

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY. NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TODAY.

>> WELCOME TO GOOD NEWS TODAY, THE PROGRAM WHERE YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND GOOD NEWS, NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD.

>> I'M MARK TEKE, YOUR HOST FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. AND WE'VE GOT A GREAT EPISODE. HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP: WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, AND THAT IS OUR SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF THAT PASSAGE. TODAY, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT MATTHEW 3:13-17, A PASSAGE THAT DESCRIBES JESUS BEING BAPTIZED. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO MATTHEW 3. I'M GOING TO MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, WE HEAD OVER TO THE WORKSHOP, WHERE TROY SPRADLIN WILL BE REPAIRING OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT JUST WHERE IT IS WE NEED TO BE IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS ABOUT MEEKNESS. WE HEAD OVER TO THE PASTIME PORCH, WHERE JOE GUY WILL BRING US ANOTHER TRUTH FROM THE TIMELESS TEXT AS HE TALKS TO US ABOUT USELESS KNOWLEDGE. CHAD DOLLAHITE JOINS US FOR JUST A MINUTE AS HE TALKS ABOUT SETTling THE MATTER. IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN: CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE GODHEAD? WELL, I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO MATTHEW 3, WHERE WE READ BEGINNING AT VERSE 13, THEN JESUS CAME FROM GALILEE TO JOHN AT THE JORDAN TO BE BAPTIZED BY HIM. AND JOHN TRIED TO PREVENT HIM, SAYING, I NEED TO BE BAPTIZED BY YOU, AND ARE YOU COMING TO ME? BUT JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, PERMIT IT TO BE SO FOR NOW; FOR THUS IT IS FITTING FOR US TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS. THEN HE ALLOWED HIM. WHEN HE'D BEEN BAPTIZED, JESUS CAME UP IMMEDIATELY FROM THE WATER; AND BEHOLD, THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED TO HIM. AND HE SAW THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE AND ALIGHTING UPON HIM. AND SUDDENLY A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN, SAYING, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.

>> (SINGING)

>> MATTHEW CHAPTER 3 BEGINS BY TALKING ABOUT JOHN THE BAPTIZER. WE READ ABOUT HIS MINISTRY. HE WAS TALKING TO PEOPLE ABOUT REPENTANCE OF SINS AND THEN IMMERSING THEM IN WATER. JOHN 3:23 TELLS US THAT HE WAS AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION BECAUSE THERE WAS MUCH WATER THERE. TAKES MUCH WATER TO IMMERSE SOMEBODY. AND AS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUES, JESUS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN HIS MINISTRY, AND HE'S ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD AS HE APPROACHES JOHN THE BAPTIST. JESUS APPROACHES TO HIM ABOUT BEING BAPTIZED, BUT JOHN IS CONFUSED, AND RIGHTLY SO; BECAUSE YOU SEE, JOHN'S BAPTISM WAS A BAPTISM FOR REPENTANCE FROM SIN. THAT'S WHAT HE HAD BEEN PREACHING: REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND. BUT JESUS WAS COMPLETELY SINLESS, HEBREWS 4:15; SO HE HAD NOTHING TO REPENT OF. AND THAT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE TO JOHN. HE HAD RESPECT FOR JESUS' SITUATION. SO JESUS IS COMING TO JOHN, BUT IT'S NOT THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE THAT HE'S GOING FOR; THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON HERE. VERSE 15 TELLS US THAT JOHN PERMITTED HIMSELF TO BAPTIZE JESUS; AND THE REASON IS GIVEN, TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS. NOW, MANY BIBLICAL SCHOLARS HAVE QUESTIONED THAT AND WONDERED, WHAT DOES THAT PHRASE MEAN? WELL, WE HAVE A CLUE WHEN WE CAN LOOK AT THE EFFECT OF WHAT HAPPENED AFTER HIS BAPTISM. YOU SEE, THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF JESUS' MINISTRY. THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES TO HIM HERE AFTER THE BAPTISM, AND WE SEE HIM BEGINNING TO WORK MIRACLES AFTER THIS. JOHN CHAPTER 2 TELLS US ABOUT THE VERY FIRST MIRACLE THAT JESUS PERFORMED. AND JESUS NEEDED TO START HIS MINISTRY AND

