



At the Core

Rediscovering the essential teachings of Christianity

“Holy, Holy, Holy: Encountering the Triune God”
Selected Scriptures

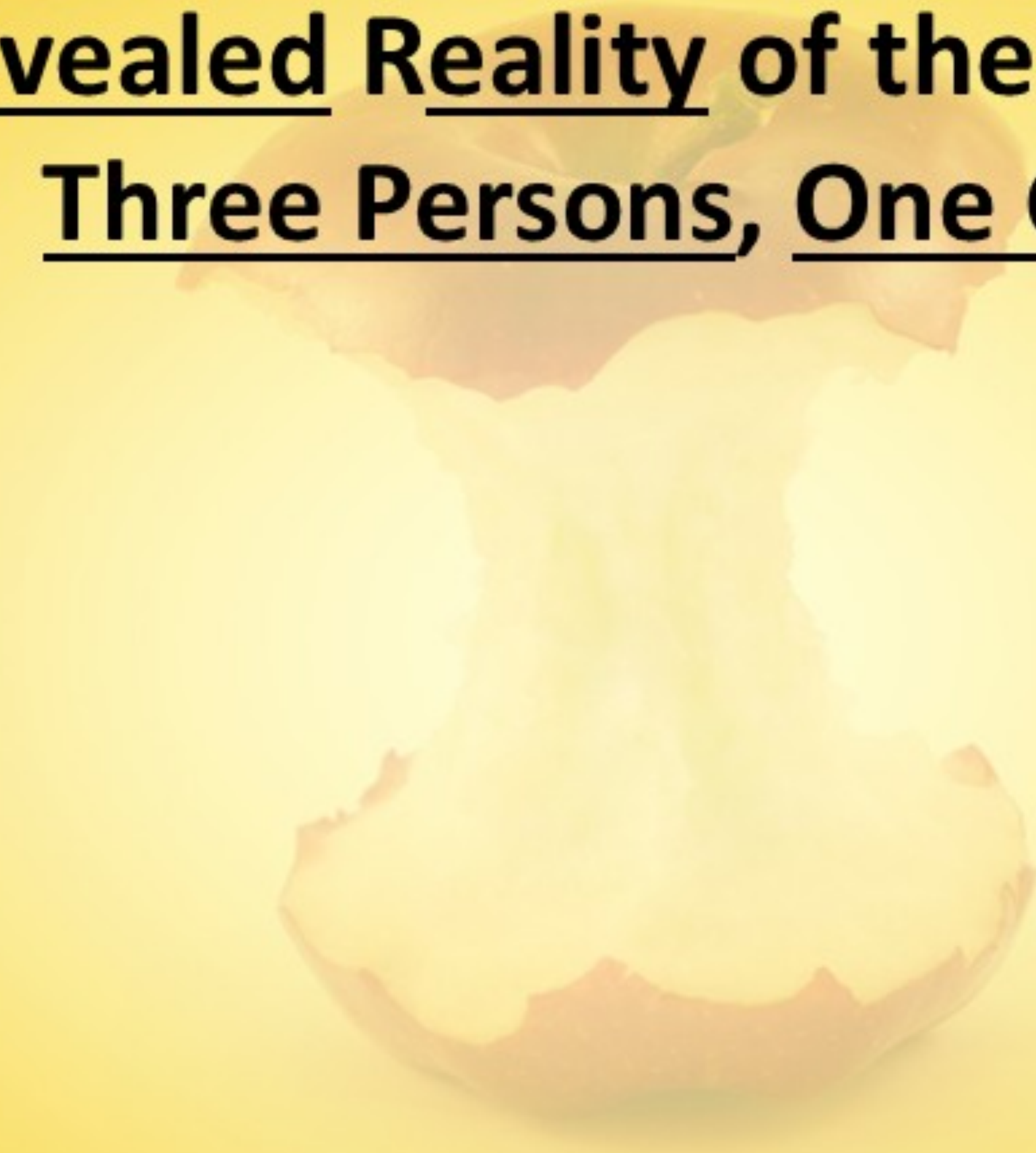
Energizing your faith in Christ to live biblical truth

**“Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man,
and then I will show you a man that can comprehend the Triune God.”**

