

A TRINITY OF PRAISE (Eph.1:3-14)

Ordinarily we are reminded every Sun. of the subj. of the Trinity. We are reminded of it in the creed which we confess every Sun: I bel... We are reminded of it in the Gloria Patri, and to the son...

Also 2 benedictions.

It is fitting and proper that we are often reminded thereof. It is an important topic.

The only true God is the triune God.

If worshipping any other God than triune, not true God. Some worship Fa., say nothing of son and H.S. Some perverted minds

constantly clamoring about J., but nothing about God Fa., others constantly about H.S.

But God is a triune God, three in 1.

And if not worship Him, might as well worship gods of wood and stone as far as being saved and uplifted by our knowl. of God.

Not only are we reminded every Sun., but in special way on Trinity Sunday. This Sun. marks the mid point of the church year. festival and non festival.

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Text today, we see 3 times these words: unto the praise of His glory. ~~surely fitting~~ 6,12,14.

That of Trinity readily leads to that of praise. How fitting have a trinity of praise, in keeping with that of Trinity.

Praise Fa. who created us together with all that exists; Son who has redeemed us, H.S. who calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies us.

We are reminded of 3 ways by which we praise God.

I. BY BEING ADOPTED AS HIS CHILDREN.

Perhaps seem strange to say that we praise God by being adopted as His children, bec. that is not really anything that we do.

This is God's work, it is he who does the adopting, But God is nevertheless glorified when p. are adopted as his children.

Word of God usually describes children as very desirable. Ps. 127: heritage, blessed man quiver full of them. Abraham..sands of sea, stars of heaven, great reward.

On other hand, few things brot as much sorrow to Hebr. pe. as to be~~x~~ childless. Hannah. distress in temple, praying out of anguish of heart.

What these p. exper. is attitude of God, only God still more so desires children. He is glorified by having many sons and doters. This by adoption. For we not by nature children of God. Rather, as Eph. also describes, by nature children of wrath. J. even speaks of those who have devil as Fa.

How then become.

Glory of his grace. By grace are we begotten again, not by corruptible seed but by incorruptible, by word of God which liveth and abideth.

Born of seed, and that seed is word of God. That which is b. of flesh ~~xxxx~~ is flesh, and that which is b. of spririt is spirit. Unless b. again, not see kgdm of God. By bel. ~~xx~~ and being baptized, we add to God's glory.

Let us spread word, and obey Christ's commission, go ye, make disc., baptizing them. Thereby more children and God ~~x~~ glorified thereby, ~~xxxxxxx~~ adoption, which redounds unto the praise of God's glory and grace.

2nd time expre. occurs, v. 12: to the end that we ~~x~~ should be unto the praise of his glory. not only by our adoption, but
II. BY OUR MANNER OF LIFE.

Man may have a son, but ~~xxxx~~ may be that this son brings disgrace rather than honor and glory to father. May bring his father's gray head down with sorrow to the grave.

By reason of children, way of truth is

evil spoken of.

Instances where father almost ashamed to have it known that he is father of so dastardly a son.

By manner of life.

Holy, without blemish.

We are only epistles world reads. 2 Cor.3.

written by Spirit of lvg. God.

Do you let Spirit write upon you, so that you are conformed to ~~Xxxx~~ X, likened unto him.

Let beauty of J. be seen in me.

God like, Christ like.

Image of God. But ruined, and little resemblance between man and God. But repaired and renew by Holy Spirit.

III. BY GUARANTEE OF OUR INHERITANCE.

down payment: Cf. Rev. version;

which is the

sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee of our inheritance, until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This seal given to those who hear word of truth and bel.

They have pledge of inheritance.

Having this pledge they have joy. They know that what God has promised able also to perform. Rejoice in prospect as well as what God has done in past.

What God has done in past is promise and pledge of what will do in future. He who has begun good work perform and perfect it.

Token, sign, as down payment.

Text looks back long ways, befor founda. of world, all God has done in his marvelous wisdom, not known until fulness of time.

Often person does lot of work not evident.

Cf. Lowell in talk at ground breaking, when going to start, as if nothing done.

For some of us, many, many hourse of working and planning be4 spade turned.

God done a lot in past. And will continue
to work. My Fa. worketh hitherto and I
work.

Just as 3 voices blend into one, Triune,
so these 3 ways of praising God blend into
one voice of praise, praising Triune God,
Fa. Son and H.G.

wonderful inheritance. Worth much more
than any earthly inheritance. Sometimes
parents have labored hard to leave somethg.
for children. Least valuable is material.
Habits of thrift, industry, faith, courage,
godliness.

Roy L. Smith, owner of a chain of stores,
was asked if could live on income:
No, I've never been able to live on my
income. I've always had to have something
more than my income, or I would have starved
to d. I've had to have the confidence of
my workers, love of my family, good will
of my competitors, approval of my own
consc., and the feeling that I was doing
an important work in the world, I don't
bel. any man can live on his income, if
that's all he gets out of life."

May be able to exist, but not live.
Let us prize inheritance, cf. Esau. And
if prize inheritance, prize also guarantee,
which is written by H.Spirit. as hear
word of God. Despise word and despise
inheritance, despise inheritance, and despise
God.

May not take knife and destroy, but how
advance, how further, untrue to calling.
Intended for human heart.

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