divinity Christ's The Redeemer by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Representing to the Soul the Outward Mercies, By Presenting to the Soul the Crosses, By Causing Saints to Compare Themselves by Thomas Brooks	Ch 11. Par 1-3		<i>*Certificate path will meet in the office during 1689 and book discussion this week to discuss sermons</i>
6 9/18	John 4:24 (Omnipresence) Psalm 147:5 (Omniscience)	A Body of Divinity The Omnipresence of God + The Omniscience of God by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Causing Saints to Compare Themselves, By Polluting the Souls Judgements, By leading Men to Choose Wicked Company by Thomas Brooks	Ch 11. Par 4-6		
7 9/25	Revelation 1:8 (Eternity) James 1:17 (Immutability)	A Body of Divinity The Eternity of God + The Immutability of God by Thomas Watson	Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices By Presenting the World, By Presenting to the Soul the Dangers, By Presenting to the Soul the Difficulty by Thomas Brooks	Ch 2. Par 1-3		

Okay, men. Grab your Bibles and go with me to First Peter chapter 1, and we're going to look at verses 1 and two. Mostly, we're going to look at verse two, but we'll just read verse one so we can get the proper context. 1 Peter chapter 1. We'll zero in on verse two, but we'll read we'll read verse one as well. While you find your place there in 1 Peter 1, let me say these few words of clarification by way of introduction. And these these things I'm saying by way of introduction, I want you to see why this is our focus tonight in shepherd school. why when we're having a sermon on the trinity, it's more than just God is triune. But I'm trying to show you why you need to understand in so far as our small human minds are able to understand that God exists eternally in three persons, father, son, and spirit. If you do not understand in so far as we can and believe that there is only one God and he is the God revealed in the scriptures and that all other so-called little-g gods are just idols. If you don't understand that there's one God, then you do not understand the God who exists. You do not understand the God who is. Deuteronomy 6:4 says, "Here, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one." 1 Corinthians 8:4, God says through Paul, "There is no God, but one." There's only one God. Jeremiah 10:10 says, "But the Lord is the true God. He is the living God and the everlasting king." The Lord is the true God, insinuating that there are false gods, little G gods, but there is only one true and living God. All other gods, so-called gods are actually nothing there. They don't even exist, but there are demons behind them. And so all idols, all false gods, they're they're they don't even really exist, but they are set up almost like a prop as it were, and they're animated by in some sense demonic activity. Therefore, it is no small thing or no insignificant thing for the White House in October 2025 to have a Diwali celebration to a demon god. This happened just a couple of days ago. Diwali is going on right now which is a Hindu festival, a celebration and they light candles to a demon, a false god and even those who you know are close to professing to be Christian in the White House are in the name of you know inclusivity and tolerance or like celebrating everyone are lighting candles to in reality what is a false god, even a demon. Surely this just comes from a lack of understanding or a lack of believing with conviction that there is only one God and all other so-called gods are not only false gods but demonic. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:20, "What pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to the true God." What pagans sacrifice, he's saying, and and if you remember as we worked through First Corinthians, Paul says at one point, "An idol is nothing. These false gods are nothing. They don't even exist." And then a little bit later, he says, "Now, they don't exist, but there are demons that animate them and strengthen them." And these false gods are not actually anything at all, but there are demons behind them. And that's why he says in 1 Corinthians 10:20 that what pagans sacrifice to a false god is what he's implying. They offer to demons and not to God, not to the true God. So you and I need to understand first of all what in theological terms and even you read this week in Thomas Watson, you need to understand the unity of God. There is one God. That's it. All other so-called gods are false and even demonic. But