- John Wesley



**1. Read the Revealed Reality of the Trinity in Scripture:
Three Persons, One God.**



3 Keys to understanding the doctrine of the Trinity

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” Jude 1:20-21



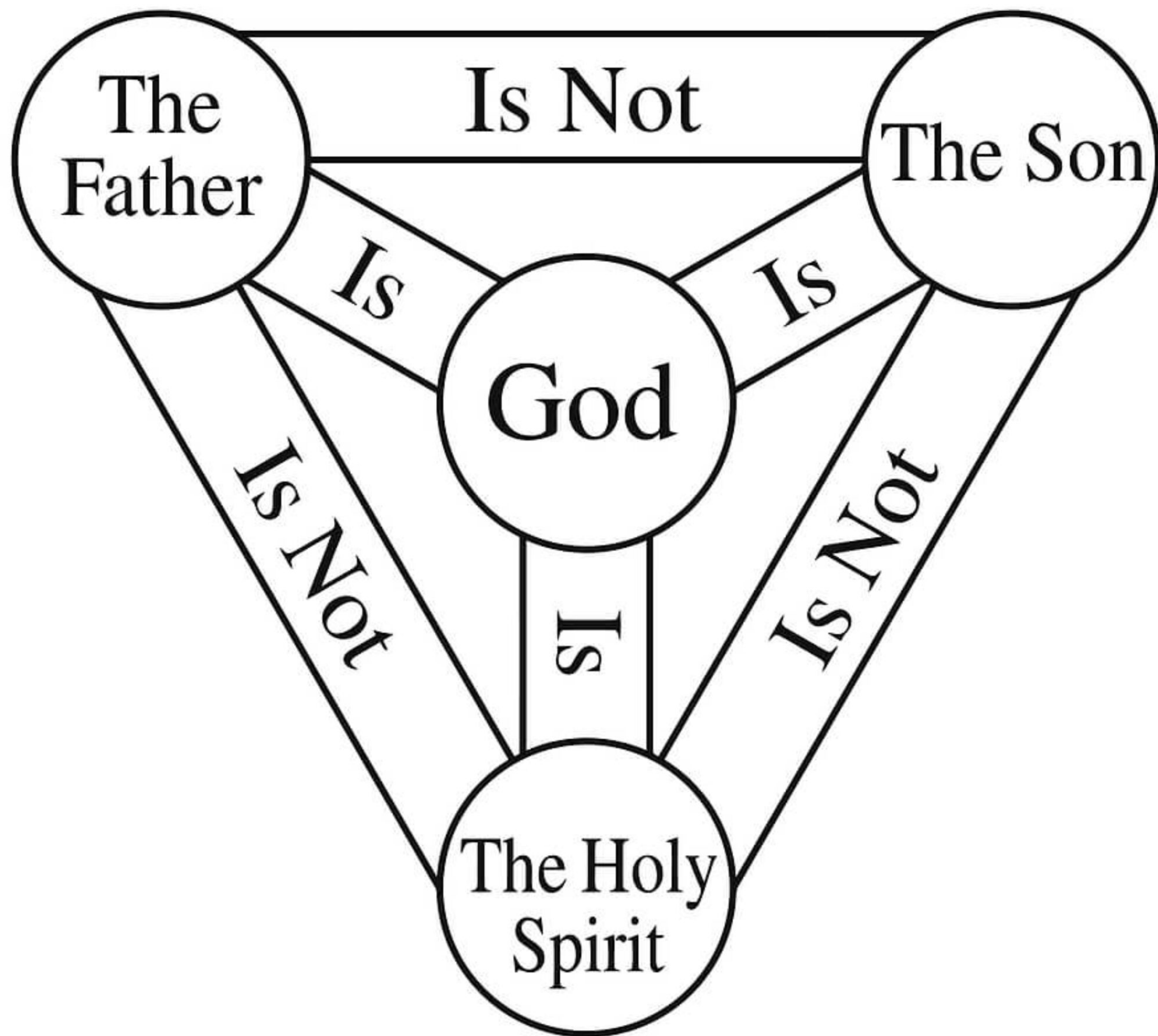
**Justin Martyr records in the 2nd century how communion was carried out:
“Then bread and a cup of wine mixed with water are brought to the presiding brother. Taking them, he gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”
(Justin Martyr, First Apology, Chapter 65).**

