

**ONE GOD,,, THREE PERSONS!**

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING,,, A LITTLE BOY,,, IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS,,, WAS DRAWING A PICTURE.

HIS TEACHER ASKED: “*WHAT ARE YOU DRAWING?*”

“*I’M DRAWING A PICTURE OF GOD*,,, HE SAID.

LOOKING PUZZLED,,, THE TEACHER SAID:

“*BUT,,, NOBODY KNOWS WHAT GOD LOOKS LIKE.*”

THE LITTLE BOY SAID:

“*WELL,,, THEY WILL,,, WHEN I’M DONE!*”

NOW,,, THERE’S SOME SENSE,,, IN WHAT THIS LITTLE BOY WAS DOING. DRAWING A PICTURE OF GOD,,, TO KNOW WHAT GOD LOOKS LIKE,,, TO KNOW WHAT GOD IS ALL ABOUT,,, ISNT THAT WHAT WE HOPE FOR?

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,,, ***THIS SUNDAY,,, IS HOLY***

***TRINITY SUNDAY!*** IT’S THE SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,,, A DAY WHEN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH,,, HISTORICALLY,,, SINCE THE 10TH CENTURY,,, CELEBRATES ONE OF ITS CENTRAL BELIEFS,,,

***THAT OF A TRIUNE GOD!***

ONE GOD,,, IN (3) PERSONS. THE BLESSED TRINITY.

**THE FATHER,,, THE SON,,, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

SO,,, DO YOU BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,,, OR (3) GODS?

THIS IS OFTEN A CHALLENGE IN “**MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS**”,,, LIKE; JUDAISM,,, ISLAM,,, AND EVEN SOME GROUPS WHO PROFESS TO BE OF CHRISTIANS AND THAT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD AND WHO ALSO;

**DO NOT *ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS CHRIST AS LORD!***

I BELIEVE,,, THAT IN THE “**NICENE CREED**” ***OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH***,,, THAT WE JUST SAID TOGETHER,,, AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY MASS,,, HELPS US TO UNDERSTAND THIS BETTER.

SO,,, WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY:

**(\*) I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,,, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY.**

(\*) I BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST,,, THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD,,, AND,,,

(\*) *I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?,,, THE LORD THE GIVER OF LIFE,,, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON,,, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON,,, IS ADORED AND GLORIFIED.*”

*IT MEANS,,, THAT WE BELIEVE  
IN ONE GOD,,, IN THREE PERSONS;  
THE FATHER,,, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!*

ST. AUGUSTINE,,, SPENT NEARLY THIRTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE,,, TO WRITE (15) VOLUMES,,, CALLED:

**“ABOUT THE TRINITY”**

HE WAS CONSTANTLY REVISING HIS WORK. SO,,, I WON'T BE BOLD ENOUGH,,, TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN TO TRY TO JUST,,, ***“SCRATCH THE SURFACE”*** OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

EVEN ST. AUGUSTINE HIMSELF,,, STRUGGLED,,, TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND,,,

**“THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY.”**

ONE DAY,,, ST. AUGUSTINE DECIDED TO GO FOR A WALK ON THE BEACH,,, WHEN HE SAW A YOUNG BOY,,, DIGGING A HOLE IN THE SAND,,, WITH A SEASHELL.

THE BOY WOULD DIG A HOLE IN THE SAND,,, THEN RUN INTO THE OCEAN,,, FILL THE SEASHELL WITH WATER AND THEN RUSH BACK AND POUR THE WATER INTO THE HOLE.

PUZZLED,,, ST. AUGUSTINE ASKED THE BOY:

**“WHAT,,, ARE YOU DOING?”**

THE YOUNG BOY SAID.

**“I'M TRYING TO PUT THE OCEAN INTO THIS HOLE”**

WELL,,, ST. AUGUSTINE IMMEDIATELY REALIZED,,, ***THAT THIS WAS PRECISELY,,, WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO DO!***

**HE WAS TRYING,,,  
TO FIT THE GREAT MYSTERIES OF GOD INTO HIS MIND.**

NOW,, I BELIEVE,, THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A VALID AND SINCERE UNDERSTANDING,, OF THE NATURE OF THE HOLY TRINITY!

SO TO TRY TO HELP EXPLAIN,, WHAT I UNDERSTAND BY THE “**THREE IN ONE GOD,, THE HOLY TRINITY,,** I HAVE A VERY SIMPLE ANALOGY FOR US.

**IN MY HAND,, I HAVE AN ORDINARY HARD BOILED EGG!**

NOW,, IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ANYTHING SPECIAL DOES IT? IT'S JUST AN EGG! BUT IF YOU LOOK AT IT CLOSELY,, YOU'LL SEE THAT IT PROVIDES,, A SIMPLE MODEL- OF HOW SOMETHING CAN BE **THREE IN ONE.**

**THIS IS ONE EGG,, BUT,, IT HAS THREE PARTS!**  
**IT HAS A SHELL:** BUT,, **IS JUST A SHELL,, A COMPLETE EGG?**

**IT HAS A WHITE CENTER:** BUT,, **IS JUST A WHITE CENTER,, A COMPLETE EGG?** AND,,

**IT HAS A YELLOW YOLK:** BUT,, **IS JUST A YELLOW YOKE CENTER,, A COMPLETE EGG?**

INDIVIDUALLY,, **IT'S NOT AN EGG,,** BUT,, IF YOU PUT THE THREE PARTS,, **THE SHELL, THE WHITE AND THE YOLK,,** TOGETHER,, **AMAZINGLY,, WE HAVE AN EGG.**

NOW,, I KNOW,, THAT THIS IS A SIMPLE EXAMPLE,, MADE IN AN HUMOROUS ATTEMPT,, TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

THE EGG WAS INCOMPLETE,, WITHOUT,, ANY ONE OF THEIR THREE ELEMENTS!