additionally, if you do not understand and believe in so far as we're able what God reveals about himself eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you don't understand and believe that, then you also don't understand and believe the God who is. You have to understand that God is one. There's one God. You also have to understand that God is one and eternally exists in three persons, father, son, and spirit. So if you don't understand the unity of God and also the triunity of God, the trinity, then you do not actually understand the God who really exists. You and I cannot necessarily comprehend the trinity. One God, not three gods, not three divisions of God, not three wills or anything like that, but one God eternally existing in three persons. I don't think we can necessarily fully comprehend that. But that is what the scripture reveals. And though it is transcendent knowledge that we go, I don't I don't comprehend how that works, we must accept it and believe it because that is what God reveals about himself in scripture. And if you don't understand that, then you don't understand or accept the one true God. Now you can you can not fully comprehend the trinity like all of us would say I don't fully comprehend that and still be a Christian absolutely but if you deny the trinity you cannot be a Christian you can't none of us can fully comprehend it but god reveals it and we accept it through faith and make clear distinctions one God eternally existing in three persons so someone could not really understand that at all or be like way further away from understanding than maybe you are like still a Christian. But if you deny that God the Father is truly God, that God the Son is truly God and that God the Holy Spirit is truly God, there are one in essence but three persons within the Godhead. If you deny that, you're not a Christian. And this has been settled from the beginning all throughout church history. These are some of the councils that came up in the first few hundred years where people would deny the divinity of Jesus Christ and the church would gather together because they said no the scripture reveals that Jesus Christ is eternally God. And then some would deny that the Holy Spirit is God. And so another council comes together and they say, "NoStephen, the scripture is clear that the Holy Spirit is not just some like part or agent of God, but God, the Holy Spirit is truly the eternal God." Consider Jesus baptism. You'll hear, if you haven't already, something that you may not even realize it, but it's called modalism. It's what uh famous people today that teach this or TD Jake teaches it. Uh Stephen Furtick teaches it though he really knows better but he still teaches it. Michael Todd who's in Tulsa just 45 minutes from here. He teaches modalism. Maybe they don't even Furtick and Todd. I don't even know if they really realize what they're doing or the implications of what they're saying, but...it's like you just did a heresy. Like you're trying to be cool and like use cool metaphors and show water in like an ice form and a liquid form and different forms and say it's all H₂O though, but God just changes his form. It's like no, that's a heresy. like God is the same in essence but three persons. But I just want you to consider Jesus baptism. Modalism I'll back up. Modalism teaches that in the Old Testament God revealed himself as Yahweh and that would be like God the Father. That's how he reveals himself and then in the gospel accounts during the incarnation God like changes masks and then

reveals himself as Jesus. And then when Jesus ascends back to heaven, then he changes masks again and reveals himself as God the Holy Spirit. They say, "Well, God is one and he just presents himself in different ways throughout history." And so they would say, "Oh, yeah, three, but one." And it's just he changes his modes of revealing himself to people. That's heresy. That is outside of the Christian faith. And you need to be aware of that teaching. and not fall into silly things. Like even St. Patrick of Ireland would grab a three-leaf clover and say, "Look, it's it's three it's a clover and there's like father, son, and spirit in it." It's like, "No, no, no. Don't try to do that. Don't try to use any kind of clever metaphors from creation to explain the trinity. You cannot do it. We receive it in faith." And we even see it exemplified not only taught explicitly in scripture that the father, son, and spirit are all equal in essence, equal in every way, yet three distinct persons. We see it experientially. We even see it evidently at the baptism of Christ who's in the water being baptized by John. John the Baptist, the son, who then opens the skies and speaks from heaven as Jesus is in the water, the father. He says, "This is my beloved son with whom I'm well pleased." Then who descends on the Lord Jesus Christ like a dove at Jesus baptism? God the Holy Spirit. So the modalist would have you think that God is like changing masks really quickly like God is revealing himself as Christ and then it's like he reveals himself as the father right then while Christ is right here then he reveals himself as the spirit right here. It doesn't work. And this is why all throughout Christian history they've said I understand it's comprehensive and it's transcendent. It's like beyond our ability to comprehend but God the Holy Spirit is God. God the Father is God. God the Son is God. There's one God eternally existing in three persons. The baptism of Jesus is one clear example of our triune God. Now understand that all world religions besides orthodox Christianity are demonic in nature. All world religions besides orthodox Christianity are demonic in nature because any false god any but the one true god is just demons. Demons are animating them. The false god is actually nothing as Paul says in first Corinthians. So we need to make that clear. And also those who not only world religions like Hinduism like Buddhism like uh modern-day Talmudic Judaism not only those kind of things but those who seem close to Christianity but deny the trinity they are also demonic. So there are there are some they're actually their own religion but they're they seem close to Christianity or they might even use the scripture or some of the scriptures but they deny that God eternally exists. One God, three persons, you need to know they are also demonic. And so those who like Mormons, Mormons would they call themselves the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And many professed Christians and real Christians, people who are truly converted, don't quite understand probably and they think it's like another denomination. Like we've got Baptists and Pentecostals and Presbyterians and Mormons. Like no, that is not a different denomination. That is a false religion. They deny the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. and they've got a lot of other problems, but that specific one, you deny that Jesus is the eternal God, you're not a Christian and you're actually teaching demonic teaching of demons. Jehovah's Witnesses are the same way. They call themselves Jehovah's Witnesses

