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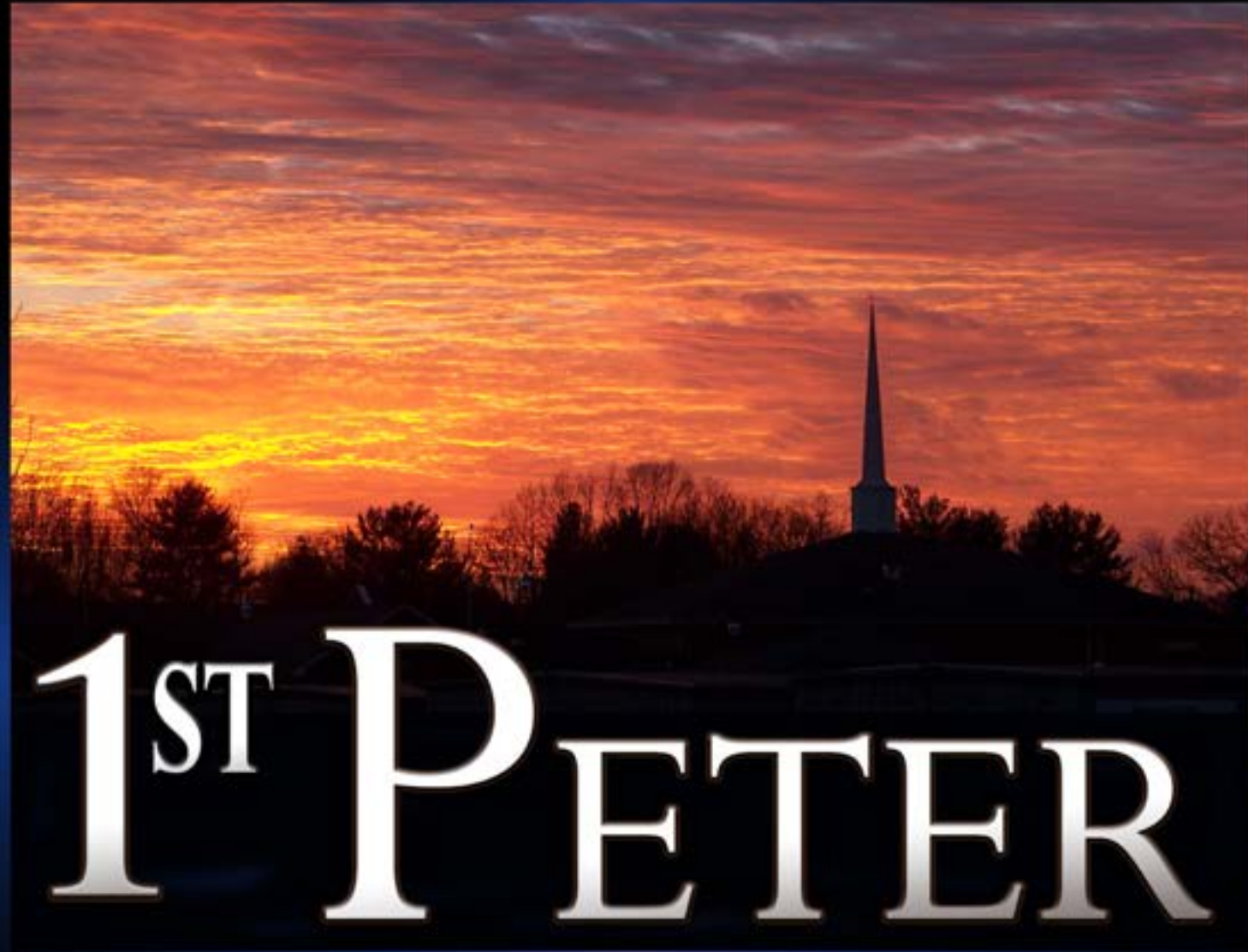
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THE TRIUNE GOD: THE FATHER

1 PETER 1:3



LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

INTRODUCTION:

Living in light of eternity means we can rejoice in the midst of the present fiery trial because our love for God enables us to focus on the glories to come.

1 Peter 1:3–12

1 Pet. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

2 Cor. 11:31, “The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.”

Rom. 15:6, “that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Chron. 29:10, “Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: ‘Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.’

