

One God in Three Persons: The Source of Ultimate Joy

John 17:5

Key Questions

- Why focus on the Trinity?
- What and Who is God?
- How does this impact our understanding of the good news we are celebrating in communion?

Why focus on the Trinity?

- Because the most foundationally important doctrine of our Christian faith is our understanding of who God is.
- Because this God is the actual object of our faith and worship.
- Because our trust in God (which is an expression of worship) is dependent upon Who He actually is in reality.

What and Who is God?

- Essence and Personhood
 - Essence: What are you?
 - Personhood: Who are you?
- The Trinity involves one essence (God) and three persons (Father, Son, and Spirit). Essentially, we have one 'What' and three 'Who's'

What and Who is God?

Three truths:

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

What and Who is God?

- Chronological Revelation

1. God is Father (John 17:5, 24)
2. God is Creator (Genesis 1, 2)
3. God is Judge (Psalm 75:7, Isa 33:22, James, 4:12, Heb 12:23)

How does this impact us?

- The heart of the gospel is the Father's heart toward you in reconciled relationship realized through adoption.
- Galatians 4:4-7