and they do not believe that Jesus is the eternal God, the second person of the Trinity. It is demonic. Jehovah's Witnesses. Uh the JDubs are demonic. The same thing with apostate Israel today. The same thing with Talmudic Judaism today. They deny the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's what I mean. They don't deny that a person named Jesus existed just like the Jehovah's Witnesses don't. The Mormons don't. But they denied the divinity that he is divine, that he is the eternal son of God and not a son of God in some sense that he was born from God the father or something like that. But they deny that Jesus is the eternal God. So apostate Israel, Talmudic Judaism, they it's also demonic. If you do not have the son, you do not have the father. And some Christians fail to understand that specifically about modern Judaism. And they think it's just like, well, David's religion, you know, a thousand years before Christ came. And they just kind of missed it. But they're still doing what David did. Like, no, that's not what Judaism is today. They're not doing what David did. David was an Old Testament Christian, an Old Testament saint. They rejected the Christ coming. They deny that Jesus is the Christ, that he is God, and they teach demonic teachings. None of them, Talmudic Judaism, modern day Judaism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, none of them, Muslims, they don't worship the same God as us, even though they use some of the scriptures. Just listen to First John 2:22. Who is the liar? But he who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Who is the liar? The easiest way to see a liar, they deny that Jesus is the Christ. This is the antichrist. He who denies the father and the son. He's saying if you deny the son, God the son, you also are denying the father. You can say we don't deny the father. we don't deny Jehovah or Yahweh and use his old covenant revelatory name is like yes you do if you reject Jesus you don't have Jehovah you don't have Yahweh Jesus is Yahweh Jesus is Jehovah and you deny him you don't have the father you don't have the son you don't have the spirit so you and I need to understand and believe that there is one God that eternally exists in three persons father son and holy spirit it or we do not understand who God actually is. You need to understand the unity and the trinity. But my last word of introduction before we get to our text and what actually brings us right to first Peter chapter 1 verse two is this. If you do not believe that God is one and eternally exists in three persons, you do not understand the gospel as you should. I do not mean you're not a Christian. I simply mean you don't understand the gospel as you should. If you don't clearly understand God is one yet eternally exists in three persons. You don't understand redemption as you should. You don't understand the good news because redemption, God saving us from our sins, is a trinitarian work. Redemption is trinitarian, meaning all three persons in the Godhead are intricately involved in our redemption. You remove one person from the Godhead and all of redemption falls apart. God reveals that redemption is trinitarian. So if you deny the trinity, this is where it really the rubber meets the road. If you deny the trinity, you are in essence denying the gospel. The gospel is not just the good news of Jesus. It's the good news that the father planned, the son purchased, and the spirit applies redemption. So if you deny any person in the trinity, if you deny the trinity at all, then you are in essence denying the gospel.

You need to understand the unity of God as well as the trinity so that you properly understand who God is, how he's revealed himself. But furthermore, you need to understand the unity and trinity so you can properly understand and appreciate the good news of God's salvation through Jesus Christ. Now, let me show you what I mean here. Look with me at 1 Peter 1:es 1 and two and see how crucial the Trinity is for understanding your salvation, your redemption. Verse one helps us understand the context. Peter, this is God's word. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, not an apostle of a church, not one that's just sent out by a local church like a missionary. He's a sent one with authority by Jesus Christ. He's writing to those who are elect exiles of the dispersion and Pontis, Galatia, Capotia, Asia and Bethenia. This is Jews primarily Jewish Christians who were in the dispersion. They had to flee Jerusalem. They had to flee Israel and the Christians did. They had to flee that. and they're settled in all these different places. So he writes this letter not to one church but specifically to Jewish Christians in the first century so that they would properly understand God's salvation and how to live. Now he says you are elect exiles meaning you've been chosen by God and under the providence of God you are exiles. You're not in the land anymore you used to live in. You are elect. You are exiles. And he says according verse two according to the foreknowledge of God the father in the sanctification of the spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood. May grace and peace be multiplied to you. This is God's word. Praise be to God. Praise be to God. So Peter's writing to these elect exiles. He's writing to believers, those who've been selected by God in eternity past, who've been converted in the present and who have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And he says, "You are these people, elect exiles according to the foreknowledge of God and the sanctification by God, the sprinkling of the blood of God." No, he's he doesn't say that. He's very specific. according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood may grace and peace be multiplied to you. See all three persons in the Trinity intricately involved in the redemption of God's elect. Now the doctrine that we should learn from primarily from verse two is this. The Father planned that Christ would purchase and the Spirit apply redemption to his elect, resulting in their obedience, grace, and peace. The Father planned that Christ would purchase and the Spirit apply redemption to his elect, resulting in their obedience, grace, and peace. That's the summary of the doctrine that we should be gleaning from even just Paul or Peter's introduction here in first Peter 1. So I want to look at just three things with you as we try to understand and then apply this text. First I want to draw your attention to the persons of redemption. Second the purpose of redemption and then give you four uses for personal application. So in this text the primary things you should see is the persons of redemption and the purpose of redemption and then we'll just basically ask so what how do we need to think and act given what God reveals here in first Peter 1. So first consider with me the persons of redemption. He says at the beginning of verse two according to the foreknowledge of God the father. According to the foreknowledge of God the father. What should we understand

