

The Glorious Trinity

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[0 : 0 0] The 29th of October, the Glorious Trinity. 2 Corinthians 13, 14, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

If you are at all used to going to church, you will be familiar with the above words. They are usually said at the end of the service, the benediction. Yesterday, we looked briefly at the person of the Lord Jesus.

He is the perfect human being and at the same time is the eternal Son of God. Today, we look briefly at the Trinity, the word we use to describe how God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is one God.

Not three gods, but one glorious God living in a perfect harmony of love and fellowship. One God, yet Father, Son, and Spirit, each a person with his own special characteristics, his own special functions, but always in perfect unity and always good.

The Old Testament stressed, The Lord our God is one Lord, Deuteronomy 6, 4. That is, he is unique, not just one among many gods.

[1 : 1 8] He alone is God. But even in the Old Testament, there is mention of the Spirit of God, and even appearances of the Angel of the Lord, who may well have been the Son of God.

See Exodus 23, 23. The New Testament is full of references to God the Father and to the Son who is considered God. See John 1, 1. And to the Holy Spirit.

There is a mystery surrounding the belief in the Trinity, in the sense that it is nowhere stated as a fact, but in so many places it is assumed as a fact, and gives an explanation for all the wonderful and good activities of God.

And a prayer. Dear Lord, I believe in the one God who exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and who loves me. Amen.

Amen. Thank you.