
THE THRILLING TRUTH OF THE TRINITY!



“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth.... “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (John 14: 16-18)

The Trinity! Notice the Names emphasised in these words of Jesus – all pointing to our Christian truth of *God in three Persons ...* and then try and think back to the old world of paganism. To quote Dr David Garland, Dean of Truett Seminary in Texas, “It was like trying to select a winning lottery number just to get an audience with the god, who was assumed to be reluctant to respond. The gods,” he writes, “were also believed to be touchy about being addressed properly, and one had to be careful not to offend them.”

And then we come to the blessed Trinity - what transformation! We have been introduced into a living - even a family – *relationship*; a relationship that could only be made

possible by the three Persons in one God. Here, in Jesus' words, is spelt out very simply how men and women can actually know the God of all the universe. The Way through is:

- * AUTHORISED by the loving plan of the Father;
- * ACHIEVED by the mediation at the Cross of Jesus the Son;
- * ACTIVATED by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

If we leave aside the Trinitarian faith, then God can only be perceived as a singular, unknowable being of insularity; immense and transcendent, certainly – but aloof and unapproachable. *Gigantic, yes – but you can't get near him!*

Then come to the traditional animism of Africa, where God was identified with Nature – being localised in the mountains, rivers or trees. In this 'pantheistic' mind-set, God is conceived as being quite close to the worshipper – but, oh – so *small!*

In utter contrast, then, to Monism – where God is great but distant; or Pantheism - where God is sensed to be close, but is tiny – *Trinitarian* belief in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ – declares Him as indeed the great God of all the universe.... but then the historical event of His becoming human among us – and even indwelling us - has brought Him within personal reach... and strangely without shrinking Him! The

thrilling knowledge of our access to God in three Persons imparts to us a brimming confidence in Redemption.

There cannot be a man

or woman - or the most derelict of countries or beliefs anywhere in the world - that is unreclaimable by the Father, in Christ's Name and by the power of the Spirit!

