**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is also God the Son.
   2. In the very Scripture that describes the birth of Jesus, the Holy Trinity is seen.
      1. Luke 1:35
         1. “The Holy Ghost” is the Holy Spirit in the Trinity.
         2. “The Highest” is God the Father.
         3. In this one verse, we see the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
   3. There is only one right answer and many wrong answers to this question, “Who was Jesus Christ?”
      1. Some of the wrong answers include the following:
         1. Some say that Jesus Christ was a great man.
         2. Others say that He was a great, moral teacher.
            1. C.S. Lewis said that simply calling Jesus a great, moral teacher without accepting His claim to be God is the one thing that people must not say.

For, a man who was merely a man and who said the things that Jesus said would not be a great, moral teacher, but either a lunatic or else the devil himself.

Either Jesus Christ was and is the Son of God or else a madman or something worse.

* + - 1. In Islam, Jesus is called a prophet, only a messenger of God.
      2. The New Age religion speaks of Jesus as some mystic medium, some channel that enables us to get in contact with inner space and outer space.
      3. There are demon spirits who call themselves Jesus, but not the Jesus of the Bible.
  1. Who is Jesus Christ?
     1. To miss this is to miss all of Christianity.
  2. The doctrine of the Trinity is the great Christian distinctive.
     1. It is what makes our faith different from all other faiths.
  3. Jehovah God is just that; He is God.
  4. Jesus Christ, Bethlehem’s babe, was and is God.
  5. Exodus 3:13-14
     1. “I AM that I AM” is the most sacred name for God.
        1. This is not “I was” or “I will be.”
        2. God never had a beginning and will never have an ending.
     2. He is the great I AM, the self-existent God.
  6. John 8:56-58
     1. The Pharisees were trying to discredit Jesus and wanted Him to give His credentials.
     2. They were boasting that they had Abraham as their father, which was a sneer toward Jesus.
        1. They were saying that they didn’t know who His father was (indicating that Jesus was born out of wedlock).
        2. John 8:39
     3. Jesus answered them by saying, “Before Abraham was, I AM.”
        1. Not, “I got here before Abraham did.”
     4. There never was a time when Jesus was not.
     5. Jesus is the great “I AM” of Exodus 3.
     6. John 8:59
        1. The Pharisees picked up stones to stone Jesus because this was blasphemy to them.
  7. Jehovah God is God, Jesus Christ is God and the Holy Spirit is God.
  8. Acts 5:3-4
     1. Ananias and Sapphira lied about an offering they pretended to give to God.
     2. By divine revelation, Peter knew that they were telling a lie.
     3. Some people believe that the Holy Ghost is just some emanation from God the Father, but this is not so.
     4. The Holy Ghost is a person who can be grieved.
     5. We see in this passage that the Holy Ghost is God.
        1. Jehovah God is God, Jesus the Son is also God, and this is the Trinity.
  9. When asked about the Holy Trinity, some people will respond, “There’s God, then Jesus and the Holy Spirit.”
     1. This is not so.
     2. It is actually God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
  10. In today’s message, we will look at the Trinity in both the Old and the New Testaments.
      1. We will also see why we say that the Son of God is God the Son.

1. the sublime mystery of the trinity
   1. The only way to know about the Holy Trinity is by divine revelation.
      1. We will never understand the Holy Trinity by human investigation, logic, philosophy, science or mathematics.
      2. The only way that we can know about the Holy Trinity is through what God says in the Bible.
   2. To some people, a divine Trinity (one God in three persons) seems contradictory to logic.
      1. There are many things that we don’t understand about God.
         1. Can we understand a God who never had a beginning?
         2. How can God be everywhere at the same time?
         3. These things are contradictory to logic, yet they are true.
      2. It doesn’t matter that we can’t understand it.
         1. Neither do we understand infinity nor eternity.
   3. The doctrine of the Trinity rises and falls on divine revelation.
      1. Accept what the Bible says.
   4. Some people try to prove or disprove the Trinity with illustrations.
      1. However, you can’t prove the Holy Trinity with illustrations because there is only one God.
      2. Since there’s only one God, there is nothing you can compare Him to.
         1. Isaiah 40:18
   5. We see reflections of the Trinity in all that God has made.
      1. For example, time is past, present and future.
         1. That is a trinity.
         2. All three are distinguishable, and all three are inseparable.
            1. You cannot have one without the other.
      2. Space is height, width and depth.
         1. Height is not width, width is not depth, and depth is not height.
         2. All are distinguishable, but all are inseparable.
            1. They all exist together; you cannot have one without the other.
      3. Man is body, soul and spirit.
         1. You are body, soul and spirit, yet you are one person.
      4. These are reflections of the Trinity, but they are not illustrations of the Trinity.
   6. It is comforting to know that it doesn’t make sense to us.
      1. We don’t want a God that we can understand.
      2. Isaiah 55:8-9
      3. This means that God is bigger and greater than we are.
   7. We find the Holy Trinity in the Old Testament.
      1. We see the Trinity reflected in creation.
         1. Genesis 1:1
            1. The word for God here is the Hebrew word “Elohim.”
            2. This is a plural subject with a singular verb.

It literally says, “In the beginning, Elohim [Gods plural] created [singular] the Heaven and the Earth.”

* + - 1. Genesis 1:26
         1. “And God,” Elohim plural.
         2. This verse says, “let us,” not “let me.”
         3. In this passage, God is speaking to Himself.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit is making man in His image.

