

Acts 2:14a, 22-36 ESV

## Are You Benefitting from the Holy Trinity?

Sunday, May 31 at 8:00 & 10:45 + Monday, June 1 at 7 PM

The Holy Trinity

**Introduction:** Dear friends: Did you hear the exciting news about the latest giveaway: The first ten people who show up *in person at Gillingham Ford in Parma on Monday at noon with the secret password* will receive a new car; furthermore, *I know the secret password and I'm willing to share it with you!* So, ➡are you excited, ➡are you interested in receiving the password, and ➡are you planning to benefit?

We all like *something for nothing*; we like it even more when the something is valuable! So a car fits into that category, it can bless us in many ways; but even a new car will eventually be put on the scrap heap. So *today's giveaway* is even *more valuable* because it is *eternal*. Let's take note of *the Holy Trinity* and *His benefits to us* in [Acts chapter 2](#) (references to the Holy Trinity are coded as follows: **Father**, **Son**, **Holy Spirit**):

1. **The Setting:** <sup>14</sup> **But Peter**, standing with the eleven, **lifted up his voice and addressed them**... // That is what Peter did on the Day of Pentecost, *right after the Holy Spirit had been poured out*. So it was not really Peter *but the Holy Spirit speaking through Peter* to bring us God's important message. Therefore, may God enable us to +listen, +understand, and +eternally benefit!
2. **Notice Who Did What:** We pick up partway through Peter's sermon: <sup>22</sup> **"Men of Israel, hear these words:**
  - a. **Jesus of Nazareth**, **a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that**

**God did through him in your midst**, as you yourselves know— // So Peter is talking about the Jesus *who grew up in Nazareth*; then note that *God the Father did miracles through Him* to prove Jesus' connection with God. Even Nicodemus said to Jesus: “**Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him**” (John 3:2 ESV). *So let us believe in Jesus and rejoice in the forgiveness we have through Him!*

- b. <sup>23</sup> **this Jesus**, **delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God**, you crucified and killed [*you did it*] by the hands of lawless men [*the Roman governor and soldiers*]. // So God the Father planned how He would save us, *knowing all the details in advance*. Then Jesus obediently followed the Father's plan to take away the sins of the world! Those who know Jesus, *who believe in Him as their Savior*, have that great eternal benefit!
- c. <sup>24</sup> **God raised him up**, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for **him** to be held by it. // So ♣people did their *wicked* part, ♣Jesus did His *saving* part, and ♣the Father did His *raising* part. ***God's goodness is greater than our badness!*** In Christ we are forgiven!

3. **David's Prophecy about the Coming Savior**: The Lutheran Study Bible has this note: “...through David, Christ speaks prophetically of his own soul's deliverance and His body's escape from corruption” (1834). <sup>25</sup> For **David says** concerning **him**, ‘I saw **the Lord**

always before **me**, for **he is at my right hand** that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore **my heart was glad**, and **my tongue rejoiced**; **my flesh also will dwell in hope**.

<sup>27</sup> For **you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption**. <sup>28</sup> **You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.**” // As Jesus lived here ♦trusting His Father and ♦living in harmony with **His will** for **His life**, so let us ♦trust in Jesus and ♦live in harmony with **His will** for our daily Christian lives!

- a. Who was David talking about? <sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that **God had sworn with an oath to him** [to David] that **he would set one of his descendants on his throne**, <sup>31</sup> he [David] foresaw and spoke about **the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption**. // So David died *and is still dead*, but Jesus’ body did NOT decay, NOR did His soul remain in hades. Therefore, *we should take very special note of this Jesus!*
- b. How do those words apply to Jesus? <sup>32</sup> This **Jesus God raised up**, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore **exalted at the right hand of God**, and **having received from the Father** *the promise of the Holy Spirit*, **he has poured out** *this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing*. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself [David] says, “**The Lord**

[God the Father] said to **my Lord** [God the Son], “**Sit at my right hand,** <sup>35</sup> **until I make your enemies your footstool.**” // We are blessed by the Trinity:

- i. The Father created everything thru the Son.
- ii. The Father sent His Son to remove our sins.
- iii. The Son is the winner over sin and death.
- iv. The Holy Spirit came *from* the Father *to* the Son *to* us to give us eternal life thru Jesus!

4. **The Concluding Truth:** <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that **God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.**” // So ♦the Savior promised to Adam and Eve, ♦the Messiah, ♦the One Anointed by the Holy Spirit, ♦the One through whom God the Father did many miracles, ♦the One who willingly received our sins and paid our penalty, ♦the One raised by the Father on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, ♦the One who ascended to the Father’s right hand on the 40<sup>th</sup> day, ♦the One who poured out the Holy Spirit on the 50<sup>th</sup> day, and ♦the One who is now reigning over all things for the good of those who trust in Him, **He is both Lord and Christ!** Therefore, let us *continually* be sorry for our sins and trust in Him alone as our Savior!

**Conclusion:** Regarding the password and free car, that is not true☹️; but God’s gift of forgiveness through Jesus is true😊! Therefore, ➡️seeing the great necessity of having God’s forgiveness, ➡️let us gladly receive and eternally benefit!

And all God’s people said: **Amen!**