



# Behold Our God: Enjoying the Trinity

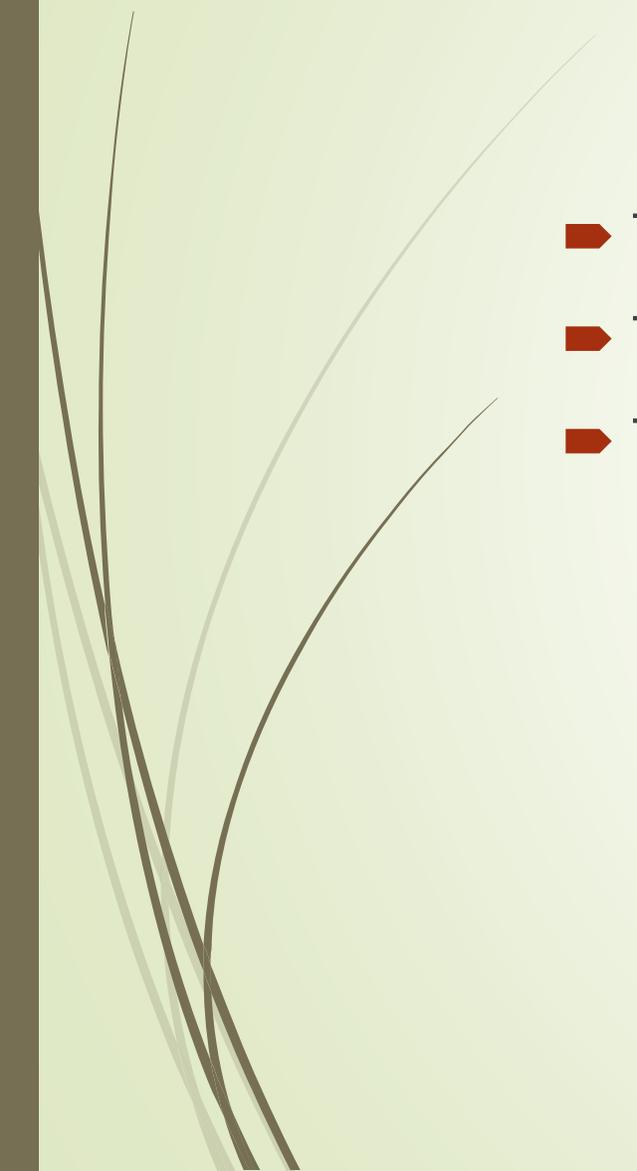
1 John 4:7-19

# THE MISSION





# The Trinity Is Why We Can Enjoy God

- ▶ To enjoy God, we have to know God
  - ▶ To Know God is to love God
  - ▶ To love God is to share God
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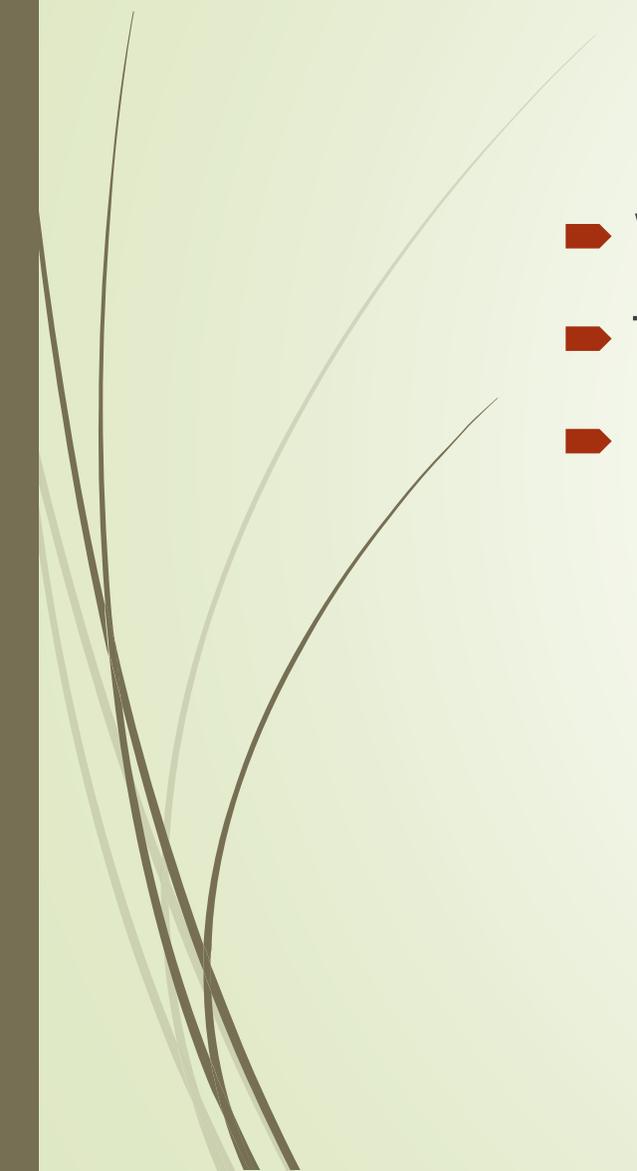


# To Enjoy God, We Have To Know God

- ▶ We know God because He chooses to make Himself known
  - ▶ We know God through scripture
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# To Know God Is To Love God

- ▶ We love God because He first loved us
  - ▶ The Gospel is uniquely Trinitarian
  - ▶ Loving God is the key to sanctification
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It is ever the Holy Spirit's work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus; but Satan's work is just the opposite of this, for he is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ. He insinuates, "Your sins are too great for pardon; you have no faith; you do not repent enough; you will never be able to continue to the end; you have not the joy of his children; you have such a wavering hold of Jesus." All these are thoughts about self, and we shall never find comfort or assurance by looking within. But the Holy Spirit turns our eyes entirely away from self: he tells us that we are nothing, but that "Christ is all in all." Remember, therefore, it is not your hold of Christ that saves you--it is Christ; it is not your joy in Christ that saves you--it is Christ;.....it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore, look not so much to your hand with which you are grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to your hope, but to Jesus, the source of your hope; look not to your faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by "looking unto Jesus." – Charles Spurgeon



# To Love God Is To Share God

- ▶ We share God because He shared Himself with us
- ▶ *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.....  
<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 1 John 4*

# To Love God Is To Share God

- What god are you referring to?
- *"I find that when atheists describe the God they don't believe in, he sounds more like Satan than the loving Father of Jesus Christ: greedy, selfish, trigger happy and entirely devoid of love. And if God is not Father Son and Spirit, aren't they right? If God is not Father, Son, and Spirit, then he is eminently rejectable without love, radiance, or beauty. Who would want such a god to have any power or even to exist? But the triune, living God of the bible is Beauty. Here is a God we can really want, and whose sovereignty we can wholeheartedly rejoice in!"*  
- Michael Reeves



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