from that? Well, it's this. God the father is the planner of redemption. God the father is the planner of redemption. The father is attributed most frequently for planning, for electing, for sending Christ, for crushing Christ on the cross. And it's according to God the father's definite plan. says according to the foreknowledge of God the Father. Now foreknowledge gets I think misinterpreted like crazy because we think I think naturally in our day people think that just means God knows what's going to happen. But that has nothing to do with this Greek word *foreknowledge* is not just the fact that God just knows what you're going to do like God knows the future. That's not what the word foreknowledge means here. The word foreknowledge means either one of two things. One of two things. I think it means the first, but it might mean the second as well. It either means the definite plan of redemption which the father decreed before the ages began or it means God the father's eternal love given to the elect by sheer grace. according to the foreknowledge of God the father. It either means his definite plan that he decreed or it means his eternal love that he bestowed upon the elect by sheer grace. Which does he mean? People debate. Matthew P looks at it and says he means one of two things. I don't know which one. One of two. I think he means his definite plan. And I think he means that because of what Peter says, the same Peter who wrote 1 Peter 1. He says in his very first sermon after the spirit falls, he says this in Acts 2:23. Jesus was delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God. Jesus was delivered up on the cross in our place for our sins is what he's saying. Jesus was delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God. It's not just like God knew what was going to happen. He's using two words synonymously. The definite plan and foreknowledge of God. Like this is God's decree. This is what God has decided. And he's specifically speaking of God the Father in Acts 2:23. And we see in 1 Peter 1:2, he's speaking of God the Father. In addition, there are other passages of scripture and you need to know that God did God the Father did definitively plan the redemption purchased by Christ. That's not in debate. The debate is what does he mean right here in First Peter 1. God did definitively plan that. He says that in Acts 2. Uh the apostles say it again in Acts 4 27-28. They say truly they're praying to God the Father. Truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus whom you anointed both Herod and Pontius Pilate along with the Gentiles and the people of Israel to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. They pray to the father. Christ was crucified according to your definite plan. All these people are responsible for their sin, but they did what your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. Then we have second Timothy 1:9. God, meaning God the father, saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. God the father has a definite plan to redeem those that he has elected. He means that in first Peter 1 or the word foreknowledge in the same way that we talk about Adam knew Eve and they conceived she conceived and they had a son. The word know means intimacy. Another word for that would be love. for loved he either means definite plan or he means according to the father's

eternal election that he selected his people and bestowed his love on them. So foreknowledge in 1 Peter 1 means definite plan or it means eternal love like in Romans 8:29 for those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his son in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and then the same thing the the eternal love of the father in selecting a people to redeem is the same thing is said in Ephesians 1:4 and 5 in love. God the father predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ according to the purpose of his will. So whether he means definite plan or the eternal love of the father and that that is why these people are Christians the point is the same. The father is the planner of redemption. The father though all three persons of the trinity are the same in essence and have one will there is one will in the godhead. The father does not have a different will than the son. The son doesn't have a different will than the spirit. The spirit doesn't have a different will than the son or the father. There's one will in god though they all have one will. God the Father is attributed as the planner of redemption, the selector of the elect and the one who both crushed the son of his love because of his love for his sons and who adopts us into his family. The father is the planner of redemption. So the reason it's important to understand the unity of God is when God says through his prophets and apostles that the father predestined us. It's not as if the father's like, "These are the ones I'm going to save." And Jesus is like, "Well, okay." Like, no, God has one will. And so there's no disagreement. There's not different wills within the three persons of the Trinity. One God, one will eternally existing as three persons. Now in the incarnation of Christ, Christ has he is God as a divine will. And Christ in his humanity does have a human will. That's why in his incarnation, you see Christ even praying before he goes to the cross, if there is any way possible, let this cup pass from me. And so people go, there's different wills in God. No, that's according to Christ's human nature, not according to his divine nature. There is one will and God and there's not disagreement in the father electing a people. There is agreement in that, but the father is the one that is most frequently attributed in scripture for the planning of your salvation through Jesus Christ. But next, notice at the next part of verse two that God the Holy Spirit is the applier of redemption. God the Holy Spirit is the applier of redemption. He is the one that takes what the father planned and the son purchased. He takes that as it were and applies it to people individually. The spirit is the one who applies the redemption purchased by Christ and planned by the father. He says after he says the foreknowledge of God the father in the sanctification of the spirit. This is God the Holy Spirit. And this is not talking about how most Christians talk about sanctification a majority of the time today. He's not talking about what we call progressive sanctification. He's not talking about our growth and grace that the spirit works in us to be more like Christ. Here he's talking about the instantaneous consecration. The instantaneous when the Holy Spirit applies the redemption purchased by Christ, he sets you apart from sin to righteousness from vanity to a holy service to God. This is when the spirit by applying the redemption purchased by Christ um takes us from being in Adam and puts us in Christ. So this is not what