INDIVIDUALLY,, WOULD YOU CALL ANY OF THE PARTS,, A WHOLE EGG? NO,, YOU NEED ALL THREE PARTS,, TO BE ONE COMPLETE EGG,, DON'T YOU?

SO IT IS,, WITH THE TRINITY! **THE GODHEAD IS ONE** JUST AS THIS EGG IS ONE. YET THE TRINITY,, IS MADE OF THREE PERSONS AND WE CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,, WITH THREE PERSONS;

**THE FATHER,, THE SON,, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**THE HOLY TRINITY**

**NOW,, IF I WERE TO SEPARATE THE SHELL OF THIS EGG,, FROM THE WHITE,, AND THE WHITE FROM THE YOLK,, THE EGG WOULDN'T BECOME THREE EGGS,, WOULD IT? IT WOULD STILL BE ONE EGG!**

**IN THE SAME WAY,, THERE IS STILL ONLY ONE GOD! ONCE AGAIN,, WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THE THREE PERSONS,, THE FATHER,, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,, WE HAVE,, THE HOLY TRINITY!**

**ALTHOUGH THE BIBLE NEVER ACTUALLY MENTIONS THE HOLY TRINITY SPECIFICALLY,, THERE ARE REFERENCES TO THE HOLY TRINITY. LIKE THIS ONE IN (JOHN 14: 25-26) WHERE IT SAYS:**

***“ALL THIS I HAVE SPOKEN WHILE STILL WITH YOU. BUT THE COUNSELLOR,, THE HOLY SPIRIT,, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS AND WILL REMIND YOU OF EVERYTHING I HAVE SAID TO YOU.”***

**UNLIKE THE EGG ANALOGY,, THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN WE CAN'T DISTINGUISH THE VARIOUS PERSONS OF THE HOLY TRINITY.**

**IN (JOHN 14: 9,11) JESUS HIMSELF SAID:**

***ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN ME,, HAS SEEN THE FATHER... BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME.”***

**SO,, WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT,, WHETHER OR NOT,, WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY TRINITY? PERHAPS IT IS BECAUSE:**

***OUR SALVATION HANGS ON THE FACT THAT JESUS,, IS FULLY GOD,, AS WELL AS BEING FULLY HUMAN.***

**“FULLY HUMAN?” SO,, WHY WAS IT SO IMPORTANT,, FOR JESUS TO COME,, AS A FULLY HUMAN BEING?**

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS,, IF JESUS HAD NOT BEEN FULLY HUMAN,, HE COULD NOT HAVE LIVED A PERFECT HUMAN LIFE,, WHICH WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR HIM,, TO TAKE THE PENALTY OF OUR SIN.**

ALSO,,, WE HEAR IN ST. PAUL'S,,, LETTER TO THE CORINTHIAN'S,,, IN (2 CORINTHIANS 13: 14) THIS REFERENCE TO THE HOLY TRINITY,,, WHEN HE SAID:

***“THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,,, AND THE LOVE OF GOD,,, AND THE FELLOWSHIP,,, OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,,, BE WITH YOU ALL”.***

IN JOHN 3:16,,, WE'RE TOLD,,, THAT GOD,,, GAVE HIS ONLY SON,,, WHO ALTHOUGH,,, HE WAS FULLY HUMAN,,, HE WAS ALSO FULLY GOD.

WHILE JESUS,,, IS ONE PART OF THE HOLY TRINITY,,, HE IS ALSO,,, FULLY GOD!

WE NEED TO REALIZE,,, THAT JESUS WAS SENT,,, BY THE FATHER,,, TO DIE;

***FOR ALL OUR SINS,,, NOT JUST FOR A PART OF THEM.***

***IF CHRIST HAD NOT BEEN HUMAN,,, HE COULD NOT HAVE FREED US FROM THE SLAVERY OF DEATH.***

***MY DEARLY BELOVED,,, THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE,,, AND THIS IS THE DOCTRINE OF FAITH,,, THAT MAKES OUR CHURCH STAND SO VERY STRONG,,, ESPECIALLY IN THESE TESTING TIMES OF TRIAL AND TRIBULATION.***

SO TODAY,,,

ON THIS ***MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY***,,,  
AND EVERYDAY,,, MAY WE HONOR,,, ADORE,,,  
AND WORSHIP,,,

***THE MOST HOLY TRINITY***,,,

WITH THE SAME TYPE,,, OF CONVICTION OF FAITH,,,  
AS DID THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE ON BEFORE US.

***I BLESS YOU ALL,,, THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND  
THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT***

***+++ AMEN+++***

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