



**Me, Myself & I Am**  
(Interacting with the Trinity)  
**Lesson 1: The Father**  
**February 20 & 21**

“Try to explain the Trinity and you’ll lose your mind. Try to deny it and you’ll lose your soul.” *Author Unknown*

**The Mystery of the Trinity**

- God is three persons
- Each person is fully God
- There is only one God

***Deuteronomy 6:4*** Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the **Lord is one** *New International Version*

- Jehovah’s Witnesses teach God is one person, The Father, who created Jesus and has a force known as the Holy Spirit
- Mormons teach the Trinity is made up of three separate Gods
- Oneness Theology (Jesus only) teaches the Father became the Son, who became the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Father in flesh.

**The Trinity in Scriptures**

***Genesis 1:26*** Then God said, "Let **us** make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."  
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**The Trinity in Scriptures**

**Matthew 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**, *New International Version*

**Matthew 3:16** As soon as **Jesus** was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** coming down **like a dove** and lighting on him. **17** Then **a voice said from heaven**, "This is **my own dear Son**, with whom I am pleased." *Good News Translation*

### **Function of the Trinity Concerning Our Salvation...**

- The Father planned it
- The Son performed it
- The Holy Spirit reveals & seals it

### **Function of the Trinity Concerning Prayer...**

- The Father hears it
- The Son guarantees it
- The Holy Spirit produces it

**John 16:23** At that time you won't need to ask me for anything, for **you can go directly to the Father** and ask him, and he will give you what you ask for **because you use my name**. **24** You haven't tried this before, but begin now. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and your cup of joy will overflow. *The Living Bible*

### **Interaction with the Trinity**

- **The Father:** Prayer & Awe
- **The Son:** Follow & Obey
- **The Holy Spirit:** Acknowledge & Yield

### **God the Father is to be revered, worshiped, and adored!**

**Hebrews 12:28** Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so **worship God acceptably with reverence and awe**, *New International Version*

**Romans 9:20** But **who are you**, a human being, **to talk back to God?** "Shall **what is formed** say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" **21 Does not the potter have the right** to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? *New International Version*

**Revelation 4:3** And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. **4** Surrounding the throne

were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder... ***New International Version***

***Revelation 4:8*** Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. **Day and night they never stop saying:** "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." ***New International Version***

***Revelation 4:9*** Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ***10*** the **twenty-four elders fall down before him** who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: ***New International Version***

***Revelation 4:11*** "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." ***New International Version***