

CHAPTER 8: CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE:

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INTRODUCTION: THE TRINITY.

Read John 16:7-15, John 1:1-18

- a) WHAT do Christians refer to as TRINITY?
- b) DESCRIBE instances where the three persons are described in the same setting.

Remember the LORD our God, the LORD is one. Mark 12:29

TRIUNE GOD: GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The doctrine of the Trinity holds that GOD IS ONE God, but three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The three persons are distinct yet are one "substance, essence, or nature."

.....GOD SENT JESUS. GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD.....

LESSON 1: GOD THE FATHER, and GOD THE SON

God the Father: First-person in the trinity. The creator of the world. **Genesis 1:1.**

God the Son: He was in the beginning and that He was with God and that He was God-John 1:1-2.

He gave up His privileges in heaven and came to earth to die for the sin of humanity.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us-JOHN 1:14:

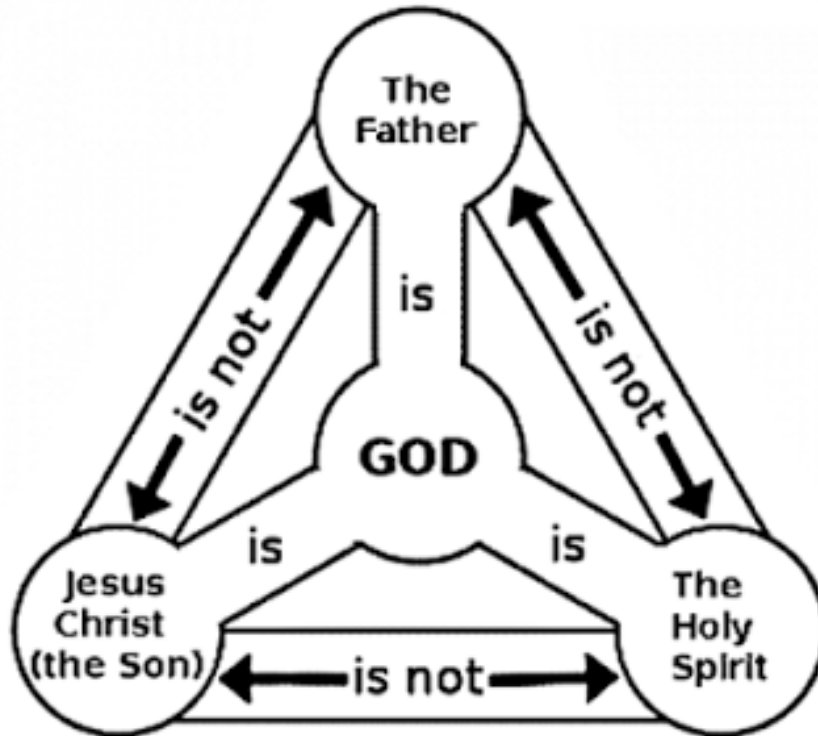
LESSON 2: THE HOLY SPIRIT

When Jesus Christ ascended, He promised His disciple a helper and even told them that it were better for Him to go for if He hadn't the helper would not have come. (**John 16:7**).

Acts 1:8 clearly stated that He gives power to believers to witness about Christ.

Acts 5:3-4: Ananias lied to the Holy Spirit...not lied to men but God.

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DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

- Describe the relationship between God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Discuss John 8:58 "Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
- Describe ways in which the Holy Spirit helps us in our daily lives.

THE THREE PERSONS IN SAME SETTING.

- Matthew 3:16-17-Baptism of Jesus (God, Son, Holy Spirit all active in the setting).
- Matthew 28: 19-20-Instructions on baptism (The father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit).
- 2 Corinthians 13:14: Benediction-Grace of Jesus, Love of God, communion of the Holy Spirit.

LESSON 3: GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Fruit of the Spirit-Reflect on the fruit of the holy spirit (Galatians 5: 22-23)

Study table (Pg. 47/50), read the scriptures below and .

1. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

2. Romans 12:6-8

3. Ephesians 4:11-13

Discussions/Questions:

- a) What do you consider as a gift that God has given you?
- b) What is the purpose of God's gifts to us?
- c) How would you discover, develop, and use your gift?

LESSON 4: TENETS OF FAITH

Pillars of Faith/Tenets of Faith/Statement of Faith/Statement of basic Beliefs/Articles of Faith.

DISCUSSION:

1. As a Christian, one needs to know what they believe in. If you were to give a personal statement of faith, what would it be?
2. What do you believe about God, Scriptures, Humanity, Sin, Redemption, The Church,the world... things to come/Last things?

In a Bible study setting, participants to share their beliefs based on God's Word.