

The Best Thing Is to Be with the Holy Trinity  
(By Rev. Anthony Menzel, November 28, 2021)

\*\*\*I felt led by the Holy Spirit to preach about God's great love for us.

As we celebrated Thanksgiving in the US this week, I think about this question:  
What should we be most grateful for?

The Bible's answer to that question is God's great love for us.

I pray that by listening to this message, everyone would realize how very much the Holy Trinity loves each and every one of us.

Realizing how much God loves us should destroy low esteem, depression, and other bad feelings we are facing.

Maybe you feel like a failure in certain areas of your life.

Maybe you are facing hurts and disappointments. Maybe certain things didn't turn out the way you wanted.

I am here to tell you today that you are a success as long as you have Jesus Christ in your life.

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

**4** Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, **5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion

A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

**7** Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who [b]are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone,”

**8** and

“A stone of stumbling

And a rock of offense.”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

**9** But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

As a royal priesthood, we are princes and princesses as followers of Jesus Christ...

That means that you are important...

That means that you have an eternal mission...

\*\*\*So let's destroy negative feelings, like low self worth, depression, and disappointment now by talking about how the Holy Trinity loves us...

No one loves us like God.

\*\*\*God the Son, Jesus Christ, showed us that by dying for us on the cross.

John 15:13

**13** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

\*\*\*What is the most valuable blessing that a loving parent has [their children]

God the Father showed His love for us by sending God the Son to earth to die for us.

John 3:16

**16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

He permitted the suffering of His only Son so that we could be adopted into His family.

John 1:12-13

**12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the [e]right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

\*\*\*The Holy Spirit shows His great love for us by living inside of us.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body [g]and in your spirit, which are God's.

Because the Holy Spirit lives in us, we are never alone.

Matthew 28:18-20

**18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go [c]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” [d]Amen.

We are even more blessed now that the Holy Spirit lives in us as believers than when the Lord Jesus physically walked on the earth. When the Lord Jesus walked on the earth, He could only be in one place at any given time. He was 100% human and 100% God at the same time. One of the manifestations of His humanity was that He was not omnipresent. However, the Holy Spirit is omnipresent.

John 16:5-15

**5** “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **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 depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

**12** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He [c]will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

The Father is on His throne in heaven. The Lord Jesus, God the Son, is at the right hand of the Father.

Hebrews 12:1-2

**12** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

However, through the Holy Spirit, God is present everywhere at the same time.

Psalms 139:7-18

**7**

Where can I go from Your Spirit?  
Or where can I flee from Your presence?

**8**

If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there;  
If I make my bed in [c]hell, behold, You *are there*.

**9**

*If* I take the wings of the morning,  
*And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**10**

Even there Your hand shall lead me,  
And Your right hand shall hold me.

**11**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall [d]fall on me,"  
Even the night shall be light about me;

**12**

Indeed, the darkness [e]shall not hide from You,  
But the night shines as the day;  
The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.

**13**

For You formed my inward parts;  
You [f]covered me in my mother's womb.

**14**

I will praise You, for [g]I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;  
Marvelous are Your works,  
And *that* my soul knows very well.

**15**

My [h]frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
*And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

**16**

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were written,  
The days fashioned for me,  
When *as yet there were* none of them.

**17**

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

**18**

*If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
When I awake, I am still with You.

\*\*\*In closing, when the devil wants to discourage you, remember:

Romans 8:28

**28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

If we remain faithful to the Lord Jesus, God will make even disappointing situations into blessings for us.

When the devil wants to make you feel ashamed, remember that God cleanses you every time you turn away from sin.

1 John 1:5-10

**5** This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Rejoice and give thanks always.

If you lose your joy and peace because of your circumstances, go to God and ask Him to bless you to get them back, remembering that you should always be encouraged because the Holy Trinity loves you. You are special. You have a purpose. If you remain faithful to the Lord Jesus, everything will work for your good. Even if you have to wait for heaven for part of that blessing to come, it will come.

Revelation 2:10

**10** Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.