

## Our Triune God

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26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

### In what way our we made in the image of God?

**1. Mental likeness (Romans 12:1,2)—The intellectual ability to reason, communicate, govern creation, create, appreciate beauty, etc.**

**2. Moral likeness (Romans 2:15)—Awareness of good and evil**

**3. Social likeness (Gen 2:18)—need to love and be loved**

### Questions for discussion:

- 1) In what way have you been conforming to this world?
- 2) In what way can you become more “acceptable” to God?
- 3) Is it getting more difficult to discern between good and evil?
- 4) Do you gravitate toward isolation? Why do you think this is?
- 5) What steps can you take to become better made in the image of God after studying these scriptures?

1. God is the Creator and Judge of all and the loving F.A.T.H.E.R. of those who put their faith in Christ.
2. Jesus Christ is Only son of God— fully God and fully human. He is the Lord of the Universe and the Savior of all who trust in Him.
3. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity who initiates and superintends spiritual life and growth in those who trust Christ and follow him.

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“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal **by** the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously **through** Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:3-7

**1. Regeneration:-- New birth, new life, radical change of mind (Belonging)**

**2. Renewing:-- Complete change for the better... to grow up 2 Cor 4:16; Col 3:10 (Becoming)**

### Questions for discussion:

- 1) What was the leading reason you surrendered your life to Christ?
- 2) What changes have you seen in your life since believing?
- 3) How do you feel about God’s mercy? His grace?

4) If you had a chance to live your Christian life over again, what would you do differently?

### Discipleship Topic #9 God: Good Omnipotent Dad Ps 103 4/28/2019

He is: Faithful; All-mighty; Truth; Holy; Eternal; Redeemer

#### 1. God is Faithful:

15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer. 17 But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from **everlasting to everlasting** on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to **children's children**, 18 To those who keep **His covenant** And remember His precepts to do them.

Four Covenants:

1. Abrahamic: Gal 3 "In you all the nations of the world will be blessed."
2. The Davidic: "And your house and your kingdom house shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." 2 Samuel 7:17
3. The Mosaic: Our inability to obey; Turn to God's mercy Ga 3:23-25
4. The New Covenant: The Eternal King provides redemption from sin and freedom for the Mosaic covenant--law that condemns us. Heb 9: 13-15

1. How have you seen God's faithfulness in your life over the years?
2. Why is it hard to believe when a new set of challenges arrive?
3. What can you do to remind yourself of God's faithfulness?

#### 2. God is Almighty:

19 The Lord has established is throne in the heavens, And His **sovereignty rules over all**. 20 Bless the Lord, you His angels, **Mighty in strength**, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!

- Elohim: Creator, Mighty, Strong, Infinite—In the beginning God... Gen1:1
- Jehovah(Yahweh): "I Am who I Am" He is intimate, near, Psalm 107:13

1. How does your understanding of God affect your faith?
2. Do you have a too low of view of God's power? Why?
3. If you could see God face to face, what would you ask Him to do for you?

#### 3. God is Truth:

And His righteousness to children's children, 18 To those who keep His covenant And remember **His precepts** to do them. 19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all. 20 Bless the Lord, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform who perform **His word**, obeying the voice of **His word**! 21 Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing **His will**.

"Jesus said, I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, but by me." John 14:6

- The only one who came from heaven can tell us what it is like and how to get there.
- Truth is not only just logical and observable, but theo-logical—God inspired fact given to us-- what we couldn't have known unless He had revealed it through His creation, scripture, and Christ.

1. What truth is at the center of your life now? What do you think about a lot and how is it influencing your beliefs, values, and practices?
2. Do you live more under a consumption behavior or a creative one? How do you spend your spare time? Relate. Create. Meditate. Don't vegetate!
3. In what way can you "take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ?" 2 Cor 10:5
4. What truth is being challenged by our society today and what should our response be?

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**4. God is Holy:**

1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his **holy** name. 2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all **his benefits**—3 who **forgives** all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who **redeems** your life from the pit and crowns you with **love and compassion**, 5 who satisfies your desires with **good things** so that your youth is **renewed** like the eagle's. 6 The Lord works **righteousness and justice** for all the oppressed... 17 But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who **fear** him.. "But just as he who called you is holy, so **be holy** in all you do; for it is written: "**Be holy**, because I am **holy**." 1 Peter 1:15, 16

**Definition of Holiness:** 1) Perfect in **goodness** and 2) **righteousness**, totally 3) **set apart** and **separated from all sin and evil**.

**Goodness:** Kind, generous, merciful, gracious, void of all evil. Prov 3:27—"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." James 4:17—"So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." Quality which determines how all God's other excellences are to be displayed. The focal point of God's moral perfection.

**Righteousness:** Acting according to God's moral laws, free from wrong, guilt, or sin. You always **do what is right and just**. I John 2:29 "If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him." Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be **born of water** and of the **Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

- Water: Natural birth and cleansing—Ezekiel 36:25 "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols." Spirit—new life only from the Holy Spirit 2 Cor 3:6

**Separation:** God is perfect—wholly **set apart** and **separate from** all sin and evil. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's

special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who **called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**" 1 Peter 2:9

- 1) Why do we withhold good and ignore our desire to do the right thing?
- 2) Are you born again? How did you become a Christ—follower? Explain.
- 3) What thoughts, attitudes, or actions do you need to change in your life?
- 4) What temptations (people, things, or places) do you need to avoid or cut yourself off from like the "vine that is strangling the evergreen?" Do it now!

**5. God is Eternal:**

17 But from **everlasting to everlasting** the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. Psalm 103

**6. God is a REDEEMER-- ABOUNDING IN LOVE-- FORGIVING:**

2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion**, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle'. 6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: 8 The Lord is **compassionate** and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is **his love** for those who fear him; **12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us**. 13 As a father has **compassion** on his children, so the Lord has **compassion** on those who fear him; 14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. 15 The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; 16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. 17 But from everlasting to everlasting the **Lord's love** is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— 18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.