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 been telling you from the beginning.
 (John 8:25)

Answer this Big QUESTION
“Who is Jesus?”
 and the smaller questions in life will
 begin to have answers!

1. He is One with the Father! (19-29)

¹⁹ They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “*You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.*” ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. ²¹ So he said to them again, “*I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.*” ²² So the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?”

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²³ He said to them, “*You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.*” ²⁵ So they said to him, “**Who are you?**” Jesus said to them, “*Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.*”

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²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “*When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, (Jesus is the Father) and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.*” ³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

TRINITY

God Is eternally existing in 3 persons yet 1 God!

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw **the Spirit of God** descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, **a voice from heaven [God the Father]** said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (MATTHEW 3:16 – 17)

TRINITY

"The historic formulation of the Trinity ... seeks to circumscribe and safeguard this mystery (not explain it; that is beyond us), and it confronts us with perhaps the most difficult thought that the human mind has ever been asked to handle. It is not easy; but it is true."

J.I. Packer

TRINITY

- ✿ selfless, trustworthy, unending love
- ✿ unity
- ✿ communication
- ✿ community and significant relationships
- ✿ humility
- ✿ peace and harmony
- ✿ a selfless common good

WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

CONFESSION OF FAITH in our Constitution:

We believe that there is only one true and living God, manifesting Himself in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one in essence and power. (Ex. 20:2, 3; I Cor. 8:6; Rev. 4:11)

WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

- ✿ There is only 1 true God!
- ✿ The Father, Son, and Spirit are equally declared throughout Scripture to be God.
- ✿ Though one God, the Father, Son, and Spirit are distinct persons.

The Trinity is one God who eternally exists as three distinct persons — Father, Son, and Spirit — who are each fully and equally God in eternal relation with each other.

WHAT IS THE TRINITARIAN GOD OF THE BIBLE LIKE?

(1 John 4:8) "*God is love.*"

- *The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.* (John 3:35)
- *The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.* (John 5:20)
- *I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.* (John 14:31)

WARNING!!

The tendency is for either the threeness or the oneness of God to be overly stressed at the expense of the other, resulting in heretical false teaching.

- ✿ Modalism
- ✿ Arianism
- ✿ Tritheism

WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATION FOR ME?

- THIS LIFE IS HUMBLE.
- THIS LIFE IS LOVING.
- THIS LIFE IS WORSHIPFUL.
- THIS LIFE IS RELATIONAL.
- THIS LIFE IS UNIFIED AND DIVERSE.
- THIS LIFE IS SUBMISSIVE.
- THIS LIFE IS JOYFUL.

2. He is a Truth Speaker! (37-47)

³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

³⁹ They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now **you seek to kill** me, a man who has told you the **truth** that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

2. He is a Truth Speaker! (37-47)

⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because **you cannot bear to hear my word** (truth!).

2. He is a Truth Speaker! (37-47)

⁴⁴ **You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.** He was a **murderer** from the beginning, and does not stand in the **truth**, because there is no **truth** in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a **liar** and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the **truth**, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the **truth**, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

5 Biblical Facts about the enemy – Satan

- 1) He is Real!
- 2) He is Vicious! (1 Peter 5) ⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.
- 3) He is Active!
- 4) He is a Liar!
- 5) He is a Defeated Foe! ...

²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (Ro. 16)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that **you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.** ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Eph. 6)

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Ro. 8)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, (2 Cor. 10)

3. He is Eternal Life! (48-56)

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, *"I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me."* ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death. ⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, *'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'*"

3. He is Eternal Life! (48-56)

⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, *"If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'*" ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

4. He is Greater than Abraham! (57-58)

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*

4. He is God! YAHWEH! (57-59)

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."* ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty. (Exodus 34:6-7)

How does this become a reality in *your* life?

WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

Perhaps you have not been delivered from sin and into a relationship with God? The truth sets you free. Jesus is truth!

...If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?
(Jesus)

