

EXPLORING A LIVING GOD



Life Group Studies

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THE TRINITY

Begin this study with prayer for a revelation of the nature and person of God. This chapter provides no prompting for discussion, but allows the group to find discussion as you find opportunity. This chapter also provides the foundation for this exciting series – Enjoy!

Introduction

There are three significant doctrinal positions of the Church regarding God that stand out from all the rest. 1. The Trinity 2. The Deity and person of Jesus Christ 3. The Deity and person of the Holy Spirit. People will accept there is a God, they accept the Father as God but take issue with God expressed in three persons.

Point 1. Let us first of all get our terms correct.

a. Incorrect understanding

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This would make three God's and that is very bad theology.

b. Correct understanding

There is only ONE God! God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God expressed in the person of the Father, the person of the Son and the person of the Holy Spirit.

“Jesus is God’s personal expression of Himself to mankind”

Oral Roberts

c. Simple understanding

Some people in an effort to discredit the Trinity will add one plus one plus one, they will then say, “see, you have three Gods.” Doing all they can to make sense, leading themselves and their listeners down a road of confusion.

He is a Triune God, not a Triplex God - If you add one plus one plus one, you arrive at three, good math! If you times one by one by one, you arrive at one – Also good math! ONE GOD, expressed in three!

They are three distinct persons; yet, they are all the one God. Each has a will, can speak, can love, etc., and these are demonstrations of personhood. They are in absolute perfect harmony consisting of one substance. They are coeternal, coequal, and copowerful. If any one of the three were removed, there would be no God.

**For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part,
but then I shall know just as I also am known.**

1 Corinthians 13:12

Transition: To get a handle on our understanding we will always try to use common sense to reason our position. This does not always work as God is a BIG GOD! He truly is way outside our minds complete understanding. Having said this, the bible gives us an insight into His personality, into His ways and through the word of God, we find faith to believe!

Point 2. Scriptural evidence of the Trinity

a. Genesis 1:26-28 (Notice the usage of “Us.”)

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

b. John 1:1-4 & verse 14. (Jesus is the Word)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

c. 1 John 1:1-3 (Jesus was seen and heard to be God the Son)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life ² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us ³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

The Son of God

d. To the Jew this term, “the Son of God” meant equal with God. Indeed, it meant, God the Son!

Look up: Hebrews 1:8; John 20:28; Mark 15:39 Indeed, this was the very reason that they crucified Jesus, He claimed to be the Son of God, making himself equal with God.

The Holy Spirit

e. Acts 5:1-4 (Note the Holy Spirit is called God)

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. ² And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. ³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? ⁴ While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

THE FATHER

Matthew 6:9-13 “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Introduction

Although popularly known as “the Lord’s prayer,” it is really the Disciples prayer. Jesus was teaching the Disciples how to pray and it all begins with the Fatherhood of God, directing our eyes toward heaven and the holiness of God.

In this study we look at the relationship and authority of the Father. The function of the Father and His desire to meet us at the point of our need through Jesus.

Relationship and Originator

- a. Deuteronomy 32:6b Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you? God is speaking to the Children of Israel and reminds them, it is He that called them, He that established them and in this He reminds them of the powerful relationship of honour that he requires.

How can we translate this into our own Christian walk?

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- b. Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another by profaning the covenant of the fathers?

God our heavenly Father reminds us of our identity. When we treat the teaching of God lightly, He takes it personally. He reminds us that His word sustains us, His ways are good for us and He uses the origin of our faith as being the origin of our identity.

Why is it so important to see His teaching as being the foundation of our identity?

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Jesus relationship with the Father

- a. Jesus used the term “Father” carefully. He spoke “my Father” and to the disciples He referred to God “your Father,” He never used the phrase “our Father,” in a way that would link Himself with them, the relationship of Jesus with God is unique, for He is the eternal Son of God. Despite this, human beings have been welcomed into the family relationship with God as Father.
- b. Read Romans 8:15. The word “Abba,” in this text literally translated means, “Daddy.”

How special does that make you feel?

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The Fathers responsibility

- a. He feeds us and sustains us: Luke 11:13; Matthew 10:29-31
- b. He enables us to meet Jesus: John 6:37; Ephesians 1: 4-5

The order of prayer

- a. Matthew 6:8-9 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven,”

Jesus told us to pray this way for four reasons...

- 1. We access the throne of God – It is our legal right
- 2. We acknowledge the relationship between ourselves and the Fatherhood of God
- 3. The Trinity at work, this speaks of function. We pray to the Father, in the name of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. It is a “Kingdom” of God understanding, that as the family of God, we include the full nature of God in our prayer; this nature being Father.

