

TRINITY SUNDAY
2 COR 13:5-14

Introduction:

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honor or celebrate the Holy Trinity – The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated as a doctrine that can be summarized in four points: (1) The Father is God, (2) Jesus Christ is God, (3) The Holy Spirit is God and (4) There is only one God. The mystery of the Trinity is that God is somehow three Persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and yet there is only one God (Godhead).

- I. **Paul’s Benediction Proclaims the Trinity of God** (v. 14)
 - A. Paul’s closing Benediction is a declaration of blessings from God upon his loved ones. Benedictions from scripture are often read and recited near the end of a worship service as a call to unity, faith, and joy among the Saints. It encourages Believers and stimulate joy and commitment to God.
 - B. Paul’s closing Benediction mentions three spiritual Blessings – Grace, Love and Fellowship, whose source is by all three persons of the Triune God – Christ, God, and Holy Ghost.
 - C. **Spiritual Blessing of Fellowship:** Paul wished them to experience the presence and power of God’s Spirit as they walk together in fellowship with the Father, Son, and other Believers.

- II. **Paul Referred to the Father and Son and Concludes with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit** (1 Cor 12:4-6)
 - o According to Paul, it is the “Same Spirit,” “Same Lord” and “Same God” that works through a variety of Gifts.
 - A. Different **Gifts** – given by the same Spirit (v. 4) – faith, knowledge, and holiness.
 - B. Different **Ministries** – given by the same Lord (v. 5) – service with a willing attitude.
 - C. Different **Activities** – given by the same God (v. 6) – effect, power, or energy to accomplish the work of God.

- III. **Other Apostles Allude to the Trinity**
 - A. **Peter spoke of the Trinity** (1 Pet 1:2, 3-12, 17-22; 3:15-18; 4:13-19)
 - B. **Jude referred to the Trinity**

- IV. **Christ Himself Verified the Trinity**

- V. **Clear Teaching About the Trinity**
 - A. There is only one **God** – Do not believe in multiple gods.
 - B. The Father is God; But He is not the Son or the Holy Spirit
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The Holy Spirit is God; But He is not the Father or the Son
 - C. The Trinity does not divide God into three equal parts. All three Persons are 100% God. Each Person of the Trinity is Fully God.

Conclusion:

Romans Road to Salvation ((Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“...but the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).