* + 1. We see the Trinity reflected in the Great Commandment.
       1. The Great Commandment is found in the Old Testament and is called the Shema.
          1. This is a key verse for our Jewish friends.
       2. Deuteronomy 6:4-5
          1. We don’t believe in three Gods; we believe in one God.
          2. The word “Lord” is the word “Yahweh” or “Jehovah,” which is singular.
          3. “The Lord our God…”

The word “God” here is “Elohim,” which is plural.

* + - * 1. “…is one Lord…”

The word for “Lord” here is “Jehovah,” which is singular.

* + - * 1. Therefore, this reads as, “Jehovah our Gods is one Jehovah.”
        2. The word “one” in this passage literally means “one as a unit.”

This word “one” is found in other passages:

Genesis 2:24, “one flesh.”

Genesis 11:6, “people is one.”

Numbers 13:23, “one cluster of grapes.”

1 Samuel 13:17, “one company.”

1 Chronicles 17:21, “one nation.”

This word “one” means “a unit in plurality.”

There is one God, but that one God is a triune God.

* + 1. Some people believe that it is a New Testament concept that God has a Son, but it is an Old Testament concept, as well.
       1. Daniel 3:25
       2. Proverbs 30:4
          1. His name is Jesus.
       3. Psalm 2:6-7
          1. God the Son is speaking to God the Father.
       4. Isaiah 9:6
          1. The Son is to be called “the Mighty God.”

The literal translation is “the God-Man.”

In Isaiah 10:21, Jehovah calls Himself “the Mighty God.”

* + - * 1. “The Everlasting Father” in this passage literally means “the Father of Eternity.”
  1. Someone once said that if you try to explain the Trinity, you’ll lose your mind; deny it, and you may lose your soul.
  2. We believe the doctrine of the Trinity because the Bible teaches it.
     1. It is revealed in Scripture.
  3. We don’t have to understand, define or explain God.

1. the sacred history of the trinity
   1. As we open the Bible, we see the Holy Trinity working in history.
   2. We see the Trinity in the creation of the world.
      1. Genesis 1:1
         1. God the Father created the world.
      2. God the Son also created the world.
         1. John 1:1-3
      3. Were all things created by Jehovah God?
         1. Yes, all things were made by Jesus.
            1. There is no contradiction.
      4. The Holy Spirit created everything.
         1. Job 26:13
      5. God the Father made it, God the Son made it, and God the Holy Spirit made it.
         1. We worship one God who revealed Himself in creation.
   3. We received the Bible from the Holy Trinity.
      1. The Bible is inspired by God the Father.
         1. 2 Timothy 3:16
            1. All of the Bible is God-breathed.
      2. God the Son also wrote the Scriptures.
         1. 1 Peter 1:10-11
            1. The Spirit of Christ was in the prophets.
      3. The Bible was inspired by God the Holy Spirit.
         1. 2 Peter 1:21
   4. The Great Commission (the commissioning of the church) shows us the Holy Trinity.
      1. Matthew 28:19-20
         1. It would be blasphemy to include the name of Jesus on a list that begins with God the Father or to put the Holy Spirit on that list if they are not co-equal and co-eternal.
2. the saving ministry of the holy trinity
   1. It is in the Holy Trinity that we have our salvation.
   2. We were selected by the Father.
      1. Ephesians 1:3-6
      2. Before God swung the planets into space, He had us in His heart and in His mind.
      3. We were chosen in the past, predestined by the future, and we are accepted and preserved in the present.
   3. We are saved by the Son.
      1. Ephesians 1:6-7
         1. The “beloved” is Jesus.
            1. Matthew 3:17
      2. Jesus came to save us.
      3. We have redemption through Jesus.
      4. Salvation is the sheer gift of God’s grace.
   4. We are sealed by the Spirit.
      1. Ephesians 1:13-14
      2. What does it mean to be sealed?
         1. In Bible times, they would take melted wax and then stamp the wax with an icon.
            1. This seal might be on an official document, a letter or a proclamation.
         2. If it was a business transaction (which is how it is used in our Scripture), it would mean that the price is paid, the ownership is transferred, and the matter is settled.
            1. This is what happens when we get saved.
   5. In salvation, we are bought and sealed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father.
   6. There is no Christianity apart from the Holy Trinity.
      1. The Son of God is God the Son.
         1. Hebrews 1:5
         2. Hebrews 1:8
3. CONCLUSION
   1. It is not enough to simply believe in the Holy Trinity.
      1. It is not just simply accepting an intellectual premise.
      2. You can believe in the Holy Trinity and still spend an eternity in Hell.
   2. Have you given your heart to Jesus?
      1. It’s not enough to know the plan of salvation.
         1. You’re not saved by the plan of salvation but by the Man of salvation, and His name is Jesus.
      2. It’s one thing to have an intellectual belief; it’s another thing to give your heart to Jesus Christ.
   3. Jesus is more than a great man or teacher; He is God.
      1. God stepped out of glory, allowing Himself to be spit upon, abused, and beaten.
      2. 1 Timothy 3:16
      3. God was manifest in the flesh.
   4. We are not worthy of such love, but He died for us.
   5. If you will, by faith, receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, give your heart to Him, and trust Him, then He will forgive every sin and will cleanse you.
   6. Pray to Him today and ask Him to come into your life.
   7. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16