John 14:13-14 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

John14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

- b. Can we pray to Jesus? YES! Can we pray to the Holy Spirit? YES! It is important however to recognize that Jesus taught us to pray to God the Father in His name, in the power and the understanding that comes from the Holy Spirit, because of order and legal access to answered prayer. We are on earth, there are times we must use our legal access to the throne of God.

Why would this be important?

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Conclusion

Psalm 68:5 “A Father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.”

God loves us! His nature is to hold us in His arms and to help us in all we do. As a Father, He trains us in the way we should go. He is “Daddy,” He is God, He is judge, He is our provider, He is strength.

How has this study helped you understand God, the Father?

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THE SON

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Introduction

In this chapter we will study the person of Jesus. His deity as the second person of the Godhead, our relationship with Him and the power of His name. Jesus came to earth on a mission; He gives us an insight into this mission by quoting from the prophet Isaiah...

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.

Jesus is – God the Son

- a. Matthew 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

As we read in the first chapter of this series – Jesus is God the Son. The bible is full of references to His deity, if there was any confusion over this; He dispels this when He speaks in revelation...

Revelation 22:12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” ¹⁴ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. ¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” ¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

- b. Jesus sights the Godhead as He speaks: He speaks a blessing over those who do The Father commandments, He speaks of the Spirit and He declares His ultimate mission, to take us home to be with Him.

Transition

Jesus was interested in who He was to people, in Mark 8:27 “Whom do people say that I am?” Although Peter had a revelation of Him as the Son of God, it is also true that to each person, He will establish an individual relationship.

Our relationship with Jesus

- a. Mark 12:10 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Read Revelation 2:17. Do you see the poetry in this? Jesus as the stone the builders rejected, hands to each of us a stone, with a name known only between you and Him.

Discussion

Although we all have a relationship with Jesus, He describes a uniqueness about His relationship with every individual, we saw this even with the Disciples. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?

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Advocate and High Priest

- a. 1 John 2:1. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- b. 1 Timothy 5:2 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.
- c. The term, "advocate" literally means: "a person who pleads for or in behalf of another; intercessor."

In the Old Testament, the High Priest appointed by God, would enter the Holy of Holies. He would enter through a thick curtain often called, "the veil," and between Him and God, would plead on behalf of the people as a lawyer would for mercy and forgiveness.

- d. Read Mark 15:37-39 and 1 John 1:9 Notice the veil was torn from top to bottom. God making it clear, this was no error, it was God Himself that now invites us in to meet with Him. Jesus Himself now pleading our case before the Father.

Discussion

How does this give us confidence?

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He will never leave us

- a. Read: 1 John 5:14-15; Hebrews 13:5
- b. Oral Roberts a great 20th Century Preacher often said; "Jesus, is God's personal expression of Himself to mankind."

The name of Jesus

- a. There are many people in the world with the name, "Jesus." So why is His name so powerful?
- b. Firstly, Jesus is his earthly name, in Hebrew it is Yeshua, meaning "Salvation." Christ is His title, better phrased as "The Christ." In 1 John 4:1, meaning "The Messiah." He is also known as the "Word," or Logos, meaning "reason." He is known as Immanuel,

“God with us.” Indeed, Jesus is known by many titles to ascribe greatness, He is the Bright and Morning Star and The Prince of Peace.

Regardless of any title, regardless of how we ascribe greatness to Him, there is a name that is above every other name...

- c. Philippians 2:9-11 we read “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
- d. Jesus is fully God and fully man! He is the link between the God Head and mankind. He suffered death on a cross and has the moral mandate to plead for us, to defend us and at His name, we invoke His authority. We may only be human beings, but when we identify with Jesus, we draw upon our birth right, we stand beside Him and not even the gates of hell can stand against a child of God that says the name of Jesus!
- e. It is not that it is a common name, it is because it is His name. When a Christian stands shoulder to shoulder with Jesus, we stand with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Discussion

How many situations have you used the name of Jesus?

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Conclusion

John 20:27-29 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus has not left us alone, He said that He would never leave us nor forsake us. He sent us the Holy Spirit

John 20:19-22b Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit

John 14:25-27 “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Introduction

In this chapter we will know the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. He is with us, guiding us, filling us with wisdom and power, leading us to Jesus and the cross.

Seen in the Old testament

- a. Genesis 1:2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- b. The bible tells us that the Spirit of the Lord came upon Sampson and Elijah, He came upon Kings and Priests. The Spirit has been active and moving throughout history however when Jesus died and was raised from the dead, the Holy Spirit was able to move upon people in a way never seen before.

