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*Knowing and  
Delighting in God*

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**Weekend Away**

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*See also the separate handout of Historic Christian Creeds and Confessions*

Sessions 1 and 2:

## The Triune God

Introduction to weekend series: why do a weekend like this?

John 17:3 'And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.'

Introduction to sessions 1 and 2: the Trinity is foundational to Christianity, defines Christianity, and is unique to Christianity

Christian Baptism (Matthew 28:19)

"baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

'The Grace' (2 Corinthians 13:14) "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

## Headline 1: There is One God – and why this matters

Deuteronomy 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Deuteronomy 4:35 “there is no other besides him”

Exodus 15:11 “Who among the gods is like you, O LORD?”

Mark 12:29-30; Romans 3:29-30; Galatians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19

The “Simplicity” of God

*Why does it matter that God is one?*

1. *The coherence of the universe*

“And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one” (Zechariah 14:9).

2. *Loyalty and love*

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might” (Deuteronomy 6:5; see also Exodus 20:3)

## Headline 2: There is a richness in God's unity

'By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host' (Psalm 33:6)

1. The Hebrew word for "God" (*Elohim*)
2. The need for a mediator
  - a. God's Word (e.g., Psalms 33:6; 107:20) and Wisdom (e.g., Proverbs 8:22-31)
  - b. The angel of the Lord (e.g., Judges 6:12, 16)
3. The breath/wind/spirit of God (Psalm 33:6)

## Headline 3: Jesus Christ is God

What does 'son of God' mean? (2 Samuel 7:14; Psalm 2:7)

God was 'with him' (John 3:2; Acts 10:38)

Statements that imply deity, e.g.,

1. Luke 14:26
2. Matt. 5:17
3. Matt. 7:21-23; and Matt. 11:27
4. John 8:46 and Hebrews 4:15
5. John 7:46
6. Mark 2:5-7
7. Gal. 1:1
8. Rom. 1:7
9. John 8:48 and John 3:13
10. John 5:19

Direct statements, e.g.,

1. John 1:1-18
2. John 20:28
3. Acts 20:28
4. Romans 9:5
5. Colossians 1:15-20
6. Titus 2:13
7. Hebrews 1:1-3, 8
8. 2 Peter 1:1)

The worship of Jesus, e.g.,

1. John 5:23
2. Acts 7:59
3. Revelation 5:13

## Headline 4: The Holy Spirit is God

Ten pointers:

1. Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14
2. John 14:16; Ephesians 4:30
3. 1 Cor. 3:16-17
4. Acts 5:3-4
5. Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22
6. Acts 9:31; Romans 15:30; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Philippians 2:1; Hebrews 10:29

7. Acts 28:25-28 (quoting Isaiah 6:9-10); Hebrews 10:15-17 (quoting Jeremiah 31:33-34)
  
8. Hebrews 9:14
  
9. 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
  
10. 1 Corinthians 6:11

Conclusion: 'Three Persons in One God'



# What the doctrine of the Trinity looks like

Wrong Solution 1:     There are now three Gods

Variation: there are three parts to God

Wrong Solution 2     One God appears in three ways

Wrong Solution 3     The Son and the Spirit are on a lower level than  
God the Father

## The doctrine of the Trinity simply stated

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



## The Inner Life of the Trinity

Walking on holy ground

### The Father and the Son

1. Mark 1:10-11
2. Matthew 11:27
3. Hebrews 1:5 (quoting Psalm 2)

How Father-Son in the Trinity differs from human father-son relations

### The Holy Spirit

1. Matthew 10:20 and Galatians 4:6
2. Romans 8:9
3. John 15:26 and 20:22
4. John 14:16, 26 and John 15:26; 16:7

## The works of the Holy Trinity in the world

1. Indivisible
2. ...and yet associated with particular persons

How relations in the inner life of the Trinity may be dimly reflected in the actions of the Trinity.

God the Father and God the Son

1 Corinthians 8:6

Ephesians 3:14-15

Hebrews 12:9

James 1:17

## God the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-15

Caution: beware assuming you can simply 'map inner-Trinitarian relations onto human society!

Each 'in' the others

John 14:10-11

*Why it matters that God is Trinity*

a. What happens if God is one but not three

b. What happens if God is three but not one

## Sessions 3 and 4:

# The divine-human person of Jesus Christ

Why do we need a doctrine of Christ?

### 1. Jesus Christ is a fully human man

e.g.,

1. Luke 7:36 (see Psalm 50:12-13)
2. John 4:7 and 19:28
3. John 4:6 and Mark 4:38 (see Psalm 121:3-4)
4. Mark 3:5
5. Matthew 17:17
6. John 12:27
7. Luke 12:50
8. Mark 14:33-34
9. John 19:26
10. Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13
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12. Mark 1:35

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## 2. Jesus Christ is God

‘What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?’ (Matt. 8:27).

1 John 1:1

Colossians 1:19

## Questions

What does ‘Incarnation’ mean?

John 1:14

Luke 2:40 and 52

# What a Doctrine of Christ looks like

## Four mistakes

### Mistake 1: Jesus is not really God

Why this error matters:

1. Revelation 21:5

Romans 8:21

Colossians 1:15-20

Ephesians 1:10

2. John 1:18

3. Matthew 1:23 (Isaiah 7:14)

1 John 1:1-4



4. Malachi 3:1

Isaiah 40:3, 9-10

5. Acts 20:28

1 Peter 1:18-19

6. Worship of Jesus

Mistake 2: Jesus is not really human

Why this error matters:

1. Hebrews 2:14, 17

2. Hebrews 2:18

Hebrews 4:15-16

3. Hebrews 12:1-2

4. Acts 13:23

*Two wills in Jesus*

*A divine will:*

Matthew 23:37

John 5:21

*A human will:*

Romans 5:19

John 6:38

Mistake 3: Jesus is not really one person

Why this matters:

1 Timothy 2:5

Romans 8:34

Hebrews 7:25

Mistake 4: Jesus is a mixture of human and divine

The Council of Chalcedon AD 451

How are the two natures united in the one person of the Son?

John 3:34

Philippians 2:7 ('emptied himself') – what does this mean?

Matthew 26:53-54

# Sessions 5:

## Delighting in the Triune God

### Conversion

#### The Father

Ephesians 1:3-5

Romans 8:29-30

#### The Son

Galatians 2:20

1 Peter 3:18

#### The Holy Spirit

John 3:1-8

John 16:7-11

## Prayer

The problem of prayer

The possibility of prayer

Jesus who prays:

John 9:31

John 11:41-42

Psalm 2:8 'ask of me'

Jesus the mediator

1 Timothy 2:5

John 14:13-14

John 15:16

John 16:23-24

John 20:17

Ephesians 2:18 'For through him [Jesus Christ] we both [Jew and Gentile] have access in one Spirit to the Father.'

To the Father

Through the Son

Hebrews 9:24

1 Peter 3:18

In the Spirit

Romans 8:26-27

Galatians 4:6

## Conclusion



TO PARKING  
 FROM THE LOOKOUT

To help us to care for this estate, do not picnic,  
 swim, light fires or barbecue. Assistance dogs only. Thank you.



**Amenities**

- Parking
- Toilets
- Disabled Toilets
- Holiday Home
- Bookshop
- First Aid
- Kitchen garden Shop

**Walks open to residential guests**

- Lake walk 2.5km
- Chestnut walk 3km
- Firs Field walk 4km
- No swimming without prior approval

**Walks open to all**

- Broad Water walk 3km

- Key**
- 1 Kitchen Garden
  - 2 Blarney Jubilee
  - 3 Arden Courttyard
  - 4 Prose Garden
  - 5 Prose Garden
  - 6 St Peter's Church
  - 7 Carragee Tea Room
  - 8 Terrill House
  - 9 Hicote House
  - 10 Ashbourne House
  - 11 Palmers Lodge
  - 12 Targel Lodge
  - 13 Bookshop
  - 14 Palm House
  - 15 Hill Camp Play Park
  - 16 Front Terrace
  - 17 West Garden
  - 18 Ice House
  - 19 Winter Garden
  - 20 Water Tank
  - 21 Grove Lodge
  - 22 Blue Doors
  - 23 Sunlit Lodge
  - 24 The Lookout
  - 25 Ledspring Pond
  - 26 Ledspring Pond
  - 27 Temple
  - 28 The Old Pump House
  - 29 Swimming Area
  - 30 Boat House
  - 31 Labyrinth
  - 32 Fire Pit