

Message:

“RECOGNIZE”

#Trinity13-14

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Genesis 1:1-3 ESV

¹ In the beginning, Elohiym created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Skit 1.

Conversation with Husband about how great Wife is - while Wife is present, but ignore Wife.

Mr. Husband, I thank you for your darling Wife.

Mr. Husband, I cannot begin to tell you how much of a blessing your Wife has been to me, Mr. Husband.

Mr. Husband, I found myself in a ball of confusion, and your Wife prayed for me and God delivered, Mr. Husband.

Mr. Husband, I know my life would be a mess if it had not been for your wife's Godly counsel, Mr. Husband.

Mr. Husband, I am just so thankful to you, for your darling Wife.

Skit 2.

Conversation with Mr. Father about how great Son is - while Son is present, but ignore Son

Hey Mr. Father, I want to thank you for your darling Son.

I thank you Mr. Father, that your Son saved my life!

And thank you, Mr. Father, that your Son bailed me out when I got in trouble, Mr. Father.

And I just thank you, Mr. Father, that you sent your Son to deliver me from a burning building, Mr. Father.

And I am so grateful to you, Mr. Father, that your Son risked his life for me, Mr. Father.

And Mr. Father, I would not be here today if it weren't for your Son, Mr. Father. I just love you, Mr. Father, with all my heart, because you are so good to me.

Some of us, in our prayers, talk only to the Father – and appear to ignore the Son/Word and the Holy Spirit.

Example:

Prayer to “Father God,” ... “in the Name of Your [darling] Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Sometimes our prayers can sound exclusive – as though we do not recognize the Deity of the 2nd and 3rd Persons of the Godhead.

Some see the Father as God, but the Son as “His darling Son” and not also God. End prayer: “in the Name of Your Son.”

Trinity like: “Fixer Upper.” The company is Magnolia Homes.

- Joanna is the architect.
- Chip is the builder.
- Jo Jo is the decorator.

Everyone has a lane, but they are all Magnolia Homes.

Likewise every Person of the Godhead is fully God.

- The Father is the visionary/architect.
- The Word is the engineer/builder.
- The Holy Spirit is the executor/decorator.

Everyone has a lane, but They are all God.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

In other words, no less God than the Father...

John 16:13-14

¹³ When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

Compare...

John 14:10

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Just like we recognize that Magnolia Homes is NOT just Jo Jo... and just as we recognize that “Cayosso” is NOT just Oliver... we ought also recognize that God is NOT just the Father. The Second and Third Persons of the Godhead are just as much God as the First Person of the Godhead – and They too, deserve to be acknowledged. They too, deserve to be recognized.

THE SECOND PERSON OF
THE GODHEAD/TRINITY IS NO
LESS GOD THAN THE FIRST
PERSON OF THE
GODHEAD/TRINITY

John 1:1-3,14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

Hebrews 11:3

³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Colossians 1:16

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

WE SEE HIM IN
BACKGROUND IN OT. BUT HE
STEPS OUT FRONT IN
GOSPELS.

John 15:12-15

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in **Me** will also do the works that **I** do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you **ask in My Name, this I will do,** that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ **If you ask Me anything in My Name, I will do it.** ¹⁵ “If you love **Me,** you will keep **My** commandments.

Note: use of 1st person. Not saying He will... Saying I will. I/My/Me – but note unity with the Father.

THE THIRD PERSON OF THE
GODHEAD/TRINITY IS NO
LESS GOD THAN THE FIRST
OR SECOND PERSONS OF
THE GODHEAD/TRINITY

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John 16:7-8

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, **I will send Him to you.** ⁸ And when He comes, **He will convict the world** concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

WE SEE HIM IN
BACKGROUND IN OT &
GOSPELS. BUT HE STEPS
OUT FRONT IN ACTS/NT.

Acts 13:1-4

¹ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

The point of this a lesson is to teach us to RECOGNIZE the entire Godhead. RECOGNIZE the Word/Son. RECOGNIZE the Spirit, just like you RECOGNIZE the Father.

Just like you would never think of going to Robert about Daisy, without including Daisy in the conversation, I want to encourage you to RECOGNIZE the Word/Son, and include Him in the conversation, and to RECOGNIZE the Holy Spirit and include Him in the conversation.

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HE TAUGHT US TO TALK TO THE FATHER....

BUT WE CAN and SHOULD ALSO TALK TO HIM

I have heard some people suggest that the way to correct for this is to pray “Heavenly Father... in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

1. Still ignores #2 and #3
2. “Name of Jesus” is Power of Attorney

We are told to pray/ask/make demands in the NAME OF JESUS. Power of attorney.

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