

# Let's Discuss...The Trinity

## PART 3\_Is the Trinity in the Bible?



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### Scriptures mentioned:

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19 NLT

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."*

Genesis 1:26a NKJV

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Genesis 1:1 NKJV

*The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Genesis 1:2 NKJV

*Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

Genesis 1:3 NKJV

*"I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."*

Exodus 3:6 NLT

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Hebrews 3:16 NKJV

## Summary

In this episode, we discuss the interesting fact that although the concept of the Trinity is central to our faith, the word "Trinity" is not actually found in Scripture. There are, however, verses throughout the Bible where we can clearly see the Trinity.

## Let's Discuss...

- Does the fact that the term "Trinity" is not in the Bible cause you to question its reality?
- When you read the verses listed above, and perhaps others that come to mind for you, does this seem like sufficient evidence for our belief in the Trinity?
- When we read the word "God" or the "Lord" in the Bible, can we assume that this is referring to all three persons of the Trinity combined, or does it refer to one specific Person of the Trinity? Or does it depend? How do we know, and does it matter?  
→ PS – You may or may not find a clear cut "answer" to these questions, like many others! As a TDP team, we wrestled with this throughout the development of this theme's videos and study notes. Consider keeping this question in mind as you read Scripture and see if it highlights anything new for you...
- Simon mentions "The Grace Prayer", adapted from 2 Corinthians 13:14 and within which we see the Trinity displayed. Are there any prayers like this that you have found meaningful to recite?

### A note on liturgy...

**liturgy:** a ritual or custom practiced by people of faith

A liturgical church is likely to have a more prescribed expression of faith, such as a similar order of the Sunday worship service from week to week, traditional prayers and songs that are recited and sung (often centuries old), reading assigned passages of Scripture (such as from the Lectionary, as opposed to any passage the priest or pastor felt led to choose for that day), observing a liturgical calendar, and other ritual practices.

For some, these practices might seem empty, but for many they are deeply meaningful. Although Hillsong is not considered a liturgical church, (note the frequently new songs that might be sung differently from week to week, or unprescribed prayers) we can certainly glean wisdom from our liturgical brothers and sisters. There is something to be said for plugging into the history and wider community of our faith tradition that has sustained believers throughout the millenniums. It's also important to note that neither style of worship should be considered superior to the other, as they each have their own strengths and weaknesses. We are all just different parts of the one Body of Christ.

The **Lectionary** and the **Book of Common Prayer** are liturgical resources used around the world across multiple denominations! So cool. You can also find related books and apps to follow along if you're interested.

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*"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"*

Revelation 4:8c NKJV

*If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.*

John 14:7 NRSV

*Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."*

John 14:8 NRSV

*Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

John 14:9 NRSV

*Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.*

John 14:11 NRSV

*And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth.*

John 14:16-17a CSB

*But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.*

John 14:26 CSB

### Let's Pray...

#### "The Grace Prayer"

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.*

- Take a moment to pray through this prayer, giving special attention to each idea, putting your heartfelt intention behind it, and allowing each word to wash over you. Notice what this prayer affirms about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and how it invites us into relationship with the Trinity.

### Let's Go Deeper...

- **The Lectionary Page** maintained by Kelly W. Puckett [website]
- **Book of Common Prayer** [book]