



STAR Project Part A

TRINITY – Transcript

Hi, I'm Scott Stanley, founder of DTG Ministries. DTG is an acronym for the "Deep Things of God" and this is a Star Project. I wanted to do Star Projects to help people understand some of the deep things of God. One project we've already done was on INIQUITY and I pray if you have not listened to that, you will take the time to go watch those four short videos on INIQUITY. They will help you understand what we're doing today talking about the TRINITY.

I feel like the TRINITY has been misunderstood. In fact, let me read a document from the United Methodist Church which was recently sent out to their pastors. Each year the United Methodist Church observes a day called **Trinity Sunday**. (The next paragraph can be found at this [link](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/living-the-spirit-life/trinitysunday-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes)): <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/living-the-spirit-life/trinitysunday-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes> .

The first paragraph reads: ***A plea is made to the worship teams "that you avoid the inclination to try and explain the TRINITY. The church has wrestled with the precise meaning of this theological concept from the very beginning. So freed from the expectation of trying to make sense of the Trinity, worship can be engaged in experiencing the TRINITY. That's where the doctrine comes from anyway, from our experience of God's people from the beginning." ... "Our purpose is to expand our experience and understanding of God as we worship together on this day" .***

So, please don't try to explain the Trinity. They say leave it alone; you'll be inclined to try to explain it. Don't. It doesn't make any sense.

Today, we're going to travel down a path and try to make sense of this. **If I were to ask you, "What is the Trinity?" - what would YOU say?**

I tried to find a short, concise explanation of the Trinity so I could do this study, and I found one online. **Trinity: There is one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- a unity of three co-eternal persons.** -The Trinity. **By the time we finish our studies in this project, we're going to have a better understanding of what it is and what it means.** You won't have to ask people to explain it because nobody knows what it is. It's confusing.

To begin, I want to go to Genesis 3:15. This is where Adam and Eve sin and they have been approached by the serpent. We saw in our studies on iniquity that iniquity stems from, or comes from the serpent; the whisperer; so, God is addressing the whisperer.

Genesis 3: 15 *I will put enmity (hostility) **between you and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head,** (this hostility will bruise your head) **and thou shalt bruise his heel** (h6119).* My entire Christian life I was told this was a prophecy about Christ; (actually the first Biblical prophecy about the coming of Messiah) - and we know from our studies on iniquity:

Titus 2: 14 - he gave himself to redeem us from all iniquity. 1 John 3:8- he was manifest to destroy the works of the devil- so we see that in this prophecy he would bruise the head of the serpent, but what does it mean? **The serpent, or iniquity would bruise the heal of Christ? What is the heal of Christ?** Surely you don't take that literally and think, well, the serpent bruised his heal.

Let's turn to ***Psalms 89:51 - Wherewith thine enemies have reproached O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps (h6119) of thine anointed. The anointed:*** ultimately **the anointed one is Christ. The word "FOOTSTEPS" is the SAME word, (" HEAL"), used in Genesis 3 15.** (I believe the Hebrew number is 6119). Look it up- it's the **same word**. What does it mean **to bruise the footsteps of the anointed one, or of Christ?** His **heel, (the footsteps of Christ)** for me, would be **the Life of Christ from eternity to his death, to eternity future- (the life of Christ).** And you know, without me trying to prove it to you, that **the serpent has twisted and turned all of these truths and facts about the Savior.** Whether we're talking about eternity past, born in Bethlehem, died on the cross- all of these things have been twisted. And, honestly, **If YOU are not making a decided effort to UNDERSTAND what you're being told at church, then YOU MAY BE DECEIVED YOURSELF.**

We can't imagine these pastors, who were our friends and family, purposefully deceiving us. They would not purposefully deceive you, but, it could be they don't know the truth either. Perhaps what they're trying to tell you is (what they think is) truth. Maybe there is something more to it than you've heard before, and it will begin to make sense to you. So, let's begin this study by looking at the **TRINITY**.

We're going to key on the Son of God first. Turn to the **Gospel of John chapter 1.** Anytime that the Divinity of Christ is challenged, this is the verse that people turn to. ***John 1:1 1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2) The same was in the beginning with God. 3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4) In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5) And***

the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ... 10) He was in the world and the world was made by him and the world knew him not. Now, honestly, how could anybody read that and see anything other than the Divinity of Christ?

Definitely, no one could take away his Divinity. **He was, in the beginning, with God, he was God, he is God.** He made all things. He became flesh and dwelt among us. Who else could that be talking about? It goes pretty good in this chapter for me, until you come to verse 18. **18) No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son which is in the bosom** (or in the closest relationship possible to the Father) **he has declared him.**

How can you say Jesus is God. Jesus created. Jesus was made flesh, and no one's seen God. For me, for years, that just didn't cut it. It's like, "I don't believe there's any contradictions in the Bible, so how can we justify what is being said?", **because it SAYS that HE CAME TO DECLARE THE FATHER and NO man has seen God at ANY time.** Let's turn back and get an answer for this by turning to **Exodus 24:9.**

9) then went up Moses and Aaron and Nadab in Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel: and they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and, as it were the body of Heaven in his clearness. 11) and upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also, they saw God, and did eat and drink. Again, those statements- how could you take that any other way, except HERE, we see it's the GOD OF ISRAEL. Now, WHO IS THE GOD OF ISRAEL that they did see?

Turn to **Psalms 68:7&8: 7) oh God, when thou went forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: 8) The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God; even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.** So, when you look at God coming down on Sinai, WHO came down on Sinai? – THE GOD OF ISRAEL. **No man had seen God at any time-** (Exodus 24) but they DID SEE the God of Israel and IT WAS THE GOD OF ISRAEL that came down on Sinai, and GAVE THAT LAW. That is important to understand. Why? Because of what is stated in Hebrews chapter 9.

Hebrews 9:16 – 16) for where a testament (or a covenant) is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. (or the one who gave the covenant) **17) For a testament (a covenant) is of force after men are dead; otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator lives.**

WHO gave the law? WHO gave the Testament? Jesus Christ. WHO died? It had to be Jesus Christ. He was the testator. He was the one who gave the covenant. So, where are we with this? We have every right to take John 1 and see Jesus Christ as God. As creator, As coming in the flesh. We SEE Jesus Christ in **Exodus 24** with Moses, Nadab and Abihu and the elders.

They SEE the GOD OF ISRAEL. They EAT with the GOD OF ISRAEL.

Psalm 68 - The God of Israel comes down on Sinai and GIVES THE COVENANT. Hebrews 9 Therefore, HE HAS TO DIE. HE GAVE THE COVENANT. THAT COVENANT IS OF NO FORCE WITHOUT THE DEATH OF THE TESTATOR.

So far, **we've done nothing but read the scripture**, and I began to think, for you, it's making a little more sense that **Jesus was with God**. He is God. **No one has seen God- they've seen the God of Israel and it was the God of Israel who came to declare the Father.**

In in the next part of this project on the **Trinity**, we will be searching verses about the Father and the Son. We will, through scripture, piece this together, then iron out all information about the Trinity. We'll not claim that it's all just too deep. That it is too much and it can't be understood. **It IS understandable, and you WILL understand it by the time we finish this project.**