GET THINGS GOING TO FULFILL ALL OF THE SCRIPTURES CONCERNING HIM, FULFILLING ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS, DOING THOSE THINGS THAT WERE LAID OUT FOR HIM TO DO. THIS ALSO, BY THE WAY, HAPPENS TO HELP US SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM. JESUS SUBMITTED TO IT FOR A DIFFERENT REASON THAN WE DO, BUT HE SUBMITTED, GIVING US THE EXAMPLE WE SHOULD AS WELL. RIGHT AFTER THIS, JESUS WENT INTO THE WILDERNESS FOR 40 DAYS TO BE TEMPTED BY SATAN. YOU SEE, JESUS HAD JUST BEEN GIVEN THESE NEW MIRACULOUS POWERS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDING UPON HIM. AND WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO WITH THIS? I KNOW IF YOU'RE LIKE ME, YOU'D BE TEMPTED, HEY, LET'S TRY THIS OUT AND SEE WHAT THIS IS LIKE. BUT JESUS DIDN'T DO THAT. THEY WERE THERE FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE. IT BRINGS MUCH MORE WEIGHT TO THESE TEMPTATIONS THAT SATAN WAS TRYING TO GET JESUS, PERFORM MIRACLES HERE, AND HELP YOURSELF. WELL, HERE AT THE BAPTISM, WE SEE THE FATHER, SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT VISIBLE IN ONE PLACE. THAT REFUTES THE IDEA THAT THEY'RE ALL THE SAME, THAT THERE'S NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FATHER, SON, AND THE SPIRIT. AND IT ALSO HELPS US TO UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP THAT THEY HAVE WITH ONE ANOTHER. YOU SEE, THE FATHER HAS THE WILL. HE'S THE AUTHORITY IN THE RELATIONSHIP. THIS IS MY SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED, THAT JESUS WAS SEEKING TO PLEASE HIM. NOW, JESUS IS THE ONE WHO'S CARRYING THESE THINGS OUT, WHO'S ACTUALLY DOING THE WORK INVOLVED IN OUR REDEMPTION. AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ACTING AS A FACILITATOR. NOW, HE'S NOT USUALLY SHOWING UP IN SCRIPTURE IN A VISIBLE FORM. HE DOES SO HERE, HE DOES SO AT PENTECOST. BUT OFTENTIMES WE SEE THE EFFECT THAT HE HAD, THE MIRACULOUS ABILITIES HERE IN JESUS, IN THE BOOK OF ACTS WE SEE THAT HAPPEN, AND IT GOES ON. WE ALSO SEE IN THIS PASSAGE THAT THE FATHER IS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF JESUS SO FAR, LIKE WE HEAR IN LUKE 2:42, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I'M WELL PLEASED. A VERY SIMILAR STATEMENT WAS MADE IN MATTHEW 17 AT THE TRANSFIGURATION, BUT THERE HE ADDED, HEAR HIM, RATHER THAN ELIJAH AND MOSES, THAT HE WAS BRINGING IN A NEW COVENANT. SO WHAT DO WE MAKE FROM ALL THIS? WELL, WE CAN SEE FIRST OFF THAT THERE IS THREE DIFFERENT WATER BAPTISMS: THERE WAS JOHN'S BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE, JESUS' BAPTISM, SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT; AND THEN OUR BAPTISM. BUT TODAY, EPHESIANS 4:4 TELLS US THERE'S ONLY ONE BAPTISM THAT REMAINS, AND THAT'S THE BAPTISM IN WATER FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, ACTS 2:38. WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF FIRE? OH, THAT'S RIGHT HERE AFTER THIS PASSAGE. BUT YOU SEE, THAT'S IN JUDGMENT FOR THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES. LOOK AT THE CONTEXT AND SEE THAT. WE DON'T WANT THAT. WHAT ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? WELL, THAT HAPPENED AT THE DAY OF PENTECOST. THAT'S WHEN THAT OCCURRED. BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; IT'S AVAILABLE FOR YOU AND FOR ME TODAY, THAT'S THE ONE BAPTISM THAT'S LEFT, EPHESIANS 4:4. AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. WELL, IT'S TIME TO HEAD OVER TO THE WORKSHOP, WHERE TROY SPRADLIN IS READY TO REPAIR OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT JUST WHERE WE NEED TO BE IN ORDER TO BE SAVED.

>> YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS A KID, WE WERE TAUGHT DUCK, TUCK, AND COVER IN CASE OF A TORNADO. AND WE WERE IMMEDIATELY TO GET INSIDE AND TO SEEK SHELTER. AND THAT TEACHING, NO DOUBT, SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES. MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD WHEN THERE'S BAD WEATHER, DON'T GO OUTSIDE, STAY INDOORS IN THE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME. WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S DANGEROUS OUTSIDE AND YOU COULD LOSE YOUR LIFE. THERE'S SAFETY WITHIN. YOU NEED TO BE INSIDE. WELL, THERE'S A BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO THE SAME HERE, AND IT HAS TO DO WITH THE CHURCH. YOU SEE, THERE'S A LOOMING DANGER ALL AROUND US, ONE THAT AFFECTS EVERY HUMAN BEING, AND IT HAS TO DO WITH LIFE OR DEATH. BUT THERE'S A PLACE OF SAFETY. THERE IS SALVATION, AND IT'S FOUND

WITHIN THE CHURCH. AND THE BIBLE GIVES US MANY ILLUSTRATIONS OF THIS PRINCIPLE OF BEING INSIDE IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. ONE SUCH EXAMPLE IS NOAH IN THE ARK IN GENESIS CHAPTER 6. WHEN GOD SENT THE FLOOD WATERS UPON THE EARTH, THERE WAS ONLY ONE PLACE OF SAFETY, AND THAT WAS INSIDE THE ARK. YOU SEE, FOR NOAH AND HIS FAMILY, LIFE WAS ONLY INSIDE THE ARK; IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO BE SAVED. ONE COULDN'T BE SAVED BY BUILDING A TALL TOWER, MAKING PERSONAL FLOATS, OR ANY OTHER METHOD THAT MAN COULD DEVISE IN HIS OWN HEART. THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY; AND THAT WAS GOD'S WAY, WHICH WAS THE ARK. ANOTHER GREAT EXAMPLE IS THE PRINCIPLE THAT IS SEEN IN PAUL'S VOYAGE TO ROME. AT ONE POINT DURING THE JOURNEY, THE SHIP THAT HE WAS ON BECAME PERILED BY A STORM AND THREATENING THE LIVES OF ALL THOSE ON BOARD. FEAR GREW AMONG THE SHIP'S CREW, WHO STARTED SEEKING HOW THEY MIGHT ESCAPE FROM THE SHIP BY USING A SMALLER BOAT. AND PAUL WARNED THE CENTURION AND THE SOLDIERS, SAYING, UNLESS THESE MEN STAY IN THE SHIP, YOU CANNOT BE SAVED. THAT'S ACTS 27:30-31. YOU SEE, THEIR LIVES COULD BE PRESERVED IN THE SHIP, BUT NOT OUTSIDE OF IT. LET'S USE THESE EXAMPLES TO REPAIR OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE CHURCH. GOD CREATED THE CHURCH THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES, ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 16:18. AND THE CHURCH IS THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS, THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST. IT'S NOT AN OBJECT BUILT OUT OF BRICK AND MORTAR LIKE A BUILDING; BUT RATHER, IT'S COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS; OR AS PETER DESCRIBES IT, HE SAYS IT'S MADE UP OF LIVING STONES THAT ARE BEING BUILT UP IN A SPIRITUAL HOUSE IN 1ST PETER 2:5. THE CHURCH IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD IN EPHESIANS 2:19, AND THE KINGDOM ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 16:18-19 OR COLOSSIANS 1:13. IT'S ALSO DEPICTED AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHICH HAS CHRIST AS THE HEAD IN EPHESIANS 5:23 AND IN COLOSSIANS 1:18. NOW CONSIDER THESE THREE VERY IMPORTANT POINTS: FIRST, JESUS SAID, I AM THE DOOR. IF ANYONE ENTERS BY ME, HE WILL BE SAVED, IN JOHN 10:9; SECOND, PAUL WROTE, THEREFORE, I ENDURE ALL THINGS FOR THE SAKE OF THE ELECT, THAT THEY MAY ALSO OBTAIN THE SALVATION WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS, 2ND TIMOTHY 2:10. SO ONE MUST BE IN JESUS IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. THIRDLY, HOW DOES ONE GET INTO JESUS? WELL, THE BIBLE SAYS, FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST, GALATIANS 3:27. YOU CAN ALSO LOOK AT ACTS 2:47 AND ROMANS 6:1-4 THAT HELPS EXPLAIN THIS IN MORE DETAIL. FROM THESE PASSAGES, WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT SALVATION IS ONLY IN JESUS. WE MUST BE IN HIM TO BE SAVED. AND WE GET INTO JESUS BY OBEYING THE GOSPEL, WHICH INCLUDES BEING BAPTIZED. THEREFORE, THE PRINCIPLE IS THE SAME AS IT WAS FOR NOAH ON THE ARK OR FOR PAUL ON THE SHIP. BOTH HAD TO BE INSIDE. ONE MUST BE INSIDE THE VESSEL TO BE SAVED; AND IN OUR CASE, THE VESSEL IS THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH. SO THAT MEANS THAT NO PERSON CAN BE SAVED OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH, JUST LIKE THEY CAN'T BE SAVED OUTSIDE OF THE BOAT. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, YOU MUST BE IN THE CHURCH.

