

The Trinity (We Believe)

Sunday, Feb. 25th

1. God is Three Persons

- Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us (Plural) make man in our image, in our likeness..."
- Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

Each person is Distinct

Matthew 3:16-17 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

1 Peter 1:1-2 To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ

2. Each Person is Fully God

- God is fully God
 - Genesis 1:1 IN the Beginning God!
- Christ the son is fully God
 - Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being
- The Spirit is fully God
 - Acts 5:1-4 5 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. 3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

3. There is One God

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Isaiah 45:5 I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me.

We are made in his image:

Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him...

- Because we were made in his image we crave three things:
 - Unity
 - Diversity
 - Equality

Gal 3:27-29 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

- Every person is loved equally by God
- We are to love every person equally

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. **14** Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. **15** If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. **18** But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" **25**...there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. **27** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.