

**Cell Groups week beginning Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God.** Proverbs 14:31

Has anyone anything that they want to say about the Family Service on Sunday?

1. Exodus 23:11, Proverbs 13:23 The Children of Israel were asked to leave their field fallow every seventh year. This was in part to help the poor but there is no evidence that they did so. Are there any things that we, as Christians, should do but are likewise not very good at doing so?
2. Exodus 30:15 The rich and poor were ordered to give 1 Shekel no more no less. Why do you think this was so? On the face of it it seems unfair.
3. Esther 9:22 The Jew's response to their deliverance was to celebrate and to give "gifts to the poor". Do you think this should be part of our celebration of what God had done for us? If so what form should that take?
4. Psalm 12:5, 14:6, 22:26, 35:10. How do you think God protects the poor.  
Proverbs 19:17, 22:9. Do you think this reward will be physical or spiritual?
5. Proverbs 28:8. I guess the pay-day Loan companies have not read this verse. What do you think?
6. Jeremiah 22:16. What, according to this verse, shows that we know God?
7. Matthew 5:3. Who do you think are "the poor" in this verse?
8. Matthew 19:21. Do you think is a rule for us all? If not what is it about?
9. Matthew 26:11, Mark 14:7, John 12:8. Does this mean that we can never eradicate poverty?
10. Can you think of anything that Bible says is more important than "giving all I possess to the poor"?

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The Trinity.

The words "Trinity" or "Triune God" cannot be found in scripture. But a careful study of the scriptures will show that God exists in three distinct persons.

Allan said that the Trinity is the heart and foundation of our faith, and we need to hold certain truths by faith.

Man is also a tripartite being, body, soul, and spirit – for we were made in the image and likeness of God.

An illustration of the Doctrine of the Trinity:

Mr Enigma is a single person but he is revealed as three persons. 1. His children see him as a Father. 2. His mother sees him as a Son. 3. His class sees him as a Teacher.

Colossians 2:9. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

The Basis of the Doctrine.

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| 1. In Creation.          | Genesis 1:26        |
| 2. Baptism of Jesus.     | Matthew 3:13-17     |
| 3. Baptism of Believers. | Matthew 28:19       |
| 4. The Benediction.      | 2 Corinthians 13:14 |

The Trinity always act in unity. Do you think that this is true?

Discuss any of the following works of God as the Trinity.

1. In Creation: - Gen 1:3; John 1:1; Gen 1:2. Compare with psalm 104:30. Proverbs 8:22-31
2. In the Incarnation: - John 3:16; Luke 2:11; Luke 1:35.
3. In Redemption: - Hebrews 9:14.
4. In Salvation: - Luke 15:22; Luke 15:4; Ephesians 1:13.
5. In Communion: -  
Invitation - Ephesians 2:18;  
Reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:19;  
Union - John 17:20-23.
6. In Prayer: - John 16:23; Romans 8:26.

Discuss any of the following attributes in relation to the Trinity: -

<b>Attribute</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Son</b>	<b>Holy Spirit</b>
Eternal	Ps 90:2	Heb 1:8	Heb 9:14
Omnipotent	1 Pet 1:5	2 Cor 12:9	Rom 15:19
Omniscient	Jer 17:10	Rev 2:23	1 Cor 2:11
Omnipresent	Jer 23:24	Matt 28:20	Ps 139:7
Holiness	Rev 15:4	Acts 3:14	Luke 1:15
Truth	Num 23:19	John 1:14	1 John 5:6
Benevolent	Rom 2:4	Eph 5:25	Neh 9:20
Communion	1 John 1:3	1 John 1:3	2 Cor 13:14

He who would try to understand the Trinity fully will lose his mind. But he who would deny the Trinity will lose his soul. – Lindsell & Woodbridge

## Bible Study Scriptures.

### Basis of the Doctrine

#### Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

#### Matthew 3:13-16

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

#### Matthew 28:19

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

#### 2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Works of God as the Trinity.

#### Genesis 1:3

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

#### John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

#### Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

#### Psalms 104:30

<sup>30</sup> When you send your Spirit,  
they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

#### Proverbs 8:22-31

<sup>22</sup> "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works before his deeds of old;

<sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water;

<sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth,

<sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth.

<sup>27</sup> I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

<sup>30</sup> Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day,  
rejoicing always in his presence,

<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

#### John 3:16

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Luke 2:11**

<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

**Luke 1:35**

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called<sup>la</sup> the Son of God.

**Hebrews 9:14**

<sup>14</sup> How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

**Luke 15:22**

<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

**Luke 15:4**

<sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

**Ephesians 1:13**

<sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

**Ephesians 2:18**

<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 5:19**

<sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**John 17:20-23**

<sup>20</sup> "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**John 16:23**

<sup>23</sup> In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

**Romans 8:26**

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

**Eternal****Psalm 90:2**

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Hebrews 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom.

**Hebrews 9:14**

<sup>14</sup> How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

## **Omnipotent**

1 Peter 1:5

<sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Corinthians 12:9

<sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Romans 15:19

<sup>19</sup>by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

## **Omniscient**

**Jeremiah 17:10**

<sup>10</sup>"I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

**Revelation 2:23**

<sup>23</sup>I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

**1 Corinthians 2:11**

<sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

## **Omnipresent**

**Jeremiah 23:24**

<sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

**Matthew 28:20**

<sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Psalms 139:7**

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

## **Holiness.**

**Revelation 15:4**

<sup>4</sup>Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

**Acts 3:14**

<sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

**Luke 1:15**

<sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

## **Truth.**

**Numbers 23:19**

<sup>19</sup>God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil?

**John 1:14**

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**1 John 5:6**

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**Benevolent.****Romans 2:24**

<sup>24</sup>As it is written: “God’s name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.

**Ephesians 5:25**

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

**Nehemiah 9**

<sup>20</sup>You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

**Communion.****1 John 1:3**

<sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

<sup>14</sup>May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.