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The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ

Lesson 1: The Triune God Being A Mystery

Lesson Focus

The burden in this lesson is to counter the attacks in the education system and society that denies the existence of God, so we want to strengthen our understanding that God is. We need to also stress that God being triune is a wonderful yet mysterious truth in the Bible that is directly linked to the accomplishment of God's eternal purpose. We cannot understand how God is triune, but we do know why God is triune. God is triune so that we can receive and enjoy Him, so He could dispense Himself into us, and in this way, He accomplishes His eternal purpose. This lesson connects God's eternal purpose with the Triune God.

Key Verses

Matt. 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Outline

- I. God being only one
- II. God being Triune—Father, Son, and Spirit
- III. A mystery of mysteries

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lesson 1

- The entire lesson
- Read portion under heading "Summary" at least a couple of times together.

Questions for Fellowship

1. Quote two verses, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, that tell us there is only one God.
2. What does the term "Triune" mean?
3. Can you think of something that accurately demonstrates what it means to be "triune"? If you are unable to do this, why not?
4. What New Testament verse tells us that God is both one and three at the same time? Memorize this verse and recite it to one another.
5. Why is God triune?

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Lesson 2: The Son Being the Embodiment of the Triune God

Lesson Focus

The Lord Jesus as the Son is the embodiment of the Triune God. God who was a mystery and unseen came to become a man. Through the incarnation of Christ, the Son, God can now be seen by man. He contains all that God is and expresses all of God's riches.

Through our salvation, we received the Son who embodies the entirety of the Triune God. So now, we have the Father, the Son and the Spirit in us!

Key Verses

John 6:46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except Him who is from God, He has seen the Father.

2 Cor. 3:17a And the Lord is the Spirit...

Col. 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Outline

- I. The Son being God
- II. The Son being the Father
- III. The Son being the Spirit
- IV. All the fullness of the Godhead dwelling in Him

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lesson 3

- The Son Being God
- The Son Coming "From-With" the Father
- The Son Being the Spirit
- All the Fullness of the Godhead Dwelling in Him

Questions for Fellowship

1. Take a couple minutes to pray-read 2 Cor. 3:17a
2. What is the significance of the Son coming "from-with" the Father?
3. What verse reveals that the Son is the Spirit?
4. In our experience, why is it important that the Son is the embodiment of the Triune God?

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Lesson 3: The Spirit Being the Ultimate Consummation of the Triune God

Lesson Focus

When we received the Spirit, we received the Triune God. All that the Father is, planned, and willed, plus all that the Son accomplished, obtained, and attained are now made real and available to us in this Spirit.

The name of the Spirit is "Lord Jesus," since He came in the name of the Son. So, when we call "Lord Jesus" we get the Spirit, who is the Triune God!

Key Verses

John 4:24a God is Spirit...

John 14:26a But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name...

John 15:26 But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of reality who proceeds from the Father, He will testify concerning Me.

John 1:14a And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us.

1Cor. 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Outline

- I. God being Spirit
- II. The Spirit being sent by the Father and the Son and coming "from-with" the Father
- III. The Spirit coming in the name of the Son
- IV. The Spirit being the ultimate consummation (final expression) of the Triune God

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lesson 4

- The entire lesson

Questions for Fellowship

1. What is the essence of God?
2. Why is it that when we call "Lord Jesus," the Spirit comes?
3. Fellowship with your companions how the entire Triune God comes with the Spirit.
4. How can I experience God?
5. Take 30 second to call on the name of the Lord with your group. "Oh Lord Jesus"

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Lesson 4: The Essential and Economical Trinity

Lesson Focus

God is essentially one, yet He is economically three to carry out His eternal purpose to dispense Himself into us to be our life. This is why He is triune, the three-one God, and this is His hobby – to give Himself to us as life.

Key Verses

John 14:16-18

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

Rom. 8:6, 10-11

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace. **10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

Outline

- I. The Triune God in His essence
- II. The Triune God in His economy
- III. Man being a three-part being to match our Triune God
- IV. God being triune, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit to dispense Himself as life into us

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lesson 5

- The Triune God in His Essence
- The Triune God in His Economy (first paragraph)
- God's Economy Being the Dispensing of His Essence (Life and Being) Into Us (last paragraph)

Questions for Fellowship

1. Why is God the three-one God?
2. What is the Triune God's hobby? Use the verses in Romans 8.
3. How can God give life to us?
4. Using the chorus of one of your favorite hymns write a short song using the words "essence" and "economy".

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Lesson 5: The Coinherence of the Triune God and His Believers

Lesson Focus

God is in us and we are in Him. Never forget that we have the most intimate relationship with the Lord, and He is always with us.

Being in this relationship of coinherence requires our cooperation with the Lord, and this should and does affect our living.

Key Verses

Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

1 Cor. 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Col. 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Outline

- I. The Triune God being in us
- II. Our being in the Triune God
- III. Living in this coinherence

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lesson 6

- The Triune God Being in Us
- Our Being in the Triune God
- Living in this Coinherence

Questions for Fellowship

1. What does it mean for your daily life that “God is in you” and “you are in God”?
2. Describe the kind of relationship you have with your sibling or parent. How is your relationship with God different? Why do you think it is different?
3. How can we cooperate with God in His coinherence with us in our daily living?