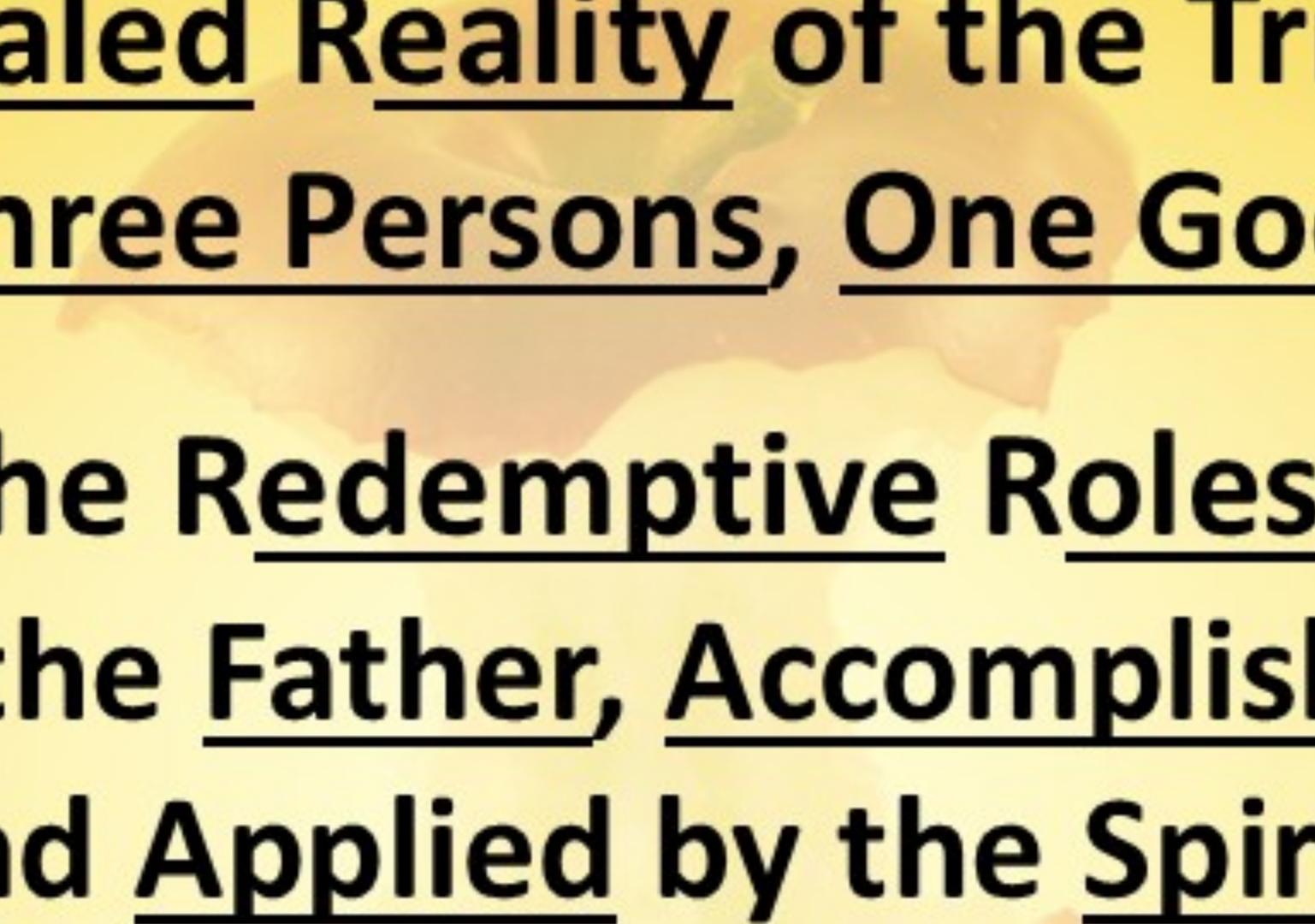


**Polycarp, the leader of the Church in Smyrna and an early Christian martyr,
prayed on the day of his death:**

**“Therefore, I also praise You for all things, I bless You, I glorify You, along with
the everlasting and heavenly Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, with whom, to
You and the Holy Ghost, be glory both now and to all coming ages. Amen,”
(Martyrdom of Polycarp, Chapter 14).**





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**“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia,
and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood
of Jesus Christ:” 1 Peter 1:1-2**

**“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will
teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”
John 14:26**

**“For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”
Ephesians 2:18**



The unique roles of the individual members of the Trinity:

- The Father appoints the plan of salvation. He is the architect of creation and is the ultimate source or cause of the universe (1 Cor. 8:6; Rev. 4:11), divine revelation (Rev. 1:1), salvation (John 3:16–17), and Jesus' works (John 5:17).
- The Son accomplishes redemption through His life, death, and resurrection and is the person through whom the Father creates and maintains the universe (John 1:3; Col. 1:16–17), gives divine revelation (John 1:1; Rev. 1:1), and saves (Matt. 1:21; 2 Cor. 5:21; Col. 1:12-14). The Father does all these things through the Son.



The unique roles of the individual members of the Trinity:

- The Holy Spirit applies the work of salvation to believers, conforming them to the image of Jesus Christ by guiding and empowering them. He is the person by whom the Father creates and maintains the universe (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13), gives divine revelation (John 16:12–15; 2 Peter 1:21), saves (John 3:6; Titus 3:5), and Jesus' works (Isa. 61:1; Acts 10:38). The Father does all these things by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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3. Remember the Relational Result of the Trinity:
God glorified in and among His people forever!

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“Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:20b-22

“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith”

Ephesians 3:14-17a



“For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Hebrews 9:13-14



Out the Door Take-Aways

- **The Trinity Distinguishes Our God from polytheism and false religions**
 - **The Trinity Is the Basis of Our Relationship to God and His Church**
- **The Trinity Explains Our Mission—As Jesus was sent, so also God send us**



“Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.

Even so, Amen.” Revelation 1:4-7