in theological terms we call progressive sanctification. This is what is called instantaneous sanctification. And this word is not every time you see the word sanctification it doesn't mean progressive sanctification in your whole Christian life as the spirit changes you. Sometimes it means that. But I in my reading more often than not it doesn't mean that he he's talking about the instantaneous sanctifying work. The word sanctification just means being set apart. And that's what our progressive sanctification is. The spirit works in us to be more and more set apart. So we die to sin and live to righteousness. But sanctification, that word doesn't necessitate a progress. It means something has been set aside, separated from unholiness to holiness. And so this is what he's talking about here in the sanctification of the spirit. Not progressive but instantaneous. Now, Peter would not deny at all that the spirit does progressively sanctify us. That's just not what he's talking about right here. He's talking about how you became a Christian. Why are you a Christian? He's saying according to the definite plan of the father, the foreknowledge of the father, the sanctification of the spirit and setting you apart, applying the redemption Christ purchased. Two, four, obedience to Christ and sprinkling with his blood. He's not talking uh about progressive. He's talking about how you became a Christian. And you don't become a Christian by the spirit progressively sanctifying you. The spirit progressively sanctifies those who already are Christians. So what we have in the spirit is though all three persons in the godhead are equal in essence and power and redemptive love for the elect, God the Holy Spirit is frequently said to be the one who applies redemption to us. He is the one who instantaneously sanctifies us, consecrates us. He is the one that makes us alive, regenerates us. This is what Jesus even teaches in John 3. It's like the wind blows where it wishes and you don't know where it comes from. You don't know where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the spirit. Unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God. Unless you are born again, you cannot enter the kingdom of God. And he attributes that work of the new birth to God the Holy Spirit. So the spirit is the one who instantaneously sanctifies us, regenerates us. The spirit is the one who seals us for the day of redemption. The sealing of the Holy Spirit, that word is like when you take something that now belongs to you and you put your name on it. It was a seal that you would put on something that belongs to you so everyone knows this is my property. It's not anyone else's. It's like what we would do when I was a kid. We had those old like Disney movies. You remember the Disney movies and the big fluffy cases? It would say bag it really big on it. So if we lend it out to somebody like, "Yeah, but that's ours." The same thing is said by the spirit sealing Christians. He's putting his mark on us, his stamp on us. You belong to me. You belong to me forever. He not only seals us but the spirit is the one who gifts us, who gives us spiritual gifts. He is the one who specifically is said to convict us of sin. He is the one who is said most frequently to progressively sanctify us. He is the one who pours the love of God into our hearts. He assures us of our adoption. God the Holy Spirit is the one who comforts us. He is the one who illumines the scriptures so that we understand and believe and labor to obey what God says in his word. He is

the one who intercedes for us as we pray. Not intercedes before the throne like Christ intercedes as our high priest so that we have access to God. But Romans 8 says even when we don't know what to pray, the spirit intercedes for us so that he as it were like takes our prayers that if you can imagine them floating up to heaven and sanctifies them and makes them acceptable and to pray what we should have prayed. The spirit is the one who intercedes for us in prayer. He is the one who empowers us for both holiness and ministry. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses. The spirit is the one who does that. And the spirit is the one who preserves us all the way to glory. The father plans redemption. The spirit applies the redemption purchased by Christ. Now next I want you to notice at the last part of verse two or the next part of verse two he says look at when he says and for sprinkling with his meaning Christ for sprinkling with Christ's blood he's teaching and showing us that God the son the Lord Jesus Christ he is the purchaser of redemption he is the one who bought us with his own blood And the spirit is the one who sprinkles it on us. Christ died in our place for our sins for all who will believe. He is the one who purchases redemption. Matthew Paul says, "The sense of the whole thing is this. They are elect according to the foreknowledge of God to be by the sanctification of the spirit brought into the participation of all the benefits of Christ's redemption. The sum of which consists in the renovation of your natures unto gospel obedience and the justification of your persons. God the son is the purchaser of redemption. And he purchased that through his perfect life, his substitutionary death on the cross. Though all three persons in the Trinity are equal in essence and love for the elect, God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ is the person who became flesh and dwelt among us. The Father did not become man. The Spirit did not become man and dwell among us. Christ is the prophet who perfectly reveals the triune God to us. Jesus is the king who both rules and protects us. Christ is the priest who offered himself as a sacrifice to purchase redemption for everyone who will believe on him for salvation. Christ is the priest in his person, the altar in his divinity, the sacrifice in his humanity. He perfectly purchased not only redemption in general, but it's even better than that. Christ didn't just buy salvation or redemption, but Christ bought a particular people for God's own possession. So the sum of the truths that we should learn about the persons of redemption in this one verse of scripture is that the father plans, the son purchases, the spirit applies. Redemption is trinitarian. You deny the father, you have no one who selected and planned. You deny the son, you have no blood shed for you on the cross. No righteous life in your place by which you could be justified. You deny the spirit. You have no one to regenerate you and preserve you all the way to glory. This is how God reveals his work of redemption. Redemption is the work of the trinity. Now I want you more quickly before we get to application. I want you to see the purpose of redemption. This is not the sum total of the purchase or the purpose of redemption in the scriptures. But these are these three little purposes that Peter outlines here at the last part of verse two. Look at what Peter says are the purposes. Look at that. After in the sanctification of the spirit for what? For obedience to Jesus Christ.

