

# 1 God, 3 Persons For Our Salvation!!!



Sunday, 5/27 at 8:00 & 10:45 + Monday, 5/28 at 7 PM

The Holy Trinity – 2018

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ: On this Sunday of the Holy Trinity, we believe, teach, and confess that there is 1 God, and yet, *at the same time*, that 1 God includes 3 Persons: **the Person of the Father**, **the Person of the Son**, and **the Person of the Holy Spirit**! As those three Persons worked together to create all things, *so they also work together for our salvation!!!*

Today, *as we focus on the middle part of **Acts chapter 2***, let us **see** and **marvel** at the individual work, *as well as the collective work*, of the **Holy Trinity** to save us from our sins!

1. **Miracles, Crucifixion, Resurrection:** <sup>14</sup> **But Peter, standing with the eleven** [*the eleven other apostles, on the Day of Pentecost, which was 50 days after Easter*], **lifted up his voice and addressed them:** <sup>22</sup> **“Men of Israel, hear these words:** // As Peter spoke God’s Word, **the Holy Spirit was at work through that Word!**
  - a. **Miracles:** **Jesus of Nazareth** [*the Son of God*], **a man attested to you by God** [*the Father*] **with mighty works and wonders and signs that God** [*the Father*] **did through him** [*His Son*] **in your midst, as you yourselves know—** // Peter established the *connection* between **God the Father and Jesus** by referencing the miracles!

- b. Crucifixion: <sup>23</sup> **this Jesus** [God the Son in human flesh], **delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God** [the Father], **you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.** // As Peter spoke to Jews, he reminded them of what they had done 53 days earlier on Good Friday – *as they handed Jesus over to Pilate to crucify Him* – but he also declared that it happened because God the Father had planned it out!
- c. Resurrection: <sup>24</sup> **God** [the Father] **raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him** [the Son of God] **to be held by it.** // Keep in mind, the Jewish leaders thought Jesus was teaching and acting in *opposition to God the Father*; therefore, again, Peter reinforced the *connection* between the Father and Jesus – with the Father raising Him up!

2. **Father > Spirit > David > Son**: In this section the Holy Spirit moved David to write these words regarding Jesus:
- <sup>25</sup> **For David says concerning him** [the Son of God],
- a. **'I saw the Lord** [God the Father] **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.** // For Jesus, God the Father was with Him and blessed Him!
- b. <sup>27</sup> **For you** [my Father] **will not abandon my soul** [the soul of Your Son] **to Hades** [the place of the dead], **or let your Holy One** [Your Holy Son] **see corruption.** // The Holy Spirit spoke through David to prophecy about Jesus' resurrection!
- c. <sup>28</sup> **You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'** //

The paths of life are repentance – *sorrow for sin*, and faith in Jesus – *for eternal life*; both are accomplished by the Spirit working through God’s Word!

3. **David, the Christ:**

- a. **David:** <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.** // In other words, David’s body did see corruption.
- b. **The Christ:** <sup>30</sup> **Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God [the Father] had sworn with an oath to him [to David] that he would set one of his descendants on his throne [namely, Jesus], <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ [the Son of God, who put on flesh through the Virgin Mary and was anointed with the Holy Spirit], **that...**
  - i. **Death:** He [the Son of God] **was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.** // Those words pointed ahead to Jesus!
  - ii. **Resurrection:** <sup>32</sup> **This Jesus God [the Father] raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.** // So God the Father did it, *thus He accepted Jesus’ sacrifice for our sins!* Then Peter said, “How do we know?” Because we are eyewitnesses!
  - iii. **Ascension and Pentecost:** <sup>33</sup> **Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God [the Father – Jesus’ ascension], and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he [the Son] has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.** // We confess in the Nicene Creed that the Holy Spirit “**proceeds from the****

**Father and the Son”**; *Father to Son*; then *Son to believers!* The pouring out of the Spirit took place on the Day of Pentecost!

1. **David:** <sup>34</sup> **For David did not ascend into the heavens,** // Instead, David died and was buried; *ONLY Jesus ascended!*
2. **The Christ:** **but he** [David, speaking by the Holy Spirit] **himself 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.”** // The Father said those words to Jesus, not to David.

4. **Uh Oh:** <sup>36</sup> **Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God** [the Father] **has made him** [His Son] **both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”** // When Adam and Eve fell into sin, *so did all of their future descendants*; therefore, God promised to send His Son!! Even though many *did not and do not* ✦ recognize Him or ✦ trust in Him, **He is BOTH LORD AND CHRIST!** He won salvation for everyone, *but ONLY those who continue to know Him (John 17:3) will eternally benefit from His work!*

**Let Us Pray:** Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You have done awesome work for our salvation; **Father** – *TY for Your plan*; **Jesus** – *TY for living and dying*; **HS** – *TY for bringing us to the Father through Jesus and keeping us trusting in Jesus!*