

THE TRIUNE GOD AND YOU

January 28, 2024 John 17:20-23, 26 By Bob Branch

BIG IDEA: How the relationship the Father, Son and Spirit share together is intended to inform, influence, inspire and shape us. You are now included.

One God, existing eternally in 3 persons: Father, Son & Spirit.

One from the outside, 3 on the inside.

3 persons are in relationship with each other.

Athanasian Creed: “We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.”

We’ve been invited to experience the relationship the Father, Son & Spirit share.

“I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” **John 20:17**

John 17:20-23, 26 CSB

Make Jesus known to everyone everywhere. (20-21, 23; Mk. 16:15; Rom. 1:16)

1 There is _____ between them—an overlap, unity, union and sharing of life. (21a; Rev. 5:6)

2 In Jesus, that life, connection and oneness has been _____ with you. “*may they be in us.*” (21b)

“Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy... raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus” **Ephesians 2:4, 6**

3 The _____ Jesus connects us with the life of the Trinity. “*I in them*” (23)

“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory.” **Colossians 1:27**

“we may participate in the divine nature.” **2 Peter 1:4**

4 As we _____ this oneness together, Jesus is revealed to the onlooking world. (23; Acts 4:32; Jn 13:35)

5 We share the _____ Jesus experiences with his Father. (23, 26)

“I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love.” **John 15:9 MSG**

You have been invited to share in the Relationship at the center of the universe. That relationship is filled with intimacy, joy, generosity, servanthood, purity, power, creativity, connection, peace and glory. In Jesus, you are invited in!

IN PRACTICE:

_____ **and rehearse the love God has for you**—both in & thru the work of Jesus, *and* in a myriad of daily small ways. (23, 26)

_____ **yourself in their fellowship.**

PRAYER: “Father, Son and Spirit—wrap me in the intimacy you share—your connection and oneness. I imagine myself within this relationship at the center of the universe—graciously invited in. Envelop and animate me in the joy you share between you. Let the life you share and have invited me into—and of which I am now completely enfolded—restore, refresh and heal me. Open my eyes to the reality of your generous, divine fellowship—overflowing with creativity and servanthood. Permeate me through and through with this life—this, eternal life. Transform me with the raw, radiant purity and peace that exudes between you. Awaken me today to this reality—to you in all your fullness. Amen.”