

## **The Trinity Wants to Be with You** **(October 20, 2019 by Rev. Anthony Menzel)**

How is everyone doing with their devotionals? [Checking them after church today...]

When I asked the Lord for today's message, I felt him leading me to talk about a message I have entitled "The Holy Trinity Wants to Be with You."

Our ultimate destiny is not to serve the Lord Jesus...

That's part of our final exams that are part of this earthly life...

### **Scripture 1: Revelation 14:13**

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven saying <sup>[i]</sup>to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' "

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Our ultimate destiny is simply to be with the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit...

### **Scripture 2: Revelation 21:1-8**

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I, <sup>[a]</sup>John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. <sup>4</sup> And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said <sup>[b]</sup>to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

<sup>6</sup> And He said to me, "It<sup>[c]</sup> is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes <sup>[d]</sup>shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, <sup>[e]</sup>unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars

shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Always remember that God did not make hell for people...

### Scripture 3: Matthew 25:41-46

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

<sup>44</sup> “Then they also will answer <sup>[d]</sup> Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ <sup>45</sup> Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

God is so longsuffering with people because He wants as many of us as possible to be saved...

### Scripture 4: 2 Peter 3:1-9

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), <sup>2</sup> that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of <sup>[a]</sup> us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, <sup>3</sup> knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, <sup>4</sup> and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup> For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, <sup>6</sup> by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and <sup>[b]</sup> perdition of ungodly men.

<sup>8</sup> But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering

toward <sup>[c]</sup>us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

We are so blessed under the New Testament or covenant or pact or agreement that we have with God through the work of the Lord Jesus on the Cross...

Under the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit could come upon people, but I have not seen any place where it mentions that the Holy Spirit lived inside of them...

### Scripture 5: 1 Samuel 10:1-11

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured *it* on his head, and kissed him and said: “*Is it* not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His <sup>[a]</sup>inheritance? <sup>2</sup> When you have departed from me today, you will find two men by Rachel’s tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, ‘The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. And now your father has ceased caring about the donkeys and is worrying about you, saying, “What shall I do about my son?” ’ <sup>3</sup> Then you shall go on forward from there and come to the terebinth tree of Tabor. There three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. <sup>4</sup> And they will <sup>[b]</sup>greet you and give you two *loaves* of bread, which you shall receive from their hands. <sup>5</sup> After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison *is*. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. <sup>6</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. <sup>7</sup> And let it be, when these signs come to you, *that* you do as the occasion demands; for God *is* with you. <sup>8</sup> You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings *and* make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do.”

<sup>9</sup> So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God <sup>[c]</sup>gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. <sup>10</sup> When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. <sup>11</sup> And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he

indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, “What *is* this *that* has come upon the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the prophets?”

In contrast, under the New Testament, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside every believer...

He does not just anoint people with special roles...

#### Scripture 6: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone <sup>[b]</sup>defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

We want to make sure that we focus our investment plan on heaven...

In both the New Testament and the Old Testament, God shows us how important everyone is to Him, however...He watches out for the people that are often considered insignificant by society...

#### Scripture 7: Proverbs 19:17

He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD,  
And He will pay back what he has given.

#### Scripture 8: Deuteronomy 10:16-19

<sup>16</sup> Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked<sup>[h]</sup> no longer. <sup>17</sup> For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. <sup>18</sup> He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

The Lord Jesus promises to share with us when He is talking to the lukewarm church, not the faithful church or the persecuted church, which are the two best churches out of the seven types of churches mentioned in Revelation 2 and 3...

The Lord Jesus loves everyone...He wants everyone to walk in repentance, trying to leave the bad and do what's good so that we can be with Him...

#### Scripture 9: Revelation 3:15-17,20-21 (The Lukewarm Church)

<sup>14</sup> “And to the [l]angel of the church [l]of the Laodiceans write,

‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: <sup>15</sup> “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither [k]cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. <sup>19</sup> As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.[l] Therefore be [m]zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. <sup>21</sup> To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

In the New Testament, we see how everyone is important by the way He treats children...

#### Scripture 10: Luke 18:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

#### Scripture 11: Matthew 18:1-14

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

<sup>2</sup> Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, <sup>3</sup> and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

Jesus Warns of Offenses

<sup>6</sup> “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of [a] offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

<sup>8</sup> “If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into [b] hell fire.

### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

<sup>10</sup> “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> For [c] the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

<sup>12</sup> “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? <sup>13</sup> And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. <sup>14</sup> Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Since we are all important to the Holy Trinity, so important that with all our faults, defects, and failings, the Holy Spirit actually wants to live inside of us as believers, should there be a day when we don't communicate with the Lord Jesus through prayer? Should there be a day when we don't receive from Him by reading His Word? [No...]

The way I am having the congregation do the devotionals has blessed me so much because I used to do my own devotionals in a more complicated way, and it was harder for me to study the Bible every day. Now I am reading more often, which makes me very happy...

### Scripture 12: Joshua 1:8

<sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you [c] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

**Scripture 13: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Remember that rejoicing and giving thanks are forms of communication with God just as much asking Him for things is...There are different types of prayers, including praise, thanksgiving, petitions, and worship (telling the Holy Trinity that we love Him and why...)