>> DO EVERYTHING, MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE WHERE YOU NEED TO BE IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. THANKS, TROY. WELL, WE'RE ABOUT TO GIVE YOU OUR CONTACT INFORMATION. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR A FREE BIBLE COURSE OR YOU CAN ASK US A QUESTION. WE'D LOVE TO ANSWER IT. JUST LET US KNOW. AFTER THIS, JIM DEARMAN IS GOING TO JOIN US.

>> YOU MAY HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT GOOD NEWS TODAY. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FREE BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS, PLEASE CONTACT US. OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. AGAIN, THAT'S GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. YOU MAY PREFER TO E-MAIL US AT

GOODNEWTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. THAT'S GOODNEWTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. OR CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-384-7221. THAT'S 1-877-384-7221. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. HEARING FROM OUR AUDIENCE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TO US.

>> THE EASIEST WAY TO ENROLL IN OUR BIBLE COURSE IS ON OUR WEBSITE AT GNTTV.ORG. JUST CLICK WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION, AND WE'LL GET IT TO YOU. WE'RE PLEASED TO PARTNER WITH TRUTH.FM TO BRING YOU A 24/7 STREAM OF GOOD NEWS TODAY RIGHT ON THEIR WEBSITE. IN ADDITION TO THE GOOD NEWS TODAY CHANNEL, THEY ALSO HAVE SEVERAL OTHERS THAT CONTAIN EXCELLENT BIBLE LESSONS. NOW HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT MEEKNESS.

>> THERE IS NOTHING AS STRONG AS GENTLENESS, AND NOTHING IS SO GENTLE AS REAL STRENGTH. YOU KNOW, THERE'S WISDOM IN THOSE WORDS FROM RALPH SOCKMAN, WISDOM WHICH NEEDS TO BE APPLIED IN TODAY'S SOCIETY. REAL STRENGTH IS NOT AFRAID TO SHOW KINDNESS TO OTHERS AND RESTRAINT WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE TEMPTATION TO RETALIATE. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO WOULD NOT MIND BEING CALLED GENTLEMEN, BUT WHO WOULD CRINGE AT THE THOUGHT OF BEING REFERRED TO AS GENTLE MEN. THAT'S A MISCONCEPTION OF STRENGTH. THE BIBLE GIVES US THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF STRENGTH IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST. HE WAS CHARACTERIZED BY MEEKNESS, NOT WEAKNESS. AND MEEKNESS IS OFTEN DEFINED AS STRENGTH UNDER CONTROL. JESUS PRONOUNCED A BLESSING UPON THE MEEK, SAYING, THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH. STRENGTH UNDER CONTROL INCLUDES GENTLENESS. A REAL MAN IS ONE WHO SEEKS TO IMITATE THE LIFE OF JESUS, WHO PERFECTLY DEMONSTRATED WHAT REAL STRENGTH IS.