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Lesson 6: Christ's Person and Work

Lesson Focus

In this lesson, we will begin to see who Christ is and the work He accomplished.

Christ is the central figure in God's economy for the accomplishment of His eternal purpose. We must spend some time to study this great truth of the Bible.

Key Verses

Isa. 9:6 For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us; and the government is upon His shoulder; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

1 Tim. 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Outline

- I. Christ being God
- II. Christ being man
- III. Christ being the Creator
- IV. Christ being a creature
- V. Christ's work

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—
Lesson 13

- The entire lesson

Questions for Fellowship

1. Memorize and recite one verse to show that Christ is the creator.
2. Memorize and recite one verse to show that Christ is God.
3. Memorize and recite one verse to show that Christ is a creature.
4. Pray "Thank you Christ for becoming the first God-man, and thank you for your work"

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Lesson 7: Christ's Incarnation

Lesson Focus

Incarnation is God becoming a man. The mighty God, the God of the whole universe, the Creator became a lowly man, Christ Jesus, who was both God and a genuine man. Through incarnation, God was brought into man and divinity into humanity. Christ Jesus was a God-man, a mingling of God and man.

Key Verses

Matt. 1:20-21, 23

20 But while he pondered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which has been begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins. **23** "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which is translated, God with us).

Outline

- I. Christ being God incarnated
- II. Christ being a genuine man
- III. Christ being the mingling of God and man

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lesson 14

- The entire lesson

Questions for Fellowship

1. Where in the Bible can we see that Christ is God?
2. Where in the Bible can we see that Christ is a genuine man?
3. Consider some examples of two substances being "mingled," and fellowship about what it means for God and man to be mingled.
4. Why is it so important for Christ to have flesh and blood and yet to be without sin?

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Lesson 8: Christ's Human Living

Lesson Focus

For the accomplishment of God's eternal purpose, our Lord Jesus Christ is one-hundred percent God as well as one-hundred percent man, having the highest, finest, perfect and balanced humanity. God's divinity was expressed in the Lord's humanity! Christ human living is the pattern for our human living today.

Key Verses

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared [Him.]

John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

2 Tim. 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Outline

- I. Christ being the perfect and finest man:
 - A. Obedient: Respectful to all authorities and not rebellious.
 - B. Serving: Willing to care for others first.
 - C. Having no appearance of evil: Careful not only to avoid evil, but also to avoid the mere appearance of evil.
 - D. Having the finest personality: Fine, lovely and balanced with all persons and in all matters.
- II. God wants a group of people who are filled with Him and express Him. For this we must have the proper, highest, finest, and perfect humanity of Jesus, which is the basic structure and strength of the church. When we have such a living, others will be touched and will be attracted to the church. This is our need today for the church life.

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lesson 15

- Divinity Expressed in Humanity
- Living the Father by the Holy Spirit
- The Proper Humanity for the Church

Questions for Fellowship

1. Pray-read John 6:57.
2. Which verses prove that Jesus was a genuine and a perfect man?
3. Which verses show that Jesus lived by the Father's life and worked by the Spirit's power?
4. Using the verses from the lesson, explain how the highest, finest, and perfect humanity of Jesus is our present need for the church life today.

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Lesson 9: Christ's Crucifixion

Lesson Focus

Christ's crucifixion was the most wonderful death in the entire universe. He went to the cross willingly in order to accomplish God's eternal purpose and bring man back to God.

The Bible tells us five things that the Lord was when He died on the cross: He died as the Lamb of God, the brass serpent, the last Adam, the peacemaker, and the grain of wheat.

Key Verses

John 1:29b Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.

1Cor. 15:45b The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Eph. 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Outline

- I. Christ died on the cross in order to accomplish God's eternal purpose. He died as:
 - A. The Lamb of God
 - B. The brass serpent
 - C. The last Adam
 - D. The peacemaker
 - E. The grain of wheat
- II. An all-inclusive death – He cleaned up every negative thing and released His divine life

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—
Lesson 16

- The Lamb of God (the second paragraph, "Those Old Testament...")
- The Brass Serpent (the second and the third paragraph, "In the Old Testament...")

Lesson 17

- The Last Adam (the first paragraph, "First Corinthians...")
- The Peacemaker (the first paragraph, "Christ also died...")
- The Grain of Wheat (the first paragraph, "All of the...")
- An All-inclusive Death (the first paragraph, "The Lord's crucifixion...")

Questions for Fellowship

1. As the Lamb of God, He is faithful to take away our sins. Consider any sins that may distract your fellowship with the Lord. Take 20 seconds to confess to Him concerning this matter.
2. As the brass serpent, what did Christ destroy on the cross? How can we apply this in our experiences?
3. Recite 1 Corinthians 15:45b and explain the meaning of Christ being the last Adam.
4. After man's fall, division became a big problem. What did Christ do to make us one?
5. What is the significance of a grain of wheat falling into the ground? What is the result of the divine life being released?
6. Share with the group which of the five things in this lesson impress you the most.

