

UNDERSTANDING THE TRINITY

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

1. Name is the key to this scripture. It is singular, not names; however, let us look for the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Isaiah 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

1. Let us look at who the LORD is and the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker.

Isaiah 45:12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

2. I believe we will all agree that God made the Earth, created man to dwell upon the earth. God stretched out the Heavens, and all of the host, God commanded. God was the Father in creation.

Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

3. He created it to be inhabited. He had a purpose!

4. The LORD SAID, "I am the Lord, and there is none else."

Isaiah 45:21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

5. The LORD said, "there is NO GOD ELSE BESIDE ME, a just GOD, AND A SAVIOUR, NONE BESIDE ME!!!!!!

Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

2. Look unto me, be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, (that is everyone in the world that desires a Saviour) I am GOD AND THERE IS NONE ELSE!!!!

3. Our knowledge of him will be a satisfying knowledge, backed up by the Bible as our Road Map, not man made religions, or views, not based on the Bible.

Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

1. How will this happen? Every knee bow, every tongue shall swear?

Philippians 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

2. WHAT???? God has just said, "there is NO God beside me, nor any Saviour except HIM.

Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

3. Jesus took on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men!!

Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

4. Jesus came for the purpose of death on the cross!

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

5. Now wait a minute Paul, you are saying GOD hath exalted HIM and given HIM a Name above every NAME.

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

1. Now at the NAME of JESUS every knee should bow!! God had said, "every knee should bow to the LORD, no GOD beside HIM.

Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Philippians 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1. How can Jesus and God the Father both be THE LORD and there still be only ONE LORD? Maybe John can clear it up.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

John 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

John 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

3. John said the world was made by this MAN, and the world knew Him not.

1. The world still does not understand. They do not take time to search the scriptures. They follow the broad way of man-made religion.
2. The Name Jesus means: "Jehovah (has become) our Salvation!"
3. God is a Spirit, a "Holy Spirit." Spirit in Greek is Pneuma which means Spirit. The English language is more complicated. Pneuma can be translated as Spirit or Ghost, according to the person translating it. One translator may would say Spirit, another Ghost. There was no question of whose Spirit the writers of the Bible were talking about. Spirit, Holy Ghost, were all the Spirit (of God).
4. Strong writes: Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind, God incarnate. Incarnate is an adjective meaning: embodied in flesh; given a bodily, (especially a human), form.

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us**.

5. God, through the virgin birth of Jesus, created a body for Himself. God, as a Spirit, had no body that could be seen, had no blood that could be shed. Jesus, in human form, (the Son of God), lived 33 1/2 years, died on the cross of Calvary, shedding His life's blood for the remission of sin. He was indeed God with us. The Spirit that was within that human body was the one and only God of all Creation. The resurrected body of Jesus will be what we will be able to behold throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. This also is what Paul taught.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

6. If the Emperor Constantine, (a worshipper of the sun), had not been allowed, in 325a.d., to call the Nicene Counsel at Nice, Greece, it would not be so confusing. They sanctioned the Triune Godhead along with sanctioning to change the formula for baptism to the titles, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. These are not names, they are titles or positions. If indeed there are three co-equal, co-eternal, then the Holy Ghost was the father of Jesus, who is called the Son of God, according to what the angel told Mary in Luke 1:35 below.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that **holy thing** which shall be born of thee shall be called the **Son of God**.

a. If the English translator had of used Spirit, instead of Ghost, (the Greek word is Pneuma, meaning Spirit), it would not have been as confusing.

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave **he** power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on **his name**:

1. Jesus is the Name of God.
2. Through HIM (Jesus) we can also become the sons of God, them that believe on HIS NAME.
3. Jesus manifested the Name of this ONE God to HIS Disciples.

John 17:6 I have manifested **thy name** unto the men which **thou** gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and **thou** gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. **Holy Father, keep through thine own name** those whom **thou** hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, **I kept them in thy name**: those that **thou** gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. (JUDAS)

John 17:26 And **I have declared unto them thy name**, and will declare it: that the love wherewith **thou** hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1. If Jesus declared the Name of God to the world, then the Name of God must be Jesus, right?? Let us explore that further.

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

2. Still not convinced? Well Phillip did not get it either. Jesus was not angry with Phillip for not knowing who He really was.

John 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known **me**, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

3. God is a Spirit. A spirit does not have flesh and blood. God's plan of Salvation was a blood sacrifice to ransom the souls of fallen man back to Himself.

4. He did not send another, He came Himself.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Philippians 3:8 "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

1. Spiritual knowledge of Christ has to be a personal knowledge.

2. We cannot know Jesus through another person's acquaintance with him.

3. We must know him for our self.

4. We must know him on our own account. It will be an intelligent knowledge—

5. We must know him, not as the visionary dreams of him, but as the Word reveals him.

6. We must know his natures, divine and human.
 7. We must know his offices--his attributes--his works--his shame--his glory.
 8. We must meditate upon him until we "comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge."
 9. It will be an affectionate knowledge of him; indeed, if we know him at all.
 10. When we know Him, we cannot help loving Him.
 11. To have Him in our heart, through the experience of the Spirit, an ounce of heart knowledge is worth a ton of head learning.
5. Jesus taught His Disciples an additional 40 days, between His death, burial and resurrection, and his ascension back into Heaven.

Acts **1:3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them **forty days**, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

6. The following is one incident where He came to them.

Matthew **28:16** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

Matthew 28:17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

Matthew 28:18 **And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

1. The above statement, Jesus made, just before He gave the, much misunderstood, scripture of Matthew 28:19.

Matthew 28:19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

1. If, indeed, there are two more Gods in Heaven, then Jesus has all power, not only in Heaven, but, also upon the earth.

1. Jesus had just said, "all power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth."
2. We have discussed that the NAME, of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost/Spirit is Jesus. This is why He said to baptize in HIS NAME! This is the reason the Disciples along with Paul baptized in the Name of Jesus. That is the Name of God and the Holy Ghost/Spirit is the Spirit of the ONE and ONLY God of all creation.

Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

4. Christ means "the anointed ONE. Why did HE suffer? Why did He come?"

Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

5. This is the reason that the Disciples baptized in the Name of Jesus. Jesus had taught them to do so. Telling them to: "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Luke 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luke 24:50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

1. What happened at Jerusalem? WHAT DID HIS DISCIPLES TEACH?

1. Seven days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost/Spirit fell on the ones gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

2. When Peter was asked, "what must we do?" He gave the following message, which was the New Testament Plan of Salvation, written in the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, after the flesh, but, the One and Only God of all creation, after the Spirit. Jesus is the revealed Name of that One God.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

2. IS THE HOLY GHOST NECESSARY IF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN JESUS NAME? YES, the following scriptures teach us that it is.

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Acts 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

3. IS BAPTISM NECESSARY IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST? YES, below are the scriptures that prove it is necessary.

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Acts 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Acts 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Acts 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

1. IS THE HOLY GHOST NECESSARY IF YOU "BELIEVE"? Many ministers preach that all that is necessary to be "saved" is to "believe in God." This is the beginning of the plan of Salvation, not the plan. Many say that Paul preached that believe is all that is necessary, let us look at what Paul actually preached. He preached the exact same thing that the Disciples preached.

2. We will let Paul answer that question. What say ye Paul?

Acts 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:3. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest **thou?** arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the **name** of the Lord. (The Name of the LORD, is JESUS).