>> POWER UNDER CONTROL. THAT'S MEEKNESS. THANKS FOR THOSE THOUGHTS, JIM. WHY NOT KEEP THE INFLUENCE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY HELPING YOU EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK? YOU CAN WATCH OUR PROGRAMS ON DEMAND SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS. WE HAVE APPS FOR YOUR SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS. WE ALSO HAVE APPS FOR BOTH THE ROKU AND APPLE TV. ALL OF THESE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE APP STORE FOR FREE. YOU CAN SEE ENTIRE PROGRAMS OR INDIVIDUAL SEGMENTS ON DEMAND FROM ANY OF THOSE APPS. WELL, IT'S TIME FOR US TO HEAD OVER TO THE PASTIME PORCH, WHERE JOE GUY IS WAITING TO BRING US ANOTHER TRUTH FROM THE TIMELESS TEXT. TODAY, HE'S DISCUSSING USELESS KNOWLEDGE.

>> HOW ARE YOU? THANKS FOR STOPPING BY. YOU KNOW, STEPHANIE OFTEN TELLS ME THAT MY MIND IS FULL OF USELESS KNOWLEDGE JUST BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU THE YEAR THE ROMAN EMPIRE FELL, IN 476, OR THE DATES OF THE BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA, SEPTEMBER 18TH THROUGH THE 20TH, OR THE YEAR MCMINN COUNTY WAS FORMED, 1819, AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER RANDOM HISTORICAL FACTS, BUT I STRUGGLE TO REMEMBER OUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 24TH. OR IS IT JUNE 26TH? OH, WELL. BUT I ADMIT SHE HAS A POINT. IT'S EASY TO LET OTHER THINGS FILL OUR MINDS, EVEN GOOD, INTERESTING THINGS LIKE RANDOM HISTORICAL FACTS. BUT WHAT WE FAIL TO DO OFTEN IS TO FILL OUR MINDS WITH THINGS THAT ARE TRULY AND ETERNALLY IMPORTANT. PAUL TELLS THE PHILIPPIANS IN CHAPTER 4 VERSE 8 TO THINK ON IMPORTANT THINGS, TO FILL THEIR MINDS WITH THINGS THAT ARE PURE AND HONEST AND JUST AND LOVELY AND OF GOOD REPUTATION, THINGS OF VIRTUE, THINGS WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR. CAN YOU GIVE SCRIPTURE FOR GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION? CAN YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHY THAT YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN, LIKE PETER REFERS TO IN 1ST PETER 3:15? COMPARED TO YOUR TIME ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR THINKING ABOUT A HOBBY OR WATCHING A TV PROGRAM, HOW OFTEN DO YOU PRAY? HOW OFTEN DO YOU READ YOUR BIBLE? HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK ON THINGS THAT CAN AND WILL AFFECT YOUR ETERNAL LIFE? BECAUSE

COMPARED TO THAT, ALL OTHER KNOWLEDGE AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE FILL OUR MINDS WITH IS TRULY USELESS. LET US BE MINDFUL OF GOD'S PRESENCE, HIS GIFT OF LIFE, AND HIS SALVATION. LET'S TRUST THE TIMELESS TEXT AND FILL OUR MINDS WITH GODLY THINGS SO THERE'S NO ROOM FOR USELESS AND DAMAGING, SINFUL THOUGHTS TO CLOUD OUR JUDGMENTS AND LEAD US ASTRAY. I'M JOE GUY. THANK YOU FOR VISITING.

>> LET'S FILL OURSELVES WITH WHAT'S IMPORTANT. AND DON'T FORGET YOUR ANNIVERSARY. THANKS, JOE. THE WAY TO FILL YOURSELF WITH THE IMPORTANT IS TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY. ONE WAY YOU CAN DO THIS EVERY DAY IS BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE GOOD NEWS DAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME PODCAST. IT'S AVAILABLE WHEREVER YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS. THERE'S A NEW EPISODE EVERY MORNING, AND IT BRINGS YOU A SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF THAT SCRIPTURE. IF YOU SUBSCRIBE, YOU CAN ENJOY THAT TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE ALSO OFFER A WEEKLY PODCAST ENTITLED SOUND WORDS WITH JIM DEARMAN. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN.