1 Chron. 29:11, “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.”

“God and Father”
The Doctrine of the Trinity

Trinity: We believe in one God, Who is sovereign, righteous, just, eternal, love, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, immutable, and truth in His essence. He exists in three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three persons of the Godhead are co-equal and co-eternal and co-infinite. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:3–5; John 10:30; Psalm 22:1; Matthew 3:16; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Genesis 48:15–16, 2 Samuel 23:2–3; Genesis 1:26)

~WHBC Doctrinal Statement

1. The Bible clearly teaches that there is one God. On the other hand, the Bible clearly speaks of distinct persons that are divine. Thus we conclude there are distinct persons in the Godhead. We call this a plurality. Christianity does not hold to a monadic or solitary monotheism, but a Trinitarian monotheism. And the implications affect our everyday lives.

2. We often speak of God as being an infinite, personal God. But what do we mean by personal?

Person

Distinct individuality

Conscious of self

Conscious of others

Intellect, rational
thought

Communicates with
others

Will

Non-Person

No distinct individuality

Not conscious of self

Not conscious of others

No intellect or rational
thought

No communication with
others

No will

Matt. 11:27, “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

1 John 1:3, “that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

John 14:17, “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

3. The Bible in both testaments, the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament as well as the New Testament, speak of a plurality in God.

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ”

**Isaiah 6:8, “Then I heard the voice of the
Lord, saying,
‘Whom shall I send,
and
who will go for Us?’**

Then I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ ”

Deut. 6:4, “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one [*echad*: meaning *alone* or *a unity*].”

1 Chron. 29:1, “Then King David said to the entire assembly, ‘My son Solomon, whom *alone* God has chosen, is still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for the temple is not for man, but for the LORD God.’ ”

Genesis 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Zech. 1:12, “Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?’

Zech. 1:13, “And the LORD answered the angel who talked to me, with good and comforting words.

Zech. 1:14, “So the angel who spoke with me said to me, ‘Proclaim, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal.’ ” ’ ”

Judg. 6:11, “Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.”

Judg. 6:14, “Then the LORD turned to him and said, ‘Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?’ ”

Judg. 6:22, “Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, ‘Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face.’

Judg. 6:23, “Then the LORD said to him, ‘Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.’ ”

Isa. 48:12, “Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last. [Jesus is the ALPHA and OMEGA] the first and the last,”

Rev. 22:13, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,”

Isa. 48:13, “Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, they stand together.

Isa. 48:14, “Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? The LORD loves him; he shall carry out His good pleasure on Babylon, and His arm shall be against the Chaldeans.”

Isa. 48:15, “I, even I, have spoken; indeed I have called him, I have brought him, and He will make his ways successful.

Isa. 48:16, “Come near to Me, listen to this: From the first I have not spoken in secret, From the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit.”

Isa. 63:15, “Look down from heaven, and see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your strength, the yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained?”

Isa. 63:16, “Doubtless You are our Father, though Abraham was ignorant of us, and Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.”

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**Isa. 64:8, “But now, O LORD, You are our
Father; We are the clay, and You our potter;
and all we are the work of Your hand.”**

Deut. 32:6, “Do you thus deal with the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?”

Deut. 32:7, “Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you:

Deut. 32:8, “When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel.

Deut. 32:9, “For the LORD’S portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.”

Mal. 2:10, “Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another by profaning the covenant of the fathers?”

**Ex. 4:22, “Then you shall say to Pharaoh,
‘Thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son, My
firstborn.””**

**Ex. 4:23, “ ‘So I say to you, let My son go
that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to
let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your
firstborn.’ ”**

Jer. 31:9, “They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.”

Deut. 14:1, “You are the children of the LORD your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead.

Deut. 14:2, “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”

Isa. 1:2, “Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; For the Lord speaks, ‘Sons I have reared and brought up, but they have revolted against Me.

Isa. 1:3, “An ox knows its owner, and a donkey its master’s manger, but Israel does not know, My people do not understand.

Isa. 1:4, “Alas, sinful nation, people weighed down with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away from Him.”

Psa. 2:7, “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ ”

Prov. 30:4, “Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son’s name, if you know?”

Psa. 89:26, “He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.’ ”

1 Chron. 22:10, “He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.”