

The Trinity

Intro

- previous sessions
 - existence of human spirit
 - proposed model of human structure: spirit, psyche, body & the traits of each part
 - concluded we exist & function in two separate realms simultaneously

Trinity

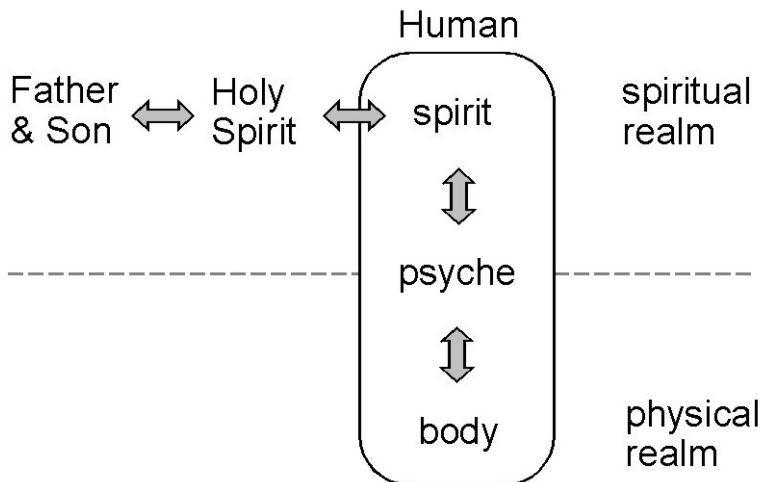
- Jn 4:24, “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”
 - God is what?
- Mt 28:19, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
 - Who are the three members of the Trinity or godhead?
- Trinity is:
 - three unique individuals, each is a different representation of God’s nature
 - equal value & importance
 - specialized roles/functions
 - such tight unity, we refer to them collectively as “God”

Our Interaction with God

- Rom 8:16 “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”
- Ps 42:7, “deep calls to deep”
- Jn 16:13, “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”
 - What does this say specifically about what the Holy Spirit speaks?
 - Verses about Holy Spirit:
 - said to be “in” us (Ro 8:9, 11)
 - teaches us all things, reminds us of what Jesus said (Jn 14:26)
 - testifies about Jesus (Jn 15:26)
 - guides us into all truth, tells us what is to come (Jn 16:13)
 - Based on all this, is it possible the Holy Spirit is our main contact with God, and the Father and Son speak to us through the Holy Spirit?
- My current view:
 - our spirit & body have senses, our psyche does not

- our psyche performs internal functions, interacts only with our spirit & body
- we interact with others with either our spirit or body, psyche processes inputs and initiates action

Human & the Trinity



- Jn 12:28-29, “Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.’ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.”
 - How did God speak in this verse?

Spirit Dominance

- God’s design is for human spirit to govern human psyche, human body, and physical realm.
- You are a spirit being with a psyche, temporarily living in a physical body.
- Your role in restoring your spirit’s dominance
 - be aware of your spirit — focus attention on it, think about spiritual matters
 - Col 3:1-2, “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”
 - How does this relate to the spiritual realm and your spirit?
 - feed your spirit — devour God’s word; which is life
 - Jn 6:63 (Jesus speaking to disciples), “The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.”
 - Jn 6:68 (Peter speaking to Jesus), “You have the words of eternal life.”

- Php 2:16, “. . . the word of life.”
- 1 Jn 1:1, “. . . this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.”
- What kind of life is this and what is its source?
- exercise your spirit — use & refine your spiritual gifts, pray in your spiritual language
 - 1 Co 12:7, “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”
 - What effect does the use of a spiritual gift have on the recipient?
 - On the person who uses it?
 - 1 Co 14:4, “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.”
 - What does it mean to edify yourself and how does speaking in a tongue do that?
- be alert to your spirit — expect inputs from your spirit (including spiritual senses)
- live by your spirit — act on what you sense
 - Gal 5:16, “So I say, live by the [spirit].”
 - Col 3:15, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.”
 - Assuming “heart” refers to your spirit, how does this relate to living by your spirit?
- practice — to increase your spiritual skill and effectiveness
 - Heb 5:14, “But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”
 - How does this relate to making your spirit dominant?
- God’s role in restoring spirit dominance
 - We have an interdependent relationship with him:
 - he will not violate the free will & authority he gave us
 - he will not do what we are responsible for doing
 - he will not force us to do what we ought to do
 - nor will he make changes without our involvement
 - but if we perform necessary action voluntarily, he produces the results
- You are a spirit being
 - Your spirit is active, but if you’re ignoring it, you’re making your flesh is dominant!

Blessing

- May the Holy Spirit guide you into spiritual reality and show you how to live by the spirit.