

God the FATHER ~ Isaiah 45:5-7

→Scripture Reading Isaiah 45:5-6, John 15:26, 2 Cor. 13:14

INTRODUCTION

>Star Trek

>Star Wars

...we worship **ONE God in Trinity** and the **Trinity in unity**, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. The entire three persons are **CO-ETERNAL** and **CO-EQUAL** with one another, so that we worship complete unity in Trinity and Trinity in unity. Athanasius

The Trinity has been described as- Compound Unity, Three-in-Oneness, Tri-Unity, TRIUNE God

The ONENESS of God ~ Ex. 20:2-3 and 1 Tim. 2:5-6

Exodus 20:2-3 (NIV) "I AM the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. [3] "You shall have **NO OTHER gods before ME.**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is ONE. [5] Love the LORD your God with **ALL your heart** and with **ALL your soul** and with **ALL your strength.**

Isaiah 45:18 (NIV) For this is what the LORD says - He who created the heavens, He is God; He who fashioned and made the earth, He founded it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited - He says: "**I am the LORD, and there is NO OTHER.**

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (NIV) **For there is ONE God** and ONE mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [6] who gave Himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.

Romans 3:29-30 (NIV) Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, [30] since **there is only ONE God**, who will JUSTIFY the circumcised BY FAITH and the uncircumcised THROUGH that same FAITH.

APPLICATION

Exodus 20:23 (NIV) You shall have **NO OTHER gods before ME.**

For the Jewish people to WORSHIP another god was to **Declare War** on God. W Wiersbe

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV) Love the LORD your God with **ALL your heart** and with **ALL your soul** and with **ALL your strength.**

The THREENESS of God ~ Gen. 1:26 and Matt. 28:18-20

→OLD TESTAMENT - (Implied ALL through O.T.)

Genesis 1:26 (NIV) Then **GOD** said, Let **US** make man in **OUR image**, in **OUR likeness**, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Plural form of the NAME of God - *Elohim*

Plural personal PRONOUNS for God - "*US* and *OUR*"

Isaiah 63:8-10 (NIV) **HE said**, "Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to ME"; and so **He became their Savior.** [9] In all their distress He too was distressed, and **the angel of His presence** SAVED THEM. In His love and mercy He REDEEMED them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. [10] Yet they **rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit.** So He turned and became their enemy and He Himself fought against them.

IMPLICATION

→ God IDENTIFIES with the Suffering of His PEOPLE

Isaiah 63:9 (NIV) ...In **ALL their distress HE too was distressed**, and the angel of His presence saved them. In His love and mercy HE redeemed them; **HE lifted them up and carried them** all the days of old.

We see the present clearly - But He sees the first and last
And like a tapestry He's weaving us - To someday BE like Him
God is too Wise to be mistaken - God is too Good to be unkind
So when you don't understand - When you don't see His plan
When you can't trace His hand - TRUST His Heart

→ NEW TESTAMENT (Much Clearer in the N.T.)

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV) ...At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and lighting on him. [17] And a **voice** from heaven said, "**This is my Son**, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 28:18-19 (NIV) ...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and make disciples of ALL nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**...

John 15:26 (NIV) When the **Counselor** comes, whom **I will send** to you from the **Father**, the **Spirit of truth** who goes out from the **Father**, **HE** will testify about **ME**.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV) May the grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all.

IMPLICATIONS (of God being a Triune God)

→ God is a God of RELATIONSHIP

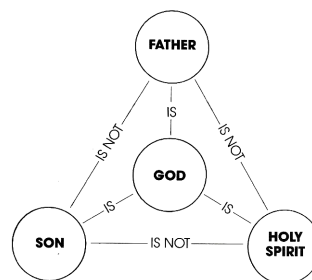
→ The TRIUNE God made ATONEMENT possible

Romans 8:3 (NIV) For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, **God did by sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful man **to be a sin offering**. And so he condemned sin in sinful man...

SUMMARY

The TRIUNE God means...

- God IS three DISTINCT Persons
- Each Person is FULLY God
- There is ONLY ONE God



TAKE AWAY??

Isaiah 45:5-7 (NIV) **I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God**. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me,

[6] so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting **men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.**

[7] I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.