Two experiences of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit enters our inner most being at salvation. He begins to transform our thinking and we begin to show the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Jesus however promised more than this. He promised the Holy Spirit would come upon us in power! Dynamite power!

- a. Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- b. Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- c. So there are two defining experiences of the Holy Spirit available to everyone that believes.
 1. Salvation
 2. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- d. We see salvation occur when Jesus breathed upon the Disciples and they received the Holy Spirit and we see the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost

Transition

As we know, salvation is the greatest gift of all, however there are many gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many people confuse the reason for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, focusing on the gifts and missing their purpose.

The function of the Holy Spirit

- a. Acts 1:8 Jesus made it clear, the purpose of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in power, is to be a witness for Jesus! That we might be bold, wiser and have the voice of the Holy Spirit in our heart. That His gifts might empower us to serve God at a greater level and ultimately, spread the Good News of salvation to all creation.
- b. Read Acts 2:14-21 Peter, who once denied Jesus, now stands in boldness and proclaims a new era, the era of the Holy Spirit.

Note: This study does not focus on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If you are Born Again, this experience is available for you. Ask those who have been baptised in the Spirit how you can receive a new dimension of power!

- c. Read Luke 12:11-12 Wisdom and truth - Galatians 5:22-23 Fruit of the Spirit

Discussion

Have you had a time when you know the Holy Spirit gave you the words to say?

How have you found the fruit of the Holy Spirit help you?

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Here is wisdom. To know our maturity in God. It is not by the gifts, but by the fruits.

Matthew 7:15-16 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?"

Discussion

Clearly, God wants us to experience these gifts of the Holy Spirit, but why does He say to recognize people by their fruits?

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Blaspheming the Spirit

Read Matthew 12:22-32. We see clearly that attributing the works of God as being the works of the devil is to blaspheme the work of the Holy Spirit. To blaspheme is to denigrate, to pull down, to smear the reputation. It is more than a severe swear word, it is a VIOLANT ATTACK upon the work of the Holy Spirit.

It is unforgettable because there is no other way to be saved except by the Holy Spirit. To cut Him off is to cut off any chance of meeting Jesus.

But what if you have already committed this sin? If you are asking this question, you haven't! To be cut off from the Holy Spirit would be to lose your conscience for caring; your heart would be hard.

The Holy Spirit brings strength, liberty and transformation

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Conclusion

The Holy Spirit is with us every moment. He is working within us to make us like Christ. He anoints us, empowers us, fills us. To be filled with the Holy Spirit daily is to surrender to God, our cares, our fears and to trust Him, for greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world!

Pray together in the power of the Holy Spirit, Ask Him to fill the room that you are in. Allow His presence to touch you for inn His presence is fullness of joy!

God – Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent and Good!

We serve a good God! Merciful and wise, dependable and full of truth, the very completeness of love and He has chosen to have a relationship with mankind. This relationship is not limited by His care for us; it is however limited by the access and freedom we give God in our lives.

This study is to elevate an all knowing, all caring, all seeing God in our lives, that we might begin to relate to Him more closely, with honesty and trust.

An Omnipotent God (Unlimited power)

- a. Revelation 19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

God is ALL POWERFUL! He is GOD ALMIGHTY!

- b. Does this mean that God can do anything? The answer is yes and it is no. God could do anything, however God cannot lie, nor can God go against His own word.

Titus 1:2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.

c. Six more things God can't do...

1. Get tired
2. Abandon you
3. Break a promise
4. Be unholy
5. Stop thinking about you
6. Stop loving you

God is not so much defined by what He can do, but what He can't do!

Discussion

Have you ever considered this before? The question is not what God can do, but that He cannot abandon us and this should give the greatest comfort of any word we can receive.

An Omniscient God (All knowing)

- a. Psalm 44:21b For He knows the secrets of the heart.
- b. Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.
- c. Psalm 139:12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You.

- d. Matthew 10:30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- e. God knows you! Many people wonder if anyone will ever know them, indeed, many people do not even know themselves. God knows us better than we know ourselves and because of this, He is able to work within us and around us to advance us forward in His perfect plan for our lives.

Discussion

It is because He knows us this well, that sometimes He does things different to how we may do them. Do you have a testimony where God worked different to how you thought?

