

The Expanding Divine Household: A Narrative of the God Family

In the absolute beginning, long before the foundation of the physical universe, there was no mysterious, closed trinity of three co-equal persons. Instead, there existed two distinct, divine Beings locked in perfect unity, harmony, and purpose. John 1:1-2 captures this primordial reality: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.' These two Beings shared an intimate, profound relationship—a relationship fundamentally defined as a Family. They were the Father and the Word, who would later manifest as Jesus Christ (John 1:14). Their bond was exclusive; when the apostles sent greetings to the early churches, they routinely wrote, 'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ' (Romans 1:7). The Holy Spirit was never included in these greetings or described as a third person sharing their fellowship (1 John 1:3).

The Holy Spirit was not a separate being unto itself, sitting on a third heavenly throne. Rather, it was, and remains, the very mind, essence, and outward power of God. When the time came for the Word to become flesh, it was this divine power that accomplished the miracle. The angel explained to Mary in Luke 1:35 that 'the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you.' Because the Spirit is the Father's power and not an independent person, Jesus is rightfully the Son of God, rather than the Son of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20). Throughout scripture, this Spirit is described not as an individual, but as a fluid substance to be 'poured out' (Acts 2:17), 'drunk' (1 Corinthians 12:13), or flowing like 'rivers of living water' (John 7:38-39). It is the conduit through which the Father and the Son project their presence and extend the 'mind of Christ' to human hearts (1 Corinthians 2:16, Romans 8:9).

The absolute separation between the true divine Family and the false concept of a Trinity was laid bare in the universe's darkest hour. Hanging on the stake, bearing the accumulated sins of humanity, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?'—'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' (Matthew 27:46). In this agonizing moment, Jesus did not address a triune collective. He did not cry out to the Holy Spirit. He deliberately used the singular 'Eli' to appeal directly to one distinct Being: God the Father. The Father had temporarily withdrawn His protective power, leaving the Son to experience total isolation. Had God been a Trinity, such a separation would be a metaphysical impossibility. Jesus's final acts confirmed this structure when He cried, 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit' (Luke 23:46), returning the breath of life and power back to the single Being who had sent Him.

Yet, this divine Family of two was never meant to remain a closed circle. The ultimate purpose of creation was expansion. God did not create humanity merely to be servants, but to be literally begotten into His household. Ephesians 3:14-15 reveals that the 'whole family in heaven and earth is named' after the Father. Jesus Christ paved the way as the pioneer of this expansion, becoming 'the firstborn among many brethren' (Romans 8:29). He is the

elder brother in a growing family designed to bring 'many sons to glory' (Hebrews 2:10). Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit—the shared mind and power of the Father and Son—human beings are given the DNA of the divine. As Romans 8:17 declares, those led by this power are 'heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.' When the final plan is consummated, the vision of 1 John 3:2 will be fully realized: 'we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.' The God Family, once comprising only the Father and the Word, will open its doors to countless transformed brethren, ruling the universe in perfect, unified glory forever.