>> (SINGING)

>> MAY I HAVE JUST A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME? I'VE SOMETIMES SEEN BUMPER STICKERS, PICTURES, AND THINGS LIKE THAT THAT SAY: GOD SAID IT, I BELIEVE IT, THAT SETTLES IT. BUT THAT'S NOT REALLY RIGHT. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS IF GOD SAYS IT, THAT SETTLES IT, PERIOD, WHETHER I BELIEVE IT OR NOT. MY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OR NOT OF TRUTH DOES NOT CHANGE TRUTH ONE BIT. I ONCE HEARD SOMEONE ASK THIS QUESTION: IF WE CALL A DOG'S TAIL A LEG, HOW MANY LEGS DOES HE HAVE? WELL, SOMEONE ANSWERED FIVE. AND THE REPLY CAME BACK, NO, IT'S STILL FOUR, BECAUSE CALLING HIS TAIL A LEG DOESN'T MAKE IT SO. YOU SEE, TRUTH IS TRUTH, WHETHER YOU AND I BELIEVE IT OR NOT. JESUS SAID, GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH, JOHN 17:17. AND HIS WORD HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME. IT HAS BEEN VERIFIED AND CONFIRMED AS TRUTH SO MANY TIMES OVER. IT WILL ALWAYS BE TRUTH. BUT THE QUESTION TO BE ASKED IS THIS: WILL WE BE FOUND OBEDIENT TO THE TRUTH IN THAT DAY? REMEMBER, IF GOD SAYS IT, THAT SETTLES IT, PERIOD. I JUST NEED TO OBEY HIM. I'M CHAD DOLLAHITE, AND THIS IS JUST A MINUTE.

>> NOW WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON AND TROY: PLEASE EXPLAIN THE GODHEAD.

>> HEY, TROY, I'VE GOT A QUESTION.

>> ALL RIGHT. WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION?

>> WHICH CAME FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

>> THAT IS THE ETERNAL QUESTION I DON'T THINK ANYBODY CAN ANSWER, BECAUSE IF YOU ANSWER ONE, THEN IT'S GOING TO BE -

>> I CAN.

>> OH, YOU CAN?

>> I CAN. IT WAS A CHICKEN.

>> HOW DO YOU SAY THAT? WELL, GOD CREATED EVERYTHING FULLY DEVELOPED, FROM WHAT WE READ IN GENESIS CHAPTER 1. AS WELL AS, HOW WOULD THAT EGG HAVE BEEN INCUBATED IF IT DIDN'T HAVE A CHICKEN TO LAY ON IT?

>> THERE YOU GO. SEE, ALL THESE YEARS WE HAD TO WAIT FOR GUYTON TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

>> YEAH. NO, I SAY THAT BECAUSE I DO GET ASKED A QUESTION ALL THE TIME THAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND ANSWER TODAY. IT'S CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW THE GODHEAD CAN BE THREE BEINGS BUT YET ONE?

>> OKAY.

>> AND WE'VE TALKED IN PREVIOUS EPISODES ABOUT THIS AS FAR AS THE IDEA OF THE ONENESS DOCTRINE AND THE CONFUSION THAT PEOPLE HAVE, BECAUSE GOD CLEARLY HAS SPOKEN THROUGH HIS WORD THAT THEY ARE ONE AS THE GODHEAD.

>> YES.

>> BUT THERE'S ALSO THIS DISTINCTION THAT'S FOUND LIKE IN MATTHEW 28 AS WELL AS, WHAT IS IT? JOHN CHAPTER 6.

>> WELL, EVEN IN MATTHEW 3, WHEN YOU SEE BAPTISM, WHENEVER YOU SEE ALL THREE OF THEM THERE TOGETHER.

>> EXACTLY. SO I'VE BEEN ASKED THIS QUESTION A LOT. AND ONE OF THE WAYS I'VE FOUND TO EXPLAIN IT THAT WORKS THE BEST IS TO CONSIDER AN EGG.

>> AN EGG?

>> AN EGG.

>> I WAS WONDERING WHERE THE CHICKEN AND THE EGG PART CAME FROM. OKAY.

