

THE HOLY TRINITY

The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus



Background: This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Probably best known for the Sunday we confess the Athanasian creed. This creed was developed to clearly state that we are worshipping one God, though composed of 3 persons, The concept is immediately underscored in the very first chapter of Genesis when God said **Let “US” (God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) make man in our image.**” (Genesis 1:26) . In giving us the great Commission, the visibly present Christ charged us to **make disciples throughout the world baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**(Matthew 28: 19) Thus Christ clearly acknowledged the 3 persons of the Holy Trinity or the Godhead. Yet there is **only one God, who will justify “all mankind” by faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior.**(Romans 3:30).

The Lessons: Genesis 1:1—2:4a, Acts 2:14a, 22–36, & Matthew 28:16–20

The Holy Trinity Peter Paul Reubens (1617). The holy Triune God “*created the heavens and the earth,*” and “*behold, it was very good*” (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “*delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*” to be “*crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to “*make disciples of all nations*” by “*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*” and “*teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded*” (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is “*very good*” (Gen. 1:31).