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Lesson 10: Christ's Resurrection

Lesson Focus

From lesson 19 we need to see that Christ's Person and His redemptive work were fully vindicated and accepted by God. Second, Christ won a full victory over death, Hades, Satan, and the world.

Continuing in lesson 20 there are two more points in which we must be clear. Through his death and resurrection Jesus becomes a life-giving Spirit who is able to produce the church!

Key Verses

Acts 3:15 And the Author of life you killed, whom God has raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

Acts 2:24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

1 Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit.

Eph. 1:22-23 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church, Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Outline

- I. God's vindication and satisfaction with Christ's person and work
- II. The victory of Christ's Resurrection
- III. Transfiguration into the Life Giving Spirit
- IV. Producing of the Church

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lessons 19-20

- The entire lessons

Questions for Fellowship

1. Name at least 2 results of the resurrection of Jesus Christ with Scriptural references.
2. Why is the resurrection of Jesus important?
3. Discuss in your group how you can experience the resurrection of Jesus.

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Lesson 11: Christ's Ascension and Second Coming

Lesson Focus

Christ's second coming (*parousia*) and the consummation of the age begins with the rapture of the overcomers. When the Lord comes, there must be a group of living overcomers as the firstfruits (Rev. 14:1-5). By His mercy, sovereign ruling and care for our inward parts in His heavenly ministry, young people in the Lord's Recovery are in the best position to grow in the divine life unto maturity and to cooperate with the Lord in His heavenly ministry to carry out His move.

Key Verses

Heb. 7:16 *Our Lord* has been appointed not according to the law of a fleshly commandment but according to the power of an indestructible life.

Rev. 14:4 These are they who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

Outline

- I. In His ascension, Christ is carrying out His heavenly ministry
 - A. The God-man Jesus was made the Lord of all, to possess all; and He was made Christ, God's anointed, to carry out God's commission (Acts 2:36).
 - B. Christ was made the Ruler of the kings of the earth (Rev. 1:5).
 - C. Christ was made the Head over all things to the church (Eph. 1:22).
 - D. He is our High Priest to bear us in the presence of God and to care for all our needs (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15).
- II. Christ now lives in millions of believers as the life-giving Spirit. At the same time, He is ruling over the heavens, the earth and the nations to work together for the accomplishment of His eternal purpose.
- III. When the overcomers are prepared and ready, Christ on the throne will begin His return to the earth. Christ's second coming will begin the final stage of God's economy. This is a very important part of Christ's work.
 - A. Coming, GK. *parousia*, means presence. Christ's coming will be His presence with His people (Matt. 24:3).
 - B. This presence (*parousia*) will begin with the rapture of the overcomers (Rev. 12:5; 14:1) and will end with His appearing on the earth with the saints for about three and a half years.
 1. When the presence (*parousia*) begins, Christ will be clothed with a cloud to come secretly as a thief (Rev. 10:1; 1 Thes. 5:4).
 2. At the same time, the overcomers will be raptured to the throne of God and signals the start of the "great tribulation" (Matt. 24:21-22).
 3. Before the end of the great tribulation, Christ will descend to the air and the majority of the believers will be raptured to the air to be judged before the judgement seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10), not concerning their eternal salvation but concerning their maturity in life and faithfulness in service (Matt. 25:1-30).

4. After the wedding feast, from that place in the air, Christ will openly descend *on* the cloud (Rev. 14:14) with His overcomers to fight against Antichrist and his armies which will be gathered against Israel at Armageddon. There the Lord will exterminate the evil worldly forces and will save Israel. Satan will be bound and the millennial kingdom will begin.

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—
Lesson 21

- Christ's Heavenly Ministry
- Our Cooperation

Lesson 23

- The Secret Coming
- The Judgement Seat of Christ
- A Warning

Questions for Fellowship

1. Who are the firstfruits?
2. What should we do to prepare ourselves for the judgement seat of Christ?
3. Pray "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" and take 30 seconds to consecrate to be an overcomer in this age.

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Lesson 12: The Consummation of the Dispensing of the Triune God

Lesson Focus

In this last lesson on the Triune God we want to see the final result, the consummation, of His dispensing. He is dispensing Himself into us as life and everything. But there must be an issue; something must be produced by His economy—the New Jerusalem as the mutual habitation.

Key Verses

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

John 37:8 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

Outline

- I. The New Jerusalem as the consummation of the dispensing of the Triune God
- II. The river of water of life
- III. The mutual habitation

Ministry Excerpt References

Lesson Book, Level 2: The Triune God—The Triune God and the Person and Work of Christ—Lesson 12

- Paragraph under **Text**
- Our Eternal Destination
- A Mutual Habitation

Lesson 24

- The River of Water of Life

Questions for Fellowship

1. Why is the Triune God Triune? Share with your group one way the Triune God can dispense Himself into us.
2. What is the consummation of the dispensing of the Triune God? Mention at least 3 things that you can find in Genesis 1-2 that are also in the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21-22.
3. What is a practical way to stay in the flow and be built up as the New Jerusalem?
4. Pray together with your group, "Lord keep me in the flow of Your divine dispensing and build me with others as part of the New Jerusalem."