

New Covenant - Jesus Revealed Father - Part 1

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The New Covenant is based on the revelation of the Trinity, which is essential for understanding the nature of God and the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Scripture: Genesis 1:26, Matthew 3:16, Matthew 28:19, John 6:38, John 14:26, John 20:17, 1 John 2:22

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Description

This sermon delves into the significance of the Trinity as revealed in the New Covenant, particularly focusing on the clear revelation of the Trinity at Jesus' baptism in Matthew chapter 3. It emphasizes the importance of acknowledging the distinct persons of the Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and the implications of denying the Trinity, such as undermining the humanity of Christ and the concept of God's love. The speaker highlights the necessity of baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to align with Jesus' command and fully embrace the New Covenant.

Transcript

So, we continue to see how God made a new agreement with man in the New Covenant. And, very interestingly, we see that right as soon as the Gospel of Matthew opens, and we saw various aspects of it, as it were, hidden in those first three chapters of Matthew, and that go on right through the Gospels and the New Testament. I want you to turn to Matthew chapter 3 now.

In the Old Testament, there was no clear revelation of God or of eternity. But when Jesus came, it says here that when Jesus was baptized in verse 16 of chapter 3, being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened. And here you see for the first time in the history of the human race, and the first time in the Bible, a clear revelation of the Trinity.

There is no revelation of the Trinity clearly before this. In Genesis 1, you read the word, us. God said, let us.

So, we know that God is plural, means more than one person there. You know, a lot of people who say that there is no Trinity, there are Christians who say that, who say Father and Son and Holy Spirit are all just one person. There's a lot of danger in that.

It says in 1 John 2, whoever denies the Father and the Son is the Antichrist. Why is that? Because if you deny that God is three persons, there are many things you deny then. You deny then that Jesus came in our flesh.

You deny that Jesus had a will of his own, different from the will of the Father. You know, when he says, I came from heaven not to do my will, John 6, 38, but the will of him who sent me. And there are many Christians and some famous preachers over television, you wouldn't imagine that they believe that there is no Trinity.

So, one of the most famous preachers in the United States now on television doesn't believe there is a Trinity. And he appears regularly on Indian television, by the way. I don't mention names in public meetings.

But, they believe that Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one person. So, when Jesus said, I came from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me, what he meant was, I'm not going to do my own will, but I'm going to do my own will. You see how crazy it is? Or, when he said, and gets up and he said, Father, not my will, but thine.

What he was saying is, not my will, but mine. So, you deny the humanity of Christ and the fact that he had to deny his own will. You take away from us the fact that Jesus is an example we can follow, if there was no Trinity.

And also, another thing is, God could not be love. The opposite of love is selfishness. If there is no Trinity, God is a very selfish person.

Why do I say that? Because you cannot love when you're all alone. Have you ever thought of that? To love, there must be somebody to love. And if way back in eternity, God was one person, how could he love? There was nobody to love, for all eternity.

And when Jesus said, Father, as you have loved me, if there is no Trinity, what he's saying is, I just love myself. So, a lot of people think it's a very light thing, when people baptize in the name of Jesus. What they mean is, there is no Trinity.

The name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is Jesus. It's not. The name of the Father is Father.

The name of the Son is Jesus Christ. And the name of the Holy Spirit is the Holy Spirit. That's why when I baptize, I always baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

So that people don't think I'm baptizing in the name of some heathen trinity. And the Holy Spirit. Now here is the first time that that revelation comes.

The Holy Spirit descending as a dove. Jesus, the second person of the Trinity there. The third person of the Trinity coming upon him.

And the voice from heaven, the Father saying, this is my beloved Son in whom I'm well pleased. There you see the Trinity. That's part of the New Covenant.

And those who don't believe in the Trinity can never enter into the New Covenant to follow Jesus. Because they don't believe that Christ ever had to deny anything. And that's why all those who are baptized in the name of Jesus, when they come to us, I say, you got to be baptized again.

Because you denied the Trinity when you got baptized. It's pretty serious. It's not a light thing.

You denied it. You didn't obey the command of Jesus who said, baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And the reason why in the Acts of the Apostles it's called baptism in the name of Jesus, is because they identified the second person, Jesus, the Son, as Jesus Christ.

It wasn't some Egyptian God or some other religious God. There are many other religions also that claim to have a Trinity, including in our own country. Hinduism has a Trinity.

But we baptize in the name of the Father and the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. And that's why it's called baptism in the name of Jesus, according to the command of Jesus, who said, baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Many people think this is just arguing about words.

It's not. I just explained to you how underneath all this, the devil is trying to take away something. He won't make it obvious.

A confidence trickster doesn't come to you and tell you obviously what he's going to steal from you. If you don't know the scriptures, you'll think, well, it's just argument about words. It's not.

So, if Jesus himself was the Father, then of course we have no Father. We have a Savior. But we need to distinguish between the persons of the Trinity.

Jesus said, no man cometh unto the Father but by me. We come to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus. So, it's important to distinguish these things.

The Father didn't die for us on the cross. We're not filled with the Father. We're filled with the Holy Spirit.

So, if we don't have some understanding of these things, it can affect our Christian walk. It's not just theology. And here we find the Father from heaven saying, this is my beloved Son in whom I'm well pleased.

That's the first time in history that the Father ever said about anyone, I am totally pleased with this person. That's the first time in history of the human race, of the universe, that God ever said publicly, this is my beloved Son. He never said that about the angels.

He never said that about anybody under the Old Covenant. Do you know that nobody under the Old Covenant could be called a Son of God? They were servants. This is the first time that a human being walked on the earth and a voice from heaven said, this is my beloved Son.

Now, how does this apply to us, to you and me? You got to turn to the end of the Gospels in John chapter 20, where Jesus used an expression for the first and only time. I don't know whether you've noticed it. In John's Gospel chapter 20, he said these words after his resurrection.

He could not say these words before his resurrection.

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