

# The NEED and the SOLUTION!!

Sunday, June 16 at 9:00 | Monday, June 17 at 7 PM

The Holy Trinity – 2019

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ:

Today is a *special day* in the church year: **The Holy Trinity!**

Today begins the church year season of *Pentecost*, which used to be called *Trinity*. As we return to **Acts 2...** where we left off last week, we will focus on the parts of today's text that point to the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit!**

Today is also Father's Day; *as we touch on some of the great aspects of our Heavenly Father*, may all earthly fathers be ♦instructed and inspired in their fatherly vocation, ♦powered by the Holy Spirit, and ♦sure of God's forgiveness in Christ!

1. **The Setting:** Last week was **the Day of Pentecost**, when ♦the loud sound was heard, ♦the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, ♦many people came to find out what was going on, and ♦the believers – *by the Holy Spirit* – spoke in languages they had never learned ➡ *to tell those who had gathered about the mighty acts of God!* Then <sup>14</sup> **...Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed** those who had gathered; Peter told the people that a prophecy in the **book of Joel** was being fulfilled – *as various people spoke the Word of God*. We now continue with Peter's sermon as recorded in **Acts chapter 2...**
2. **The Father's Plan to Save the World:** <sup>22</sup> **"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested**

[having been proven] to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know-- <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

- a. The plan: **The Triune God** created everything perfect, *but the people brought sin and death*; nevertheless, **God the Father** ♠ still loved them and ♠ promised to save them through **His Son**!
- b. The execution of the plan: Then, *in the fullness of time*, **God the Father** ♠ gave **His Son** and ♠ proved who **He** was – *through many mighty miracles!* And then, according to **the Father's** ♠ pre-creation plan and ♠ full knowledge of all things, **Jesus** was † nailed to a cross and † killed **by the Jews at the hands of the Gentiles**. But then **God the Father** raised **His Son** back to life, welcomed **Him** back into heaven 40 days later, and gave **Him** – *that is Jesus, the Holy Spirit*, which **He** poured out on all of the believers on the Day of Pentecost! Then they spoke God's Word so that many could hear it and – *by the Holy Spirit* – understand, repent, and believe!

### 3. **The Close Relationship Between the Father and the Son:**

<sup>25</sup> **For David says concerning him** [the Son of God], **“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.** // Long ago and during Jesus' ministry, **the Father** was with Him to ♠ grant Him peace, ♠ make Him glad, and ♠ assure Him of His coming resurrection.

4. **The Son's Confidence in the Father:** <sup>27</sup> For **you** [Father] **will not abandon my** [Your Son's] **soul to Hades** [to the grave], or let your **Holy One** see **corruption** [like all who die and decay]. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' // For **Jesus**, His body never did decay, and now He is alive and whole forever! And what are "the paths of life"?  
"...repentance, faith, obedience, and hope" (Lenski, 92).
5. **Peter's Explanation of David and Jesus:** <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 that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that **he** [Jesus] was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. // As we think about Peter's sermon, he based it on the Scriptures – on the words of **God the Father** through Joel and now through David. The words of David point to **the Christ** being raised! Also, Peter and the eleven others had personally seen **the resurrected Jesus**!
6. **The Father's Work to Exalt Jesus and Give the Spirit:** <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 says, "'The Lord [God the Father] said to my Lord [God the Son, Jesus], "Sit at my right hand,

**35 until I make your enemies your footstool.”** // Imagine Peter’s hearers... they were very familiar with **Jesus’ death** and the *false* story of His body being stolen. But right then, *on that very Day of Pentecost*, they **heard** the great sound, **came** to see, and **heard** the believers – *who had been despised* – miraculously speaking in languages they had not learned! Furthermore, since **the Father** gave **the Spirit** to **the Son**; then **the Son** – *who is Jesus* – poured out **the Spirit** on the Day of Pentecost, *the powerful events of the day pointed to Jesus being alive!* And then, with the words of David, *Peter told how God the Father welcomed Jesus into heaven to reign over all!*

7. **The Father’s Shocking Revelation**: Then, *for the clincher, the abrupt sermon ending*, Peter said: **36 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 Peter ended with a strong Word of Law: You killed **Him**; **the Father raised Him**; **He is both Lord and Christ!!** Upon hearing those words, many were **made** sorry and **baptized** into **Christ** for the forgiveness of their sins!

**This Week’s Challenge:** Express thanks to both of our fathers!

**Let Us Pray:** Dear **F**, **S**, and **HS**, TYSM for loving us and saving us!!! Bless earthly fathers to do the BEST for their children!

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