



## The Trinity: God, One in Three Devotions

### **Lesson 2, Devotion 1**

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“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,<sup>1</sup> and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” – Genesis 1:26-27

Check out Genesis 1:26-27. There are a couple of pretty impressive things at work here. First, God used the word "we" to describe Himself in verse 26. Remember, that's what you focused on this week in Bible study. The Trinity. God as three in one. It's a fantastic concept that honestly is a little tricky to wrap our minds around. But there's something else at work here, too.

Don't sleep on the fact that God created you in His image. That doesn't mean you look like God in the way that you look like your mom or dad. It says that you have a glimpse, a SPARK, of the Creator in you. God made you to reflect Him, to imitate His character and His ways as you do life each day. God wanted you to be a model of Him, and so He made you be able to spread His image in the world around you.

Don't lose sight of the fact that you are an image-bearer of God. Spend some time reflecting today on exactly what that looks like in your life.

Think about this:

- What do you think it means to bear God's image as you live your life?
- How can you use your life today to point others toward Jesus?



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<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. – Matthew 5:13-16

Think about this quote as you go through your day.

“So, let your lives preach, let our light shine, that your works may be seen, that your Father may be glorified.” – George Fox

Think about this:

- What is the purpose of us obediently living out our faith?
- Do you believe that your life can be lived in such a way that you point others to Jesus?
- Spend some time in prayer today asking God to show you how you can influence others for His glory.



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### **Lesson 2, Devotion 3**

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“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” – Ephesians 4:4-6

Read Ephesians 4:4-6. Where do you see the Trinity reflected in these verses?

In a journal or note-taking app, write down your best definition of the concept of the Trinity. You reviewed the definition this week in Bible study, and you will do so a few more times over the next couple of weeks. But today, take a crack at writing a definition.

Now, how confident are you that your definition is accurate?

Here's the deal about the Trinity: it can be confusing. It's OK to admit it. Jesus is the Son. But He's also God. He's not the Father, but He's God, and He has always been God, and He has always existed. Always. Except that He was also born as a baby and grew up in and around modern-day Israel . . . We have the Spirit living in us, who is also God but not the Father or the Son. It's tricky, isn't it?

There is a certain level of mystery when it comes to God that is really quite healthy. God makes Himself known to us. This is an amazing fact in itself. But because God is God and we are humans, we'll never fully comprehend God. There will always be aspects of His character that we can't fully grasp. And rather than being a discomforting thing, it should be a truth that makes us rejoice. If we could fully know and define God, He wouldn't be worthy of our worship. Let that sink in as you go through your day.