An Omnipresent God (Everywhere)

- a. Do you think there is any place in the universe you can hide from God? Jonah thought he could by running, yet God through His perfect love, His perfect design, not only had a plan for Jonah, but for the Ninevites who were to receive the word of the Lord.
- b. Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*. If I take the wings of the morning, *And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.
- c. There is no place we could be, no place in our mind, our heart or anywhere in the world, not a place of trouble nor any circumstance we could be that God does not only know about, but is also right there with us!
- d. Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Discussion

In the season of your life now, what does this mean to you?

God is good

- a. There is a saying preachers like to use. "God is good all the time and all the time God is good!"

Psalm 119:68 You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes. Psalm 135:3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

It is important to accept this truth! Things do go wrong in life, Jesus told us they would. It is however important not to blame God! Many believers have done so and when we do, we fall out of alignment in our heart toward Him. The mere consideration of blaming God or forgetting His goodness is to allow deception to creep into our hearts and we miss the answer that God has for us.

Conclusion:

- a. How has your understanding of God increased during this study? Begin to pray to Him with faith, knowing that an all-powerful, all seeing, all knowing God is with you!
- b. Luke 11:11-13 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
- c. It should be understood: God will have His way with those who surrender to Him! He will not break His word, He will not abandon you.

He will answer your prayer and if we trust Him, we will depend upon Him to know what we need more than we do!

God's relationship with man

Through these chapters, we have studied God, the father Son and Holy Spirit. We have seen Him as all powerful and a good God that loves us. God made us in His image, the question must be answered, why? Jesus died on the cross for us, why? To simply say, because He loves us, is easy; this answer is correct, but does not fully answer the redemptive plan and destiny that God has for those who believe in Him.

God's relationship with men and women is unique! It is a plan that God is committed to and has involved Himself fully in our lives to see our complete fulfilment in Him.

The beginning

- a. Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Have you ever wondered why? God needed no heavens and no earth, indeed He has always been. Yet He created it all for us! Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- b. God has a big plan for mankind! He has destined us to rule and reign with Him!

God has much for us to do

- a. Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- b. 1 Corinthians 6:3a Do you not know that we shall judge angels?
- c. Romans 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.
- d. When a Christian sees the ultimate plan, that Christian embraces the present in a completely new light. Paul did not look at the chains or the beatings he received, nor did Stephen when he was stoned for believing in Christ.
- e. Jesus led by example as we should live: In Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Discussion

How can we apply this to our lives today?

The true beginning for us

- a. Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- b. It all begins with repentance! God would have us embrace our full potential and destiny. He requires that we turn around, to turn from a direction that has no eternal future and into the arms of a loving Saviour who calls us to reign with Him.

- c. It's a daily program! The world is inviting, it has temporal pleasure and many are caught by it. God sees us so much more than we often see ourselves.
- d. Hebrews 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- e. God wants a close, vibrant relationship with us! Acts 17:28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.
- f. It begins with repentance and repentance is a daily walk! To remain "salty" to remain fresh, to remain in full relationship with Him, we must daily
 1. Remember our calling and destiny
 2. Live in full repentance (turning away from and turning too Christ)

Discussion

We shall judge Angels; we shall reign with Christ, we are to be a testimony to people daily. God does not see the beginning of this destiny when we go to heaven, He sees it as starting the moment we receive Christ. How does this change what we do daily?

Our relationship with the Godhead

- a. Every day we should be filled with the Spirit. Every day we are to walk as Jesus walked and see as Jesus saw others Every day we can pray to the Father, in the power of the Spirit, in the name of Jesus.
- b. It's an EVERYDAY relationship. He allows us to call Him, "Abba," literally meaning, "Daddy." Jesus intercedes for us and the Spirit teaches us,
- c. This intimate relationship involves worship and prayer, reading His word and reaching out to people with the love of God.

Conclusion

How can we further develop this awesome relationship with the King of Kings?

What can we do right now to press in and go to another level in Him?

Revelation 3:19-21 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

EXTRA SCRIPTURES

GOD – Father Son and Holy Spirit

The Father

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?, Mark 15:34
These men are the servants of the most high God, Acts 16:17
We are the offspring of God, Acts 17:28–29
Man of Holiness is His name, Moses 6:57

The Son

The Lord identified himself as I AM, Ex. 3:13–16
I am the Lord [Jehovah], and beside me there is no Saviour, Isa. 43:11 (Isa. 45:23).
I am the light of the world, John 8:12
Before Abraham was, I am, John 8:58

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say, Luke 12:12
The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, John 14:26 (John 16:7–15).
Jesus gave commandments to the Apostles through the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:2
The Holy Spirit bears witness of God and Christ, Acts 5:29–32 (1 Cor. 12:3).
The Holy Spirit also is a witness to us, Heb. 10:10–17

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