What's the purpose of redemption? The triune God redeems the elect for the purpose of their obedience to Jesus Christ. He redeems people so that they would obey Jesus. Now, we would also say very easily God redeems lost sinners for his own glory. Absolutely. Peter believes that. I believe that. You believe that. But just look what he says here. And this is what we just need to stick with. And I think this is what is really needed. The triune God redeems the elect for the purpose of their obedience to Jesus Christ. Not to say you're saved by grace alone. It's according to God's eternal plan, what Christ purchased, and what the spirit applies to you by setting you apart, by consecrating you, and making you a Christian. for but it's for the purpose that you and I would obey the Lord Jesus Christ and glorify God in this life that he has given us. So he redeems for the purpose of obedience to Jesus. Next look and he says may grace and peace be multiplied to you. The grace and the peace are both connected to the be multiplied to you. So may grace be multiplied to you. May peace be multiplied to you. That's what he's saying. So the next thing that he reveals about the purpose of redemption is that God redeems the elect for the purpose of multiplying grace to them. Multiplying grace to them. So God has redeemed you to not only give you enough grace to get by. He has redeemed you to multiply grace to you to lavish you with grace for all eternity like Paul says in Ephesians 2 that we would be lavished with the grace and mercy of God. But next look that he says peace not only the grace of God but also the peace of God may peace be multiplied to you. So he not only redeems us for the purpose of our obedience or that grace would be multiplied to us but that also peace would be multiplied to us who believe. Peace. This is first of all peace with God that there's no more hostility. Having the sprinkling of Christ's blood applied to you by the spirit according to the definite plan of God. You have peace with God. God is not angry at you if you are in Christ Jesus because you are in Christ Jesus. You are hidden with Christ in God. The father ultimately sees you as if you had lived a perfect life like Christ lived as if you had satisfied for sins like Christ did in your place. It's gone. He has adopted you into his family and you do though you don't always and I don't always feel it. You and I through faith alone and Christ alone we have peace. We have peace with God. He's not at war with you. He's actually not just at peace in the sense of like we're not fighting. He's at peace in the sense that he loves you. He delights in you and is for you. So the triune God redeems the elect for the purpose of multiplying peace to them, multiplying grace to them and so that you and I would obey the Lord Jesus Christ. So that's why I told you at the outset the father planned that Christ would purchase and the spirit apply redemption to the elect resulting in their obedience, grace, and peace. Now let's in our about 10 minutes left, let me give you some points of application. First, you need to use these truths about redemption being trinitarian. You need to use them for instruction. No trinity. If you don't have the trinity, you don't have redemption. It's as simple as that. People who deny the trinity are in the simplest way, you're denying the only way that you can be saved. The father plans, the son purchases, the spirit applies. Redemption is a work of the one true and living God who eternally exists in three persons. That's why it's important to understand the

