

Elohim: Father, Son & Holy Spirit



Matthew 28:19-20 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age.”

The reality of the Father, Son and the Ruach HaKodesh (Hebrew for Holy Spirit) is the focus of the teaching according to the Word of God. We are to:

- ✓ Go
- ✓ Make people from ALL nations into talmidim (disciples, pupils)
- ✓ Immersing them into the “reality” of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Teach them to obey everything Jesus has commanded us
- ✓ Remember, He will be with us ALWAYS, even until the end of the age

If we, as followers of Christ, are not engaging in this command, what are we really doing? Of course, we are also called to love God, self and others. I want to focus on Elohim as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

When I took my theology class, the professor was speaking of the lack of teaching on the Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) that is found in many congregations and how that affects our culture. How many of us truly understand the “reality” of the



Father, Son and Holy Spirit? My prayer is to shed light on this subject and help each of us to better see this reality. For this purpose, we must begin with **Genesis 1:26-28**.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in **our image**, in the likeness of **ourselves**; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth.” 27 So God created humankind in his own image; in the image of God he created him: **male** and **female** he created them. 28 God blessed them: God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air and every living creature that crawls on the earth.”

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary

1:26-28 Man was made last of all the creatures: this was both an honour and a favour to him. Yet man was made the same day that the beasts were; his body was made of the same earth with theirs; and while he is in the body, he inhabits the same earth with them. God forbid that by indulging the body, and the desires of it, we should make ourselves like the beasts that perish! Man was to be a creature different from all that had been hitherto made. Flesh and spirit, heaven and earth, must be put together in him. God said, Let us make man. Man, when he was made, was to glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Into that great name we are baptized, for to that great name we owe our being. It is the soul of man that especially bears God's image. Man was made upright, Ec 7:29. His understanding saw Divine things clearly and truly; there were no errors or mistakes in his knowledge; his will consented at once, and in all things, to the will of God. His affections were all regular, and he had no bad appetites or passions. His thoughts were easily brought and fixed to the best subjects. Thus holy, thus happy, were our first parents in having the image of God upon them. But how is this image of God upon man defaced! May the Lord renew it upon our souls by his grace!¹

We can clearly see that God was plural and that male and female were originally created to reflect His image. Yes, that is something that we read, but is it something that we understand? If you go a few verses back to Genesis 1:2, we can see the Holy

¹ “Biblehub,” <http://biblehub.com>, <http://biblehub.com/commentaries/mhc/genesis/1.htm> (accessed February 11, 2018).



Spirit hovering over the deep. The first family relationship consists of the **Father**, **Son** and **Holy Spirit**. Look at this relationship in further detail [John 17](#).

John 1:14 (CJB)

The Word became a human being and lived with us, and we saw his Sh'khinah, the Sh'khinah of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

The mighty God (head) is made up of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God made man (male and female) in His image to represent His glory. After the Fall, we were removed from the Garden but God made a way for us to return through Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father.

We see God throughout the Old Testament as [Adonai \(Yahweh\)](#) (The Father), the [Angel of the Lord](#) (Jesus) and [The Spirit of God](#) (Holy Spirit). You can see the use of each by clicking on the highlight.

One of the scriptural references that help me to see the work of God in this manner and how Father, Son and Holy Spirit work in concert in the Body of Christ is 1 Corinthians 12. What I see from this Chapter is how God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) work in unity so the Body of Christ can work in unity.

1 Corinthians 12 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

12 But, brothers, I do not want you to go on being ignorant about the things of the **Spirit**. 2 You know that when you were pagans, no matter how you felt you were being led, you were being led astray to idols, which can't speak at all. 3 Therefore, I want to make it clear to you that no one speaking by the **Spirit of God** ever says, "**Yeshua** is cursed!" and no one can say, "**Yeshua is Lord**," except by the **Ruach HaKodesh**.

4 Now there are different kinds of gifts, but the **same Spirit** gives them. 5 Also there are different ways of serving, but it is the **same Lord** being served. 6 And there are different modes of working, but it is the **same God** working them all in everyone. 7 Moreover, to each person is given the particular manifestation of the **Spirit** that will be for the common good. 8 To one, **through the Spirit**, is given a word of wisdom; to another, a word of knowledge, in accordance with **the same Spirit**; 9 to another, faith, by the **same Spirit**; and to another, gifts of



healing, by the **one Spirit**; 10 to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the ability to judge between spirits; to another, the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues; and to yet another, the ability to interpret tongues. 11 **One and the same Spirit** is at work in all these things, distributing to each person as **he** chooses. 12 **For just as the body is one but has many parts; and all the parts of the body, though many, constitute one body**; so it is with the **Messiah**. 13 For it was by **one Spirit** that we were all immersed into **one body**, whether Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free; and we were all given the **one Spirit** to drink.

