

2/9-15#4 Christ as the Center of the Processed Triune

God: I. The clearest revelation of the Divine Trinity is in Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit": **A**

1 Into the name denotes the person: **1** To be baptized is to be baptized into the name, the person, of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, into the organic union with the processed Triune God. **2** The word into in Matthew 28:19 indicates union, as in Romans 6:3, Galatians 3:27, and 1 Corinthians 12:13. Gal. 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 1 Cor. 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit. **3** To baptize people into the name of the Triune God is to baptize them into the spiritual and mystical union with Him. **4** In Matthew 28:19 there is one name for the Divine Trinity: **a** The name is the sum total of the Divine Being, equivalent to His person. **b** To baptize believers into the name of the Triune God is to immerse them into all that the Triune God is. **B** God is three-in-one: **1** In Matthew 28:19 the Lord spoke of three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **2** When He spoke here of the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, name is singular in the original text. **3** This means that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are three, yet the name is one. **4** One name for three persons is really mysterious and reveals that God is three-in-one. **5** This name includes the three—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **6** Although God is uniquely one, yet there are three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

II. As believers in Christ, we have been baptized into the processed Triune God: **A**

The charge given in Matthew 28:19 was given by the Lord Jesus after He had entered into resurrection, which was the consummation of the process of the Triune God. **B** The Triune God has passed through a process that began with incarnation, included human living and crucifixion, and consummated with resurrection. **C** In resurrection Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God, became the life-giving Spirit. **D** This Spirit is the consummation of the Triune God for the believers to be baptized into the Divine Trinity. **E** To be baptized into the person of the Triune God is to be baptized into the all-inclusive, consummated Spirit who is the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God:

1 This is to be baptized into the riches of the Father, into the riches of the Son, and into the riches of the Spirit. **2** As the baptized ones, we are now in an organic union with the Triune God; therefore, whatever the Father has, whatever the Son has, and whatever the Spirit has have become ours. **F** To be baptized into the name of the Triune God is to be put into a mystical union with Him and to appropriate whatever God is into our being.

III. Christ is the center of the processed Triune God:

2Cor.13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **A** Processed refers to the crucial steps through which the Triune God has passed: **1** Before His incarnation God was unprocessed, having the divine nature but not the human nature, but through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, the Triune God was processed and consummated. **2** In Revelation the Triune God is the processed and consummated Triune God with divinity, humanity, human living, the all-inclusive death, the powerful resurrection, and the transcendent ascension. Rev.1:4 Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, **B** The processed and consummated Triune God is the Spirit: Rev.22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! John7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for *the* Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. **1** The Spirit is the totality, the aggregate, of all the elements of the titles of the Spirit of God. Rom.8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. **2** As the consummation of the processed and consummated Triune God, the Spirit is the blessing of God's New Testament economy. **C** The Triune God in Revelation is the building and builded God: **1** The Bible consummates in the New Jerusalem, which is the very God who was in the beginning: Rev.21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **a** The unique God is eventually enlarged and expanded into a city for His eternal expression. **b** In His economy God has become the New Jerusalem. **c** In the New Jerusalem

the Triune God is wrought into His chosen and redeemed people. ² The God who has become the New Jerusalem is the building and builded God. Matt.16:18 ...upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Eph.3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ^a The processed and consummated Triune God as the source, the element, and the essence is building the church by building Himself into our being. ^b God is fulfilling His desire to build Himself in Christ into our being and to build us into His being; eventually, the outcome of this building will be the New Jerusalem: ^d In the book of Revelation, we have the consummate revelation of the Divine Trinity for the divine dispensing: Rev.7:17 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to springs of waters of life... ¹ The divine dispensing is God's imparting of Himself into His chosen and redeemed people as their life, life supply, and everything. ² In the divine dispensing, the Father is the fountain, the Son is the spring, and the Spirit is the flow. **Testimony** Concerning the processed Triune God, I have been helped by the following verses and footnotes. 2Cor.13:14 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." FN "This verse is strong proof that the trinity of the Godhead is not for the doctrinal understanding of systematic theology but for the dispensing of God Himself in His Trinity into His chosen and redeemed people. In the Bible, the Trinity is never revealed merely as a doctrine. It is always revealed or mentioned in regard to the relationship of God with His creatures, especially with man who was created by Him, and particularly with His chosen and redeemed people."

Before I was saved, I was a person who lacked motivation toward everything. However, after I was saved in my first year of university and began to love the Lord, I naturally developed a strong feeling that I "must try hard for the Lord." Yet, when I sometimes felt that my strength to strive was diminishing, I became very anxious. Later, I realized that my own motivation and strength to strive were indeed fading. I thought, "What will happen to me from now on?" and I felt fear. At that time, I remembered the Bible that I had studied, especially the truth that the processed

Triune God is for my enjoyment. I prayed, saying: **"I do not fully understand Your economy, nor am I able to apply it to my daily life. Please remove my religious concepts and fixed ideas. I want to be a person who is always open to the divine dispensing. I want to be one who enjoys Your grace. Otherwise, Your being processed would become meaningless to me."**

I was also helped by Phil.1:19 "For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ," FN1 Here salvation means being "sustained, strengthened, and enabled to live Christ and magnify Christ. This requires the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ." FN2 "This supply is the supply of the Body of Christ, the church. Paul's imprisonment did not separate him from the Body of Christ nor cut him off from the supply of the Body." FN3 "The Greek word refers to the supplying of all the needs of the chorus by the choragus, the leader of the chorus. The bountiful supply of the all-inclusive Spirit enabled Paul to live and magnify Christ in his suffering for Him." FN4 "This is not merely the Spirit of God before the Lord's incarnation but the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit with divinity, after the Lord's resurrection, compound with the Lord's incarnation, human living under the cross, crucifixion, and resurrection."

Through this, I began to understand the following: **"If I am not open to the dispensing of grace and to the supply of the Body of Christ, I cannot maintain, or even have, a normal church life. In order to receive this bountiful supply, I need to receive the supply of the Body within the Body life."** I was also helped by Life-study of Galatians, Message 45, which says: "Do you realize that you are weak and that God is merciful, and thus ask Him to send the Spirit to strengthen you so that you may live properly as one of God's creatures? If so, you are standing on the position of a creature to ask for the Spirit's help. ... The position of a creature is not the proper position to trust in Him. The proper position from which to ask for the rich supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ is the position that we are sons of God." I am able to remain in the church life, follow the Spirit of life within, partake of the bountiful supply of that Spirit, and build up the church.