trinity in so far as we're able to and to teach the doctrine of the trinity to your wife, to your children, to anyone in your charge. It's like if you don't understand one God eternally existing in three persons, you don't properly understand the glorious news of the gospel. No trinity, no redemption. I want you to also not just use that truth for instruction, but use what we've taught. Use it for a great comfort and encouragement. You may not be in a season right now where you're just saying, "I need some comfort. I need some encouragement. You might not be there or you might be. You might be down. You might be depressed. You might be anxious. You might you might be in that season where you're like, I could just really use some encouragement. Whether you are or aren't right now, you will be at some point. And so, log these things down and comfort yourself with these things. Also, you know somebody even right now, some Christian, I guarantee you if you think you know somebody who really could use some encouragement, who really could use some comfort? Maybe they've blown it sinfully. Maybe they've been betrayed by someone. Maybe things are falling apart in their life or at their job and they're just they need to have their eyes fixed back on the God of all grace. And you can use these truths to comfort those Christians. Comfort yourselves and other believers with the fact that the father planned our redemption. This was not happen stance. This is according to the definite plan of God. Comfort yourselves with that. The father planned to save you. Comfort yourself also and other believers with the fact that Christ shed his blood so that you would be sprinkled with it. If you're a Christian, Christ didn't shed his blood and hypothetically just like I hope people will apply it to themselves. Like no, you don't apply the blood to yourself. I don't apply the blood to myself. Ultimately, God the Holy Spirit is the one who sprinkles us with the blood of Christ. He's the one who applies redemption. So you need to comfort yourself or other believers with the fact that Christ shed his blood so that all of his elect, as he says right here in verse one in first Peter, the elect would be sprinkled with his blood. Christ died not for anybody who just applies it to themselves. Christ particularly died for his people, for those that the father planned to save. So comfort yourself with that. Christ, if you believe on Christ, you can say Christ died for me, not just for sinners in general, but Christ died actually for me. He took my name to the cross. Comfort yourself also and other believers with the fact that God the Holy Spirit has sanctified them. That consecrated like the instantaneous sanctification like God has set you apart. He has set you apart just like he did his old covenant people when they were enslaved in Egypt. God brought them out of Egypt to worship him. He told Pharaoh through Moses, "Let my people go so they may get out and worship me." God has done that to you. He has consecrated you. He's brought you out of the domain of darkness into the kingdom of his beloved son. God has sanctified you and he will continually progressively sanctify you. Comfort people with that. Comfort yourselves also and other believers with the fact that God is working providentially for his great name's sake. Look, look at just the people that Peter is writing to. Elect, praise God, exiles. That stinks. Elect exiles. The first word, great. The second word, super bumner if you're the exile. But they're exiles according to the definite plan of God. And so

they can even take great comfort in that God is working providentially. And these people are exactly where they're supposed to be. They're exactly where God has put them. They are exiles, but they're elect. So they can trust the Lord even when they don't understand exactly what he's doing. They were exactly where God wanted them for their good and his glory. He works all things together for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose. So comfort, comfort yourself with the father's planning, the son's purchasing, the spirit's applying, but also you need to use these truths for warning. Notice that he he's talking about eternal election. He says elect exiles. And then he says according to the foreknowledge of God the father. So God's in the simplest way we can say it is God being sovereign in salvation his electing choosing before he created the world choosing a people for eternal life through Christ Jesus. He says that and he says this happened for obedience to Jesus Christ. And what you should learn from that is anyone who uses the sovereign election of God as an excuse to go on in unrepentant sin, then they are really missing the mark and there might not even be a Christian. Someone who uses God's sovereignty and salvation as an excuse to continue in sin and it's like, "Well, you know, I see what you're saying. I need to repent of this obvious sin I'm in. But God saves by grace alone, man. He's not going to save through my obedience. Just look at the text. You're not allowed to do stuff like that. You're not allowed to use God's sovereignty and salvation as an excuse to go on sinning when you need to repent. He says for obedience to Jesus Christ. So we're not saved because of our obedience. We're not saved because God in some sense saw that we would obey Jesus Christ. No, he saves us. He redeems us so that we would obey. So anyone who turns God's election into an excuse for unrepentant sin, vastly misunderstands election, and might not even be in Christ, but they definitely need to be corrected. John Trap, listen to this. He says, "Some there be that for an extreme refuge in their evildoings run to God's election, saying, 'If I be elected, I shall be saved, whatever I do.'" But such are great tempters of God and abominable blasphemers of his holy election. These who say this cast themselves down from the pinnacle of the temple in presumption, saying God will preserve them by his angels through predestination. God's election ought to be with a simple eye considered to make us more wearily walk according to his word. His point is if you try to use God's sovereignty and salvation as an excuse to sin, as Watson says somewhere else, he says that's the devil's logic. That's the devil's logic. He wants people to say, "Well, God saves by grace alone, so I'll just live however I want." No, you were elect, sanctified, sprinkled with Christ's blood for obedience to him. So be warned. and others need to be warned if they try to use God's sovereignty as an excuse for unrepentant sin. But now, let me give you some exhortations to close. If you're in Christ, you were redeemed so that you'd obey. So, devote yourself to spirit empowered obedience. Devote yourself to spirit empowered obedience, asking God the Holy Spirit to empower you, asking Christ to intercede for you, asking the father to enable you, but devote yourself to obedience because that's why you were elected for obedience to Jesus Christ. Another exhortation I would give you