14 For indeed the body is not one part but many. 15 If the foot says, “I’m not a hand, so I’m not part of the body,” that doesn’t make it stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, “I’m not an eye, so I’m not part of the body,” that doesn’t make it stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If it were all hearing, how could it smell? 18 But as it is, **God arranged each of the parts in the body exactly as he wanted them**. 19 Now if they were all just one part, where would the body be? 20 But as it is, there are indeed many parts, yet just one body. 21 So the eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you”; or the head to the feet, “I don’t need you.” 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be less important turn out to be all the more necessary; 23 and upon body parts which we consider less dignified we bestow greater dignity; and the parts that aren’t attractive are the ones we make as attractive as we can, 24 while our attractive parts have no need for such treatment. Indeed, **God has put the body together in such a way that he gives greater dignity to the parts that lack it**, 25 So that there will be no disagreements within the body, but rather all the parts will be equally concerned for all the others. 26 Thus if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; and if one part is honored, all the parts share its happiness.

27 Now you together constitute the **body of the Messiah**, and individually you are parts of it. 28 And **God has placed in the Messianic Community first, emissaries**; second, prophets; third, teachers; then those who work miracles; then those with gifts of healing; those with ability to help; those skilled in



administration; and those who speak in various tongues. 29 Not all are emissaries, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? or teachers? or miracle-workers? 30 Not all have gifts of healing, not all speak in tongues, not all interpret, do they? 31 Eagerly seek the better gifts. But now I will show you the best way of all. **LOVE**

Take a look at this vivid reference that helped me to see clearly God in concert!

Chafer's Systematic Theology-Pneumatology taken from Genesis 24:1-67, It is the part of the trusted servant whom Abraham sent to secure a bride for Isaac. Doubtless, it was Eliezer of Damascus, steward of Abraham's household, but still no name is given, that the type may be complete. Abraham is a type of God the Father in many respects, here and elsewhere, as Isaac is the type of the Son of God. The servant is sent to a distant place to secure a bride for the son. Every step of this journey and all that was accomplished is fragrant with rich suggestion relative to the Holy Spirit's present mission in the world and the out calling of the Bride of Christ. The late Dr. George E. Guille in a pamphlet entitled Isaac and Rebecca writes, "Three persons are prominent in this twenty-fourth chapter of Genesis: a father, his son, and their servant. The father and son are hidden in the father's house in Canaan, while the servant journeys after the bride. Canaan is the well-known picture of heaven, whither Christ has gone to prepare for the coming of His bride, for whom the Father has sent the Holy Spirit into the scene of His Son's rejection. The length of the chapter (67 verses) shows how much God's heart is occupied with the story-how He is absorbed in the work of His Spirit: wooing and winning souls to Himself."²

You and I have been created by God in His image and He has given us redemption through the Blood of Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit to return us to a rightful relationship with our Father, God. I pray this has helped you see God and how He has moved over time to restore all that was lost in the Fall of man. We have been redeemed and the gifts of the Spirit are ours as He dispenses to each one for the edification of the Body in service of our Lord.

**Have you given your life to Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the Father?
If not, pray this simple prayer and let us know that you have been redeemed!**

² Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology-Pneumatology, Dallas Seminary Press. (Dallas: VailBallur Press, ©1948), 1. Page 55



Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Your Son Jesus Christ. You said in Your Word that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13) Father, I am calling on Jesus right now. I believe He died on the cross for my sins that He was raised from the dead on the third day, and He's alive right now. Lord Jesus, I am asking You now, come into my heart. Live Your life in me and through me. I repent of my sins and surrender myself totally and completely to You. Heavenly Father, by faith I now confess Jesus Christ as my new Lord and from this day forward, I dedicate my life to being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

How can you understand God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Construct a Prayer Based on Your Learning?



Write a prayer, based upon what you have learned of Elohim (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)



Transforming you into His Image

Faithful (1 Cor. 1:9-10) God is trustworthy: it was he who called you into fellowship with his Son, Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord.¹⁰ Nevertheless, brothers, I call on you in the name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah to agree, all of you, in what you say, and not to let yourselves remain split into factions but be restored to having a common mind and a common purpose.

Shalom (John 14:27) ²⁷ “What I am leaving with you is shalom — I am giving you my shalom. I don’t give the way the world gives. Don’t let yourselves be upset or frightened.

Sacrifice (Titus) 2:14 Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Truth John 14:6 Yeshua said, “I AM the Way — and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me. John 8:32 ³² you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Compassion (Matthew 9:36)-Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Love (John 15:13) - Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Servant (Matthew 20:28) - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Forgiveness (John 8:4-11)- “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” ⁶ They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”⁸ Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. ⁹ When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. ¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” ¹¹ “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more

Gentle & Humble (Matthew 11:28-30)-²⁸ “Come to me, all of you who are struggling and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.[a] ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Patient (2 Peter 3:9)-The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some people think of slowness; on the contrary, he is patient with you; for it is not his purpose that anyone should be destroyed, but that everyone should turn from his sins