

# The Trinity in Ephesians Lesson 2

## The Unity of the Godhead

### Introduction

Last week we looked at the three distinct persons of the Godhead: The Father, The Son & Holy Spirit. While we have discussed their distinct roles, this lesson will focus on the unity of the three persons of the Godhead as pertaining to Ephesians. Because the doctrine of the Trinity implies connection between the three persons of the Godhead, there will be overlap, unlike some lessons, that's a good thing. The Trinity doesn't fit inside of a nice earthly logical mold. Since its definition flows from God Himself, and not from man, it is hard to get carnal people to embrace the Trinity.

### *Vocabulary that Gets its Definition in God*

Love, Grace, Righteousness, Truth, Faithfulness, Perfection, Creator

The consequence of having an earthly understanding and definition of all of these words are weaker, selfish relationships, relativism, and a misunderstanding of cosmology. God's infinite nature is amazing in the context of the Trinity.

### Passages for Exploration

#### *Description of the Father's Trinitarian Activity in Ephesians*

- The Father's blessing comes through His Son, Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:3)
- Raising Christ through His power (Ephesians 1:20)
- Grants access to Himself through the Son and the Spirit (Ephesians 2:18)
- He strengthens believers through His Spirit (Ephesians 3:16) that through that strengthening Christ may dwell in our hearts

#### *Description of the Son's Trinitarian Activity in Ephesians*

- The conduit of God's blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
- The conduit of God's adoption of believers as sons (Ephesians 1:5)
- Used by the Father through identification with Him (unto seating) so as to show us His grace for eternity (Ephesians 2:6-7)
- Creator of the Saints by God's direction so that we may perform God's good works (Ephesians 2:10)

#### *Description of the Holy Spirit's Trinitarian Activity in Ephesians*

- Sealed by the Spirit unto the Father
- Provides access to the Father (Ephesians 2:18)
- Creates the dwelling of God in the lives of believers (Ephesians 2:22)

#### *The Trinity and the Identified Believer*

As believers told we're identified with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and seating we have to ask how we fit into the relationship of the Trinity. The good news is that we are not part of the Trinity, but the better news is that we are intimately

tied to the Trinity through the Father's involvement (Ephesians 4:6), the Son's involvement (Ephesians 1:3), and the Holy Spirit's involvement (Ephesians 1:13).

**Questions for Discussion**

What is the difference between the doctrine of the Trinity and Polytheism?

Why is it important to understand the Trinity in the context of heavenly things rather than attempt to reconcile it with mathematics or earthly logic?

How is God the Father's involvement with the Holy Spirit important in passages like Ephesians 3:5 and 1 Corinthians 2:10-16