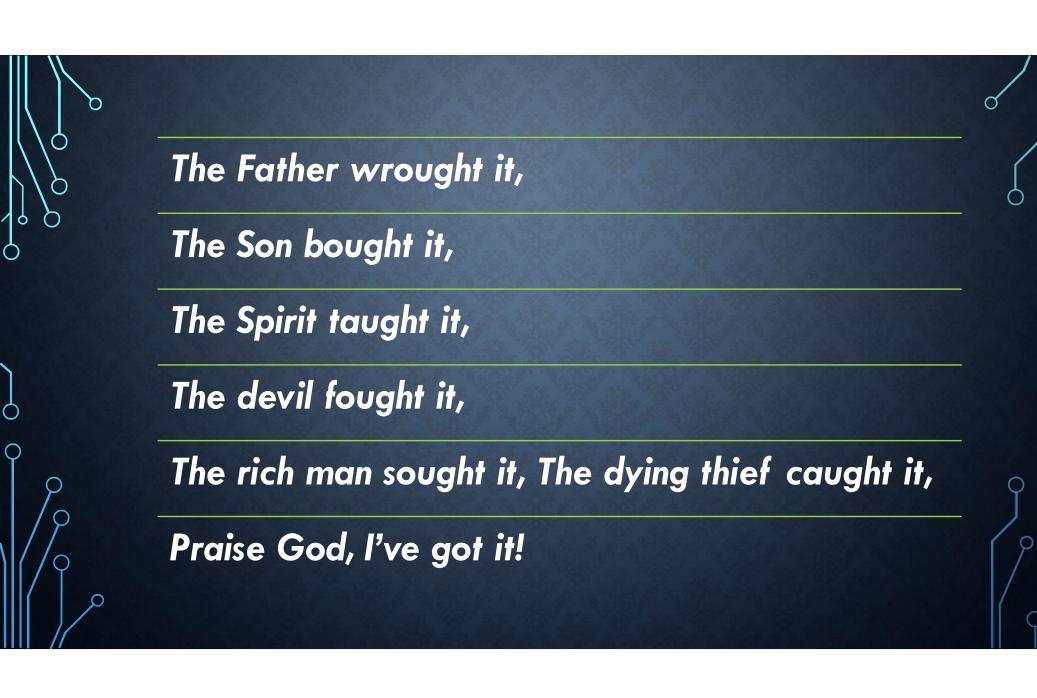
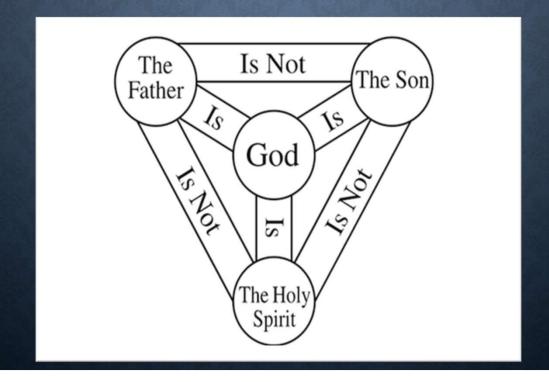
# SESSION 4 The Work of the Trinity in Salvation



# THE TRIUNE NATURE OF GOD

•\There is one God, but He exists as three distinct persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. Each person is fully God, and they work together. This is called the "Trinity."



# THE WORK OF THE FATHER IN SALVATION

# a. He foreknew and predestined us

- "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate" (Rom. 8:29a).
- "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph. 1:5, 11).

# b. He chose and elected us

- "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Matt. 24:31).
- 'Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth" (Rom. 8:33).
- "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Eph. 1:4).
- "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation" (2 Thess. 2:13).

# THE WORK OF THE FATHER IN SALVATION

### c. He called and conformed us

"To be conformed to the image of his son" (Rom. 8:29). "Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called" (Rom. 8:30).

# d. He justified and glorified us

"And whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Rom. 8:30).

# e. He sent his Son to us

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:19).

# B. THE WORK OF THE SON IN SALVATION

### a. Showing – Jesus revealed or showed us the Father.

"Philip said to him, Lord, show us the Father, and it enough for us. Jesus saidto him, Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'show us the Father?' (John 14:8-9)

### b. Seeking – Jesus came to seek the lost.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

# c. Sacrificing – Jesus gave his life to the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

# d. Satisfying – Jesus satisfied God's wrath.

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:25-26).

Note: "Propitiation" here refers to satisfaction. This is simply to say Christ's death satisfied the holiness and righteousness of God.

# C. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SALVATION

# a. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin and points us to Christ.

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; It is to your advantage that I go away: for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment because the prince of this world is judged" (John 16:7-11).

## b. He baptizes us, thus placing us in Christ

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:13).

### c. He is our assurance of salvation

believed, you were marked 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, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1:13-14)