>> WELL, AND WHAT I'LL DO - AND I DON'T HAVE ONE TODAY, BUT IF I HAVE AN EGG IN MY HAND AND I SAY, WELL, HOW MANY THINGS AM I HOLDING IN MY HAND? WHAT WOULD YOU ANSWER?

>> ONE. YOU HAVE AN EGG.

>> OKAY. SO I HAVE AN EGG IN MY HAND. I HAVE ONE ITEM. AND SO THEN IF I HAD SOME CONTAINERS HERE AND I WAS TO CRACK THAT EGG AND I WAS REAL FANCY LIKE THE CHEFS ARE, AND I SEPARATE THE YOLK FROM THE WHITE AND I PUT THE WHITE IN ONE CONTAINER, I PUT THE YOLK IN ANOTHER CONTAINER, AND THEN I PUT THE SHELL IN ANOTHER CONTAINER AND I HELD THAT UP IN MY HAND AND I SAID, HOW MANY ITEMS DO I HAVE IN MY HAND?

>> WOW, NOW YOU HAVE THREE. THREE SEPARATE ITEMS.

>> OKAY. BUT WAIT A MINUTE, I HAD ONE, BUT NOW THERE'S THREE. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? THEY'RE ALL THREE DISTINCT, BUT YET THEY ALL THREE WORK TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME GOAL.

>> WOW, GREAT ANALOGY.

>> SO YOU GO THROUGH THAT AND THINK ABOUT IT. YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T HAVE AN EGG AND ACCOMPLISH WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO ACCOMPLISH WITHOUT HAVING THAT YOKE, AND THE YOLK'S GOT TO HAVE THE SHELL. AND SO WORKING TOGETHER WHILE THEY ALL SERVE THEIR PURPOSE, IT'S ALL FOR ONE PURPOSE. AND THAT'S WHAT WE SEE WITH THE FATHER, THE SON, THE HOLY SPIRIT. ALL THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION, IT'S THE GODHEAD, ONE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE SAME ETERNAL PURPOSE. LET'S GO TO EPHESIANS CHAPTER 3. AND IF YOU GET TO READING DOWN THROUGH HERE, HE SAYS, VERSE 8, UNTO ME WHO AM LESS THAN THE LEAST OF ALL SAINTS IS THIS GRACE GIVEN, THAT I SHOULD PREACH AMONG THE GENTILES THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST AND TO MAKE ALL MEN SEE WHAT IS THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY WHICH FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD HATH BEEN HID IN GOD WHO CREATED ALL THINGS BY JESUS CHRIST, TO THE INTENT THAT NOW UNTO THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN HEAVENLY PLACES MIGHT BE KNOWN BY THE CHURCH THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD, ACCORDING TO THE ETERNAL PURPOSE WHICH HE PURPOSED IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, IN WHOM WE HAVE BOLDNESS AND ACCESS WITH CONFIDENCE BY THE FAITH OF HIM. EVERYTHING THE FATHER, THE SON, THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS DONE HAS BEEN TO THAT ETERNAL PURPOSE, WHICH IS TO SAVE US. SO I HOPE THIS HELPS US UNDERSTAND HOW CAN GOD BE ONE THAT'S THE GODHEAD, BUT YET ALL THREE BEING A PART OF IT BE CONSIDERED IN THAT ONENESS.

>> AMEN.

>> WE'VE TALKED A BIT TODAY ABOUT GOD. SPEND TIME IN HIS WORD AND GET TO KNOW HIM. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS CHECK ALL RELIGIOUS TEACHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD. MAKE SURE THE THINGS YOU'RE BEING TOLD ARE TRUE, ACTS 17:11. YOU CAN WATCH OR LISTEN TO OUR PROGRAM AGAIN IF YOU NEED TO HEAR IT AGAIN AND HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME TO CHECK THE SCRIPTURES FOR YOURSELF. YOU CAN DO THAT ON OUR WEBSITE, THROUGH OUR APPS, OR ON OUR PODCAST. STILL HAVE A QUESTION? CONTACT US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. WE MIGHT EVEN ANSWER THAT QUESTION ON OUR PROGRAM. REMEMBER, WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

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