is that you need to read, hear, believe, meditate upon, and obey the scriptures because that is the pipe. That is the means by which God pumps grace and peace to you. That's an ordinary means of grace. Especially hearing the word preached, hearing the word taught, but also reading the word yourself, always believing whatever God says, thinking upon it, and always resulting in laboring to obey by the power of the spirit. God will multiply grace to you as you read, hear, believe, meditate upon, and obey the scriptures. God will multiply peace and grace to you as you read, hear, believe, meditate upon, and obey the scriptures. God ordinarily uses means and he says sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth. God's ordinary means of sanctification is primarily the scriptures. Now in my final exhortation, I need to make something clear and then I'll kind of finish in rapid fire. Each person of in the trinity is attributed with specific works in our redemption. We can agree on that. We've seen it right here in 1 Peter 1. It's elsewhere in the scripture as well. So each person is attributed with specific works in our redemption. Therefore, you should ordinarily speak and pray and meditate, think on these things according to those specifics. And so honor each person in the trinity. This is this is what I mean. The father did not die for his bride. Christ did. Neither the father nor the spirit arose from the dead. Jesus did. Uh we do not pray in the name of the father. We don't pray in the name of the spirit. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who gives us access to God as our high priest. Neither the father nor the spirit became a man. Christ did. Neither Christ nor the spirit elected people for salvation. The scriptures ordinarily attribute that work to God the Father. Neither Christ nor the Spirit adopts us. You're not a child of Jesus. You're not a child of the spirit. You're a child, an adopted child of God the father. Neither the father nor Christ are the persons who or are ordinarily attributed with the works of regeneration. That's the spirit. The scripture ordinarily attributes that work to the spirit. Neither the father nor Christ seal us for the day of redemption. That's the work of God, the Holy Spirit. The Father nor Christ is said in John 15 to convict the world of sin, judgment, and righteousness. That's what Christ says is the work and the role of God, the Holy Spirit. So, those are my clarifications. Now, here are more rapid fire exhortations to close. Do not dishonor the one true God who eternally exists in three persons by always flattening the Trinity and just saying things like Lord or God. Don't always talk like that. Who are you talking about? You are to pray to the father in the name of the son as the spirit empowers you. So, we can't always just talk about God vaguely and generally. This is what sets Christians apart. That we don't just speak of God. Like, who are you talking about? I'm talking about God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. So, don't flatten the persons of the Trinity. We serve a triune God. So, don't act like a Mormon or a Jehovah's Witness in the way that you speak about our triune God. Speak like a Christian. Don't flatten the Father, Son, and Spirit. and not ascribe even to each person the glory do his name. Second, honor the father, son, and spirit by speaking and praying and meditating upon their wonderful works to redeem rebels like you and me. The father didn't die. Christ died. The spirit is who regenerated you. The spirit is who empowers you. Christ is the one who intercedes

for you at the right hand of the father. It's the works of Christ by which you are justified. But the father is the one who justifies you. The father is the one who declares you righteous because the works of Christ are applied to you. Christ isn't the one who declares you righteous. The father is by the application of the spirit. Taking what Christ has done for you. So think like that, pray like that, talk like that to other people. And I'm not trying to like split hairs. That's not why I'm saying these things to you, but they're if you read the reformers and the Puritans and even those who came after him, you'll pick up on a flavor of like they're talking about each person in the trinity. They're not just like flattening always flattening everything like so many Christians do today and just talk vaguely about God or the Lord just like always vaguely like they get really specific. And I think it's because they knew their Bibles better than I did. They knew their Bibles so well that they were like, "We want to honor our triune God. We want to honor the Father, the Son, and the Spirit." I mean, Thomas Goodwin and John Owen wrote whole books about communing with God. And it's about communing specifically with each person in the Trinity. Like they just thought more biblical and they wanted to honor God and love God in both his unity and in his trinity. So honor the father, the son, and the spirit. And next, teach those under your care or under your charge about our glorious God who is one God who eternally exists in three persons. Don't let your wife or your children or anybody in your charge speak or pray or think like a Mormon or a Jehovah's Witness or a modalist. Like we the way that we talk, the way that we pray, the way that we think should be very specific Christian and that we affirm how God reveals himself and we don't in any way sound like a Mormon or a Jehovah's Witness or a modalist. That's part of the problem with so many Christians who think like Mormons are another denomination or Jehovah's Witnesses are another kind of denomination. It's like, yeah, because Christians talk the same way they do. We just flatten everything and say God, but we're not talking about God the Son. They'd be like, "Well, we believe he's the son of God." No, he's God the Son. So teach those under your care about our glorious God who is one yet eternally exists in three persons. And lastly, I just say, teach those under your charge. teach them about the wonderful works of each person in the trinity in their redemption that the father elected, the son purchased, the spirit applies. And isn't that whenever you first realize that, isn't that just like, man, redemption, the salvation of God is amazing. All three persons in the Trinity are intricately involved. So don't because of your negligence let your wife or children think, speak, or pray like a modalist or a Mormon or a Jehovah's Witness. Let's labor to be Christians and to both understand and intimately know our triune God. Let's pray. [Music] Our father in heaven, we thank you for your word. We ask you to help us understand and apply and help us to glorify you. We thank you spirit for regenerating us. We thank you Christ for purchasing us. We thank you father for electing us. We ask that you would help us to glorify you and speak according to your unity and trinity. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. All right, let's stand. Let's sing the doxology. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

Amen.