



Wayne's Words

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'What a Mighty God we Serve'

It is tempting to designate different members of the Trinity to different sections of the Bible. For

instance, God the Creator and Father, King and Shepherd of his people is the focus of the Scriptures preceding Christ. Jesus is of course the primary subject of the gospels, while the Acts of the Apostles has been referred to as really the Acts of the Holy Spirit, with the Spirit taking Jesus' place among and within the disciples from Pentecost onwards.

As soon as we attempt such neat distinctions, however, we find each member of the Trinity is to be found throughout the whole of the Scripture.

The Spirit of God hovered over the chaos at creation and was constantly identified as the one through whom various leaders delivered Israel from their enemies. God took some of the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders of Israel (Num. 11:17,25). David prayed that God would not take His Holy Spirit from him after his sin (Ps 51).

In hindsight, we also see reference to Jesus throughout the early scriptures - notably in Ps 22 where David's experience is so powerfully mirrored in Jesus' crucifixion. Again, Isaiah 52:13-53:12 so comprehensively and in detail describes the events and meaning of Jesus' rejection, death and resurrection. John 1:1-3 further identifies Jesus as 'the Word' through whom all things were created in the beginning.

The Spirit is frequently referred to in guiding the disciples and in Paul's letters as the source of the new life we have been given, yet his work is always to point to Jesus. The new life the Spirit brings is 'in Christ' and Jesus is the one preached in the power of the Spirit as Saviour and Messiah to Jews and Gentiles alike.

It is the Spirit who prompts us to cry, 'Abba Father' and by whom God adopts us as his children.

So while the word 'Trinity' may sound technical and impersonal and is not found anywhere in the Scripture, the reality it refers to (that of a loving, self-effacing, empowering community of distinct persons united in substance as the one, holy and eternal God) is revealed throughout the whole of Scripture. It is this God who has made himself known in Jesus and continues to do so through his Spirit, for the salvation of all who believe and to the glory of God the Father.

May God the Holy Tri - unity save you, sanctify you and